

FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER TCC PRESCHOOL 4'S PROGRAM

Note from the Teacher:

Dear Parents:

It's that time again, February is new registration month. I can't believe it's already here! Our Preschool Open House will be Thursday, Feb. 7th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please help us fill our programs and spread the news. We will have registration forms available on our website, www.tuxedocc.ca or in our parent lounge beginning Monday, February 4th.

It's also Kindergarten registration time for many of the Elementary schools. Kindergarten open house information that I receive is posted on the bulletin board at our front entrance Good Luck!



Program Information:

What's been Happening...

During the month of January we learned about oceans, had fun with pirates, discovered things in the rainforest, and put it all together when we went to Hawaii. Our room came to life with ocean pictures and Hawaiian props. We pretended to be pirates on a treasure hunt and had to follow clues to find buried treasure (jewels). We were excited to see the interesting reptiles that Steve brought from Prairie Exotic, and each Wednesday we had our turn at show and tell. It was wonderful to see the children sit and listen, show interest in others, and gain confidence sharing in front of the group. We have introduced more letters to the children as part of our circle time. We practice these letters by trying to print them, along with our names, on our craft items. We make the sound of the letter and try to come up with more words that start with that sound.

I have also introduced some French into the program. During our Calendar time we sing the days of the week and count in French. I will begin to introduce more words as the months go on i.e. colors, body parts, etc.

Did you know? With Kindergarten registration around the corner, I thought I'd take a moment to share some of the learning that takes place every day in our preschool classroom. The skills the children are practicing within each routine of the day. These are skills that are not always recognized because they are not as concrete as learning number recognition, letter recognition, etc. These are things your children are practicing that will help them manage more successfully in their Kindergarten classroom.

Circle /Calendar/Story: Increased attention span, taking turns, listening to others, cooperating, practicing verbal skills/language, following rules, participating in class, learning new information, answering questions, practicing concepts, etc.

Craft/paint easel/free craft: Practicing fine motor skills; cutting, gluing, manipulating small objects, beginning printing skills. Learning how to follow simple instructions, develop work habits and complete tasks from start to finish. Provide opportunity for individual expression and creativity. Reinforce learning of topics, concepts, shapes, size, colors, etc.

Snack: Practicing social skills, language skills, discovering likes and dislikes, practicing manners, etc.

Gym/Movement Games/Exercise: Practicing gross motor skills; running, jumping, climbing, hopping, skipping, catching, etc. Learning to take turns, follow rules, play cooperatively, work as a team, listen and regulate behavior, participate in group games.

Free Play: Practice social skills, make individual choices, get along with others, problem solve, interact with others, cooperate and share toys and equipment, make compromises, take turns, establish rules and guidelines for play.



Children play to learn about the world around them, in the early years play is a child's work. This is an important part of any preschool program. Children need to role play, pretend and use their imagination to explore, create and learn.

The preschool experience: Provides children with opportunity to build self esteem, separate and gain confidence away from family and home, feel positive about school, understand how to be a friend, how to get along, make connections and develop relationships. It offers children an opportunity to grow in all areas of their development.

Health and Safety:

Please continue to inform the preschool if your child will be absent due to illness.

Also use the orange communication binder to share information re: vacation dates, changes to phone numbers, address, etc.

Our student info. must be accurate and up to date at all times. This is a licensing regulation as well as a safety issue. If ever an emergency and we had to evacuate, we would walk to Ecole Tuxedo School and contact parents from there. We need all phone numbers, work information, alternate pick up people, etc. to be up to date.



Volunteers:

Thank-you once again to those of you who signed up to bring another round of snacks. It is important that **everyone** take their turn at providing snack (even if you can't stay to volunteer). Each child needs a turn to be the preschool helper and each parent needs a turn to provide snack.

Thank-you to parents who have purchased scholastic books. We received bonus bucks which allowed us to purchase the new ABC carpet, some new manipulative toys, books, craft supplies, teaching tools, etc. YOU ROCK!

February Calendar Events:



During the month of February we will learn about our community. We will introduce last names, talk about where we live, practice our address, discuss some places in our community, some people in our community and celebrate Valentine's Day!

We have 20 a.m. children and 18 p.m. children. Please address valentines without each child's name. This makes it much easier for the children to deliver to their friends during circle. Encourage your child to print his/her name on their cards. Great practice! To Celebrate "Love to Read" month we will create a library at preschool and each child will be allowed to check out one of "MISS LIZ's" books to take home for a weekend.

Dates to Remember:

Mon. Feb. 4th - Bring a shoe box to preschool Write your child's name inside the box.

Wed., Feb. 6th - **Show and Tell**
Bring one thing from a room in your house

Thurs. Feb. 7th - Preschool Open House 6-8

Mon. Feb. 11th - **Show and Tell**
Bring a picture of your family and one stamp.



Wed., Feb. 13th - **"VALENTINE'S DAY"** at preschool

Fri., Feb. 15th - Outside Snow Day weather permitting. Come dressed to go outside first thing.

Weekend of Feb. 15th - 17th - Tuxedo CC Winter Carnival check out website www.tuxedocc.ca

Mon., Feb. 18th - NO SCHOOL (Louis Riel Day)

Wed., Feb. 20th - **Show and Tell**
Bring one of your favorite story books.

Fri., Feb. 22nd - Library Day at Preschool
Books going home with the children for the weekend.

Mon., Feb. 25th - Please return library books