



Sandcastle Preschool

"Where learning happens through play."

December 2018



Theme: Happy Holidays!



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all our families! It's hard to believe December is here already.

We have had a lot of fun learning about Outer Space. The children had a great time creating robots in the gadget bin, and creating and exploring new worlds with the blocks and cloud dough. We hope the children have been sharing some of the fun songs with you!

Now it's time to learn about all of the wonderful traditions that families have around the holidays, and introduce some of our own Sandcastle traditions too, like Edward the Elf, and popcorn and movie day!

On **December 12th and 13th**, each class will be visited by Santa, who has a special gift for everyone. Santa will be joined by "Banjo Barney" as well as his elves, who are all MACL board members volunteering their time to help make this month extra special. On **December 19th and 20th**, we'll be having popcorn (with Earth Balance margarine) and a short 10-15 minute Christmas themed Paw Patrol movie!

The preschool will be closed on **Friday December 21st**, for cleanup, and set up for January. See you in the new year! We wish you all a very Happy Holiday!

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Elf on the Shelf

Edward the mischievous elf is coming back to visit us! During each preschool class in December, the children will have a chance to look for what he's gotten into! We'll also use this as an opportunity to talk about our feelings, emotions, and reinforce our solution center. It's also a good opportunity to review other calming strategies like deep breathing, and taking a break in the cozy cube.

Registration for 2019/20...

Starting on January 2/2019 the MACL main office will be open for registrations! We'll be accepting registrations for the 19/20 preschool year.

Please be aware that current families still need to register if you are interested in returning to Sandcastle in September!

Register early for your best class options! Morning classes were full by the end of January last year!

Mitten & Hat Donations

If you have any extra mittens or hats, we welcome your donations, as we provide "loaners" to children who have forgotten them, and sometimes they don't make it back to preschool!

Winter Weather



In the event of school closures due to snow or ice conditions, please listen to STAR FM98.3, CKNW, 98AM, or check the Mission school district website.

If the public schools are closed, Sandcastle Preschool will also be closed.

Happy Birthday!

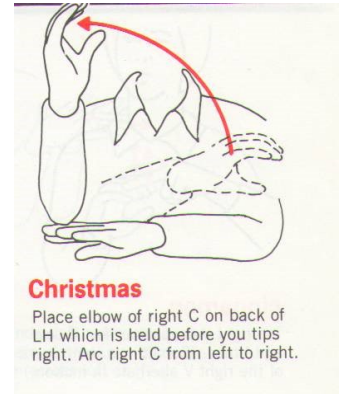
Charley M.
Gage L.
Daniel H.
Myra G.



Circle time song

I know a man with a long white beard
& Santa is his name-o, S-A-N-T-A, (3x)
& Santa is his name-o!
He slides down the chimney with a pack on his back,
& Santa is his name-o, S-A-N-T-A (3x)
& Santa is his name-o!
8 little reindeer pull his sleigh & Santa is his name-o,
S-A-N-T-A (3x) and Santa is his name-o!

Signs



Information updates:

If you have had a **change of address, phone number or Emergency contact**, please update your Emergency card here at preschool.
Thanks for keeping us up to date.



Thank-you!

Thanks to all of you, for helping us keep Sandcastle a safe place for everyone with all the great nut free snacks you've been sending!

Here are a few more ideas

Veggies, crackers or tortilla chips with hummus, bean dip, or salsa, sushi, hard boiled eggs, or egg salad, canned salmon or tuna, Wow butter (soy) or sun butter, (sunflower seeds) for sandwiches, or wraps, "trail mix" with cheerios, (not honey-nut!), sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, raisins, cranberries or currants.

Community News

Breakfast with Santa: Thurs. Dec. 6th, 9:30-11:00am. Mission Leisure Center, Registration required 604-820-5350 & \$8:00 admission.

Candlelight Parade: Fri. Dec. 7th, downtown Mission, go to www.missionchamber.bc.ca for more info.

Paws for Stories: Thurs. Dec. 6th, 3:30-4:30 Mission Library.

Merry Xmas Puppet show: Tues. Dec. 11th, 6:45-7:30, Mission Library.



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I did nothing today

When children come home at the end of the day,
The question they're asked as they head out to play
Is "tell me what you did today?"
And the answer they give makes you sigh with dismay.
"Nothing, I did nothing today!"
Perhaps "nothing" means I looked at a good book.
Or ...with the teacher I got to cook.
Maybe I painted a picture of blue,
Or heard a story about a mouse that flew.
Maybe I printed my name by myself,
Or found a great book on the library shelf.
Maybe I sang a song right to the end,
Or maybe I made a brand new friend!
When you're 3,4 and 5, your heart has wings, and
"Nothing" can mean so many things!



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