



December 2016

A Message from our Teachers

November has flown by at Discovery! We are delighted to see the children growing and learning so much about communication, empathy, and sharing each day.

The major focus of our month has been our Animal Homes project. This interest arose in the block area, where our inventive students built dragon caves, tiger zoos, bird nests, and beaver dams. We began our inquiry by looking at animal homes that our students already knew a lot about: bird nests! We have enjoyed looking at how nests are built, different types of nests, and robin eggs. We also have talked about caring for the birds and made a variety of lovely bird feeders to hang outside of the school and at home. A highlight for all was watching video clips of real animals in action, particularly an egg hatching video with a baby robin that some thought looked like 'play dough'!



We will continue work on our animals project in the coming weeks and we are curious to see where each group's individual interests will take it. The 4's class has demonstrated a curiosity about a variety of habitats, the 3's have taken an interest in the similarity between bird nests and beaver dams, and the 3-5's are interested in baby animals and finding out which animals come from eggs. The 3's class will have an opportunity to further their learning about animals this **Thursday, December 8** on our field trip to Bow Habitat Station.



Important Dates

Dec 8 - Cleaning Day 6:30-9:30

Dec 15 & 16 - Winter Celebrations

Dec 16 - Last day of school

If you have any materials at home that might contribute to our learning and play, we would happily borrow them. We are excited to learn more alongside our inquisitive students!

Our winter celebrations will take place on **Thursday, December 15 (3's and 3-5's)** and **Friday, December 16 (4's)**. The theme will be Winter Wonderland and we are anticipating a very fun time! Sign up sheets will be located at the sign in table this week for anyone who is interested in helping with set up, snacks, or activities to help make the parties a success. We look forward to seeing parents, siblings or extended family members there!

As the weather (sadly) begins to turn colder, please ensure that your child has appropriate clothes for playground outings each day and that they are able to independently carry their belongings with them. We encourage families to help your child with their growing independence by having them practice dressing in their winter wear.

Looking forward to this short but sure to be fun month!

Miss Danielle and Mrs Tammy

A Message from the Board

Parent in-class volunteers

- We now have a volunteer notebook available at the sign in desk that will outline any jobs the teachers need help with. In an effort to help our teachers and to ensure the classroom remains clean and materials are organized for the children please review the list at the beginning of your volunteer shift and/or ask the teachers what they might need help with that day.

Reminder: Registration for 2016/17 school year

- Registration will be open to the public for the 2016/17 school year on February 8, 2017. Alumni and returning families will have an opportunity to register 2 weeks in advance of this date, on January 26, 2017, to secure their child's spot for the following year. There will also be an Open House taking place on January 26, 2017 for families interested in learning about what Discovery preschool has to offer. Please feel free to pass along this information to friends or neighbors so they too can join the Discovery community!

Have a wonderful December & enjoy the holidays!

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