



January 2018

A Message from our Teachers

Happy New Year to you and yours!

First, a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the multicultural holiday party, whether by planning the fun activities, bringing in amazing artifacts for the kids to interact with, contributing delicious food, or helping us with the massive clean up! Our first attempt at bringing all of the classes together for the holidays was a success, and we so appreciate all of the great feedback which will help us make next year's party even better.

Another big thanks to all who participated in the wishing tree fundraiser. The preschool received so many wonderful new materials that will be put to great use in the months and years to come! Thank you also for all of the kind words, cards and gifts that we teachers received - we are so lucky to be part of this amazing and thoughtful community!

We are so excited to be back at preschool and to welcome back our wonderful students. We have already picked up on a topic that many of the children have shown an ongoing interest in: DINOSAURS! We are really looking forward to bringing this interest to life in many different areas and seeing where our curious preschoolers take it over the upcoming weeks. If you have any costumes, fossils, books, props, or other materials that you think might help enrich our learning on dinosaurs, please talk to the teachers as we would love to borrow them! We are also looking for a volunteer with sewing skills that could make the preschool some simple dinosaur tails to use as costumes for this project. **If you or a family member or friend would be interested in helping with this sewing project, please let us know!**

Important Dates

- January 18 – Discovery preschool open house from 12:00-1:00
- January 24 – Alumni registration
- January 26 – PD day
- February 7 – Registration day

Also, this month we will have a permanent writing table in the art studio to engage and challenge our students who have shown an interest in letters and writing. The children will be able to explore and play with different letter materials, make letters with sensory materials like play dough, or use ink and paper, depending on their interest and skill level. We look forward to seeing this open-ended literacy space in action!

Please remember to dress your child for the weather each and every day, as often our trips to the playground or walks around the neighborhood can occur spontaneously. Clothing should include snow pants, a warm coat, waterproof boots, mittens or gloves your child can put on independently, and a hat. While we try to take advantage of warmer winter days, during extended cold periods we will observe the winter weather guidelines of other Calgary preschools and schools by limiting our time spent outdoors on cold days and not going out if the weather is colder than -20 (including wind chill). Outdoor play is an integral part of gross motor development and of our Reggio philosophy, and we appreciate your support in getting the children outside to enjoy the sights and joys of winter!

Looking forward to a fantastic month!

Miss Danielle & Miss Natalie

A Message from the Board

- Our open house is coming up next Thursday, January 18 – if you have friends or family looking for preschools for September please spread the word along!
- Thank you parents for providing the school with the much-needed supplies off our wishing tree! The school received all the items off the tree and saved \$500! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

