



# Sandcastle Preschool

"Where children learn through play"

February 2017

## Preschool - Academics or Play?

All high-quality early childhood programs are academic, in a professional and appropriate way. Research shows that young children learn best through manipulation of materials and hands-on experiences, planned by knowledgeable teachers. This learning is through play, but it is play with purpose. Using play to build success does not mean the curriculum is not academic. It means it is what's best for three, four and five-year-old children. Materials are organized so that children use them to figure things out, practice skills, and learn new concepts. Children get time to explore those materials, so that through repetition and success they develop the confidence to try more complex activities. Most important, the teacher is always ready to teach and make learning fun!

**Theme: Fun,  
Fantasy and  
Fairytales!**



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## Valentines Day!



We'll be creating "We Love..." posters , and playing valentines games to celebrate on February 10th and 14th. For children wishing to hand out valentines, we suggest each card has "From..." (your child's name) on it, then place one in each special valentine pocket we'll be making and hanging on the cubbies for Valentines day.

**\*\*\*Please note....most chocolate contains milk, if you wish to hand out treats, please choose a peanut and dairy free option; lollipops, licorice, pencils & erasers are fun (& dairy and nut free...:) Thanks for helping us have fun, and stay safe!**

## School closures:

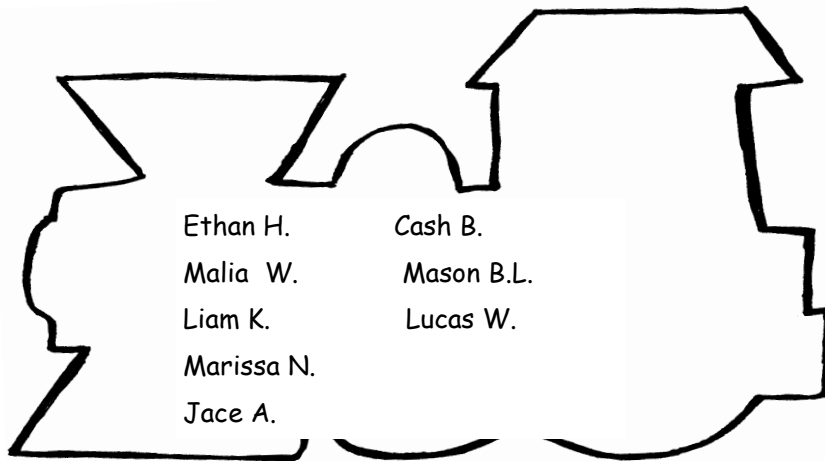
Preschool will be closed on **Monday February 13th** for Family day, and **Thursday February 16th** for a staff training day.

## Happy Birthday Wishes!



### Welcome:

Lea T. is a student from UFV who will be doing her ECE practicum with us on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays until the end of March.



## Parent Resources:

2 great books packed with information for parents, "Discipline without Damage" by Dr. Vanessa Lapointe- science based, practical, respectful and effective parenting strategies.

"Hold on to your kids" by Dr. Gordon Nuefeld, and Dr. Gabor Mate-looks at reinforcing attachment to parents to help children deal with peer pressure.

**Pink shirt Day**...Please wear pink to preschool on February 22nd to show your support for kindness!

## Registration 2017/18 Preschool Year:



We are now accepting registrations for Sept. 2017 The registration fee is \$30.00 per child. September 2017 preschool fees are \$190.00 for three days a week & \$135.00 for two days a week. Please see Lisa or Petra for a registration form and return it to the main office upstairs with your \$30.00 registration fee and the first month postdated cheque (Sept 1, 2017) to reserve your spot!

## Circle Time

### Five Valentines

*5 Cheerful valentines from the dollar store  
I sent one to \_\_\_\_\_ now I have 4  
4 cheerful valentines pretty ones to see  
I gave one to \_\_\_\_\_ now there 3  
3 cheerful valentines with flowers pink & blue  
I gave one to \_\_\_\_\_ now I have 2  
2 cheerful valentines, my stories almost done  
I gave one to \_\_\_\_\_ & now I have one  
One cheerful valentine I only have one  
I gave it to \_\_\_\_\_ now I have none.*

## A Look ahead....

Preschool will be closed from March 13th -24th this year for Spring Break.

We hope everyone has a fun and relaxing holiday!

## Updating our records:

If you have had any changes in address, contact information, or emergency contact people (or anything else you want to add to your child's emergency card) it is very important that you give us the new information immediately. Please help us to keep our records accurate and up to date. Thank you.

## Community News:

Free admission Monday Feb. 13th, 8:30am-4:30pm (Family day) at the Mission Leisure Centre.

Thursday nights 6:00-7:30pm, bouncy castle, skating, swimming and family sports in the gym , special family rate...\$10.50, Mission Leisure Centre.

Fun n' Run Play time, Tuesdays in January and February, 11:00am-1:00pm, Mission Leisure Centre.

## Signs



### **fun**

H shape both hands, left palm down. Place right H on nose then on back of left H.



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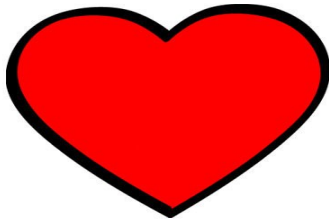
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## Drawing and Scribbling





**Let children scribble!** When young children draw or scribble, they are using the skills they will need for writing. They are practicing what it's like to communicate on paper. You can help by talking about scribbles as "working on your writing." You might ask, "How did you get the crayon to make that line?" "What did you think about saying?" Comment about marks she has made: "That one looks like the D in Daniel's name." "If a child shows you some scribbles and asks you, "What did I write?" You might try asking him or her, "What do you want it to say?"

**Encourage Drawing!** Remember that children express ideas and tell stories with their drawings. You can help a child connect print with spoken words when you ask them something about their picture. Having trouble getting started? Just say, "Can you tell me about your picture?" Point to each word as you read back what the child said. When a child has made a drawing, print their name in one corner. You might say each letter as you print it. Pay attention to a child's effort to copy their name. Encourage scribblers to use their scribbling skills during dramatic play to make signs, play money, or pretend mail.

**Display children's drawings and scribbles!**

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