

Dear Parents,

We welcome December, which will be a busy and fun-filled month in our classroom. We, the staff, are so pleased to have the opportunity to work with your children and be a part of their learning. This month will be an exciting time for your child. During the coming weeks, we will be talking about the weather and how it affects our daily life. The toddlers are so interested in what they observe during our outdoor activity time from the snowflakes falling to the leaves that have fallen off the trees! It will be fun to explore the snow with them this winter!

You can continue the toddler's learning and fun by:

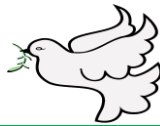
- Observing and discussing the weather with your child
- Sharing winter or holiday traditions that are unique to your family

### **Goodbye and Hello!**

We say "Goodbye" to Miss Kaitlyn who will be moving to the 3-5 program in January. We will miss Miss Kaitlyn in the toddler room but she won't be far away! Miss Eloise will be moving to our room to replace her. Many of you know Miss Eloise already as she has been working in the 3-5 room. We welcome Miss Eloise to our program!



## December 2024 Newsletter Toddler Room



### **Important Dates**

Dec. 3rd - Tuesday - Last day to order for Purdy's fundraiser

Dec. 17 - Tuesday - delivery of Purdy's products

Dec. 19th – Thursday "Twas the Night Before Christmas" Pyjama Party

Dec. 24th– Tuesday – Last day of school before Winter Break

Jan. 6th - Monday – School re-



### **sumes**

Happy Birthday to Goldie, who will be 2 years old on December 20!

### **School closed for December Break**

Our last day of school will be Tuesday, December 24th. Our classroom will be closed for December break from Wednesday, December 25-Friday, Jan. 3rd. School will reopen on Monday, Jan. 6th.

**Let it snow!**

A reminder to parents to **label all outer wear including jackets, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. Items not labeled go in a basket for general use.** Our outside time is in the morning, weather permitting. Minus 10 is the lowest temperature we may encounter outside with the toddlers. Of course we monitor the toddler's enjoyment during the outside time, and we keep them active. We may shorten our time outside, or stay inside for active play. We also consider the wind chill factor in the temperatures. If windchill registers colder than minus 10, we definitely stay inside.



### **"Twas the Night Before Christmas" Party!**

On Thursday, December 19th, we will have a "Twas the Night Before Christmas" Pyjama party! We will make waffles for snack, have fun crafts to do, seasonal stories to read, and a holiday dance party! Wear your favourite pajamas and all are welcomed to bring a stuffed animal!

### **Purdy's Fundraiser**

If you would like to support this fundraiser, please click on <https://fundraising.purdys.com/486836-119546>. The deadline to order is December 3rd and pick-up will be the week of December 17th.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to all who have supported our fundraisers!

### **Help Me Do It Myself**

Applying Montessori in Your Home

IF you leave a small pitcher of juice in the fridge (or a small flip-in-sip for younger ones), I can pour myself drinks.

IF you put low hooks on the wall and create a place for my boots, I can get ready for going outside.

IF you take away all of my toys but my favourite ones, I can look after them and keep them neat (and then swap other ones in from time to time to keep it interesting).

IF you put a stool in the bathroom, I can get on and off the toilet and brush my teeth and hair in the mirror.

IF you give me chores to do, such as setting the table or folding clothes, I can help with housekeeping.

IF you give me shoes, shirts, pants, and jackets that fasten easily, I can dress myself.

IF you give me a dustpan, brush, and sponge, I can clean up my messes and other people's too.

IF you use grown up words for objects (such as bathroom instead of potty or appaloosa instead of horsie), I can learn them just as easily as the baby ones.

Help me do it myself, and I will be a happier, more competent, and a more dignified young person (and it will make your job easier too!).

We have noticed that the toddlers are moving forward in the area of independence, especially in putting on and taking off their shoes, also in putting on their outerwear independently. It takes practice and patience on their part and consistent support from the adults in their lives. We can see how proud they are to master these challenging skills. They are developing life long habits of

working at a task to completion, and gaining a new skill once it is mastered! These few months of the toddler stage are vital towards their growth and development!

### Sick Child



Mary had a little lamb,  
She also had the flu,  
And when she came to school,  
The others got it too.  
So anytime your child is sick,  
Please keep him/her home with  
you  
Then the children and teachers in  
our school  
Will be happier and healthier  
too!

### Thank you!

**We wish you all a happy  
December and a restful winter  
break!**



**Miss Lin, Miss Kaitlyn and  
Miss Sepideh**

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