



January 2016

A Message from our Teachers

We are so overwhelmed with the generosity and kindness from all of you! Thank you so much for the lovely cards and gifts. We felt so fulfilled this holiday season from the past few months of learning with your children and getting to know all of you. We are truly fortunate to be a part of this school community and we are excited and ready to start the New Year with your incredible children!

Most of you have brought in your family photos, and this is an important piece to our next few weeks of delving into learning about the self, others, and our loved ones. We will also be sending home a Mystery Box each school day to a different student, who then must return the Mystery Box on the following school day. The student will collect an item from their home that fits in the box, specifically NOT a toy, and will include three written clues to help the class figure out what the object is. There will be an instruction sheet inside the box with further details. Since our class sizes are so big, it is important not to forget the Mystery Box at home when it is your child's rotation, so that we can get through all of the students before the end of the year at least once.

If you have not heard of bucket filling yet, we have found much success using this tool over the years to facilitate the child's learning about compassion and empathy. This will primarily be a project with the 4 year olds, as they are developmentally ready for it, however, the 3 year olds will also be learning the fundamentals through the stories like, *Have you filled a bucket today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids*, by Carol Mcleod. The four year olds will have heart cut outs sent home with them over the next month in which you will write something that your child did at home that made you happy ("filled your bucket" so to speak) on the heart and send it back to school. We will decorate the class with these to positively encourage the students to be "filling buckets" of friends and family on a daily basis.

We missed you and look forward to seeing you tomorrow after a relaxing holiday!

Warm regards,
Aleks and Danielle

Important Dates

Monday, January 4, 2016 – Classes resume

A Message from the Board

Registration for 2016-17 school year

Returning families are eligible for Pre-Registration from **January 25, 2016 to January 29, 2016**. Registration packages will be available at the school or on the website. Open Registration will begin on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 with our Registration Day from 1-2:30pm. There will be one open house taking place on Tuesday, January 26 from 12:15-1pm for families interested in learning about what Discovery preschool has to offer. Spread the word to your friends and neighbours so their children and families can be part of the Discovery school community! Please contact our registrar at registrar@discoverypreschool.info for more information.

Happy New Year!

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