

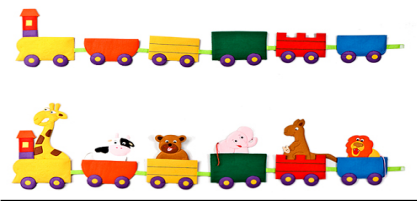
Dear Parents,

Welcome to September - a month of new beginnings! It is such an exciting month for us! For teachers and children, it's a month of new beginnings, new friends, new experiences, new skills, and new challenges. We look forward to the toddlers settling into our fun and exciting program!

This month your child will begin to explore the world of learning and developing many new and basic skills focusing on language, independence, social skills, and movement! Maria Montessori observed that children are always moving, always exploring with their hands, eyes, ears, all their senses! She concluded that the way to a child's brain is through his/her hands! (Montessori for Infants and Toddlers.) Themes we will explore this month are Self Awareness, Apples, Sunflowers and signs of Fall. We look forward to a busy month!

Welcome to our New Families!

Welcome to our new and returning families! We are excited to have new friends Noah Currie-Boyle and Theo Tyczkowski joining us!



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Parent Contact List

We have a sign-up sheet for those parents who would like to be on, and receive, a contact list of toddler classmates/parents. Please let one of the teachers know if you would like to be on the contact list.

Class Photos

Early in September, a photographer will come to the school to take individual and class photos of the children. Photo packages will be available to purchase and delivery will be well in time for Christmas! Photo date to follow!

Important Dates

- Sept. 2nd Monday** – School closed for Labor Day holiday
- Sept. 3rd Tuesday** - First day of 2024-2025 school year
- Sept. 18th Wednesday** - Parent Orientation Night for new families, 6 pm in the KinderPrep room
- Sept. 30th Monday** – School closed for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct. 14th Monday**- Thanksgiving Day- School closed
- November 11th Monday** - Remembrance Day - School closed
- December 24th** - School open until 3:00. Last day of school before Winter Break
- December 25th-January 3rd** - School closed for Winter Break
- January 6th, 2025 Tuesday** - School reopens after Winter Break.

Holidays

Please note that the school will be closed on Monday, September 30th for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and on Monday, October 14th for Thanksgiving Day. **Please note that school will be open until 3:00 on Tuesday, Dec. 24th.**

Winter Break starts on Dec. 25th.

Reminders

Tuition fees are due on the 1st of every month. We accept cash or a pre-authorized debit may be set-up by submitting a void cheque along with the September tuition fee cheque.

Please take note if you are paying by cash that September's tuition is due on the first day of school Tuesday, Sept. 3rd. We will implement a late fee charge for payment submitted after Sept. 3rd as stated in our Fee Schedule Agreement. Make up days will not be available for holidays and/or sick days. Please speak with the director if you would like to make other payment arrangements.

BC Affordable Child Care Benefit Funding

The BC affordable child care benefit funding is available to families who qualify. Parents must apply for the extra funding through the BC Affordable ChildCare Benefit Funding website. We also have the forms to pass on to parents. Just let a teacher know if you would like the forms. This fund is separate from the CCFRI (Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative), a reduction that automatically comes off of the tuition fee.

Transparent Classroom

We are in the process of implementing a new communication tool called Transparent Classroom. This App will allow the teachers to

communicate with parents, send out newsletters, update parents on their child's progress, send photos, receive messages and much more. We are excited to have this tool "at our fingertips" and enhance our communication to and from our families. More details will be coming as the teachers become familiar with the App.

Thank You

Thank you to Nicole Karpluk for donating an iPad for use in our classroom for the Transparent Classroom App!!

Attendance

Please notify us by phone (250-374-9565) if for some reason your child is unable to attend. Our toddler room is a busy place and at times the teachers may not be able to answer the phone - Please leave a message. Messages are checked at lunch and after school. If a return call is needed, the teachers will phone during lunch or after class hours. Thank you!

Arrival and Dismissal Times

Please note that arrival time is 7:30 and dismissal is 5:30. The toddlers typically combine with another program at 5:00 for the last half hour of care. Dismissal will take place either from the toddler room upstairs or from the 3-5 room downstairs if pickup is after 5:00. Please speak to a teacher if you have any questions. Please note that a late charge of \$5 per 5 minutes will be required if pick

up is later than 5:30. Thank you!

Family Pictures

With the start of the new year, we are placing current pictures of the children and their family members in our classroom. Please send an updated family photo to add to our "Toddler Family Tree!" We also want to display a photo of **each child's home** to add to our theme Self Awareness. The toddlers often look at the pictures of their family! By seeing a picture of their house, they can associate their home as part of self awareness and have a sense of their place in our neighbourhood. Thank you!

Fall Weather

Fall is just around the corner, however, we still enjoy warmth and sunshine and ask that we have a hat and sunscreen available for your child for those bright outside days. Please apply sunscreen on your child for arrival, especially on bright sunny mornings. Thank you! **Please label all of your child's outerwear!** Thank you!

We look forward to a great start in September and to a great month of new friendships and new experiences!

Miss Lin, Miss Kaitlyn and Miss Sepideh!

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