



Sandcastle Preschool

"Where children learn through play"

February 2019

Our Theme for the month of February is **Across Canada!** We'll be using our imaginations to climb aboard the Sandcastle express and explore our amazing country from coast to coast to coast. There's so much to learn about our provinces, languages and animals.

**Theme:
Across
Canada**

Preschool - Academics or Play?

All high-quality early childhood programs provide academic experiences in an age-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 natural for three, four and five-year-old children. Materials are organized so that children use them to figure things out, practice skills, learn new concepts and have fun!



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Hello:

We Welcome Brooke W. to Sandcastle! Brooke is an ECE student from UFV, and is doing a practicum with us for the next few weeks.

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Valentines Day!



We will be celebrating Valentines day on **Thursday February 14th**, and **Friday February 15th** with some fun activities and games.

If you wish to bring Valentines Day cards to class, it's a lot easier to use "to my friend" than trying to use everyone's names! We'll be making special mailboxes to collect the valentines for each class.

Pink shirt Day!

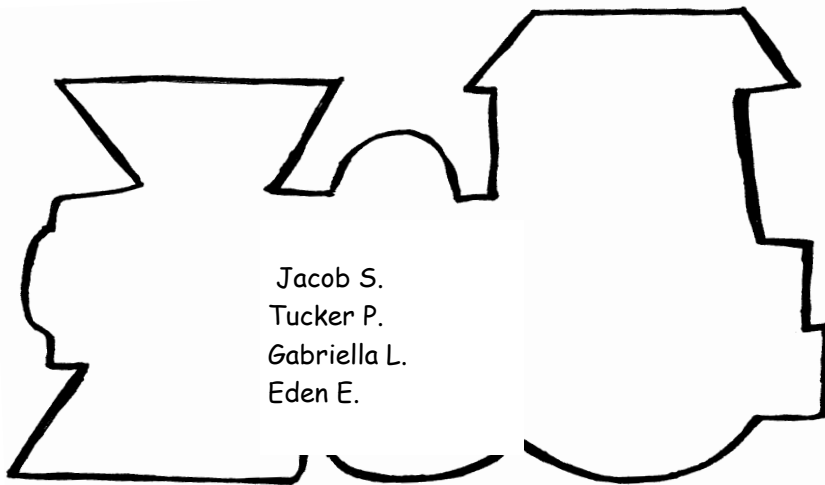


February 26th and 27th are our Pink Shirt Days! Please wear pink to school on these days to show that kindness rules!

School closed for Family Day:

Preschool will be closed on **Monday February 18th** for Family day, we hope you have a fun weekend!

Happy Birthday Wishes!



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.

Tips for Kindergarten readiness...

1. Drawing with broken crayons, the shorter the better! This encourages functional pencil grasp.
2. Cut with scissors! Kindergarten is filled with art projects, so with kid sized scissors, cut paper, playdough, straws, but not hair...adult supervision recommended!

Registration 2019/20 Preschool Year:



We are now accepting registrations for Sept. 2019!

The registration fee is \$30.00 per child. September 2019 preschool fees are \$190.00 for three days a week & \$135.00 for two days a week. Please see Lisa or Jackie 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, 2019) to reserve your spot!

Spaces are filling up quickly!

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.

Signs



fun

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

A Look ahead....

Preschool will be closed from Monday, March 18th-Monday, April 1st this year for Spring Break.

We hope you have a wonderful 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:

Valentines Day Children's Fair- Thursday Feb.14th, 10:00am-1:00pm at the Mission Leisure centre. Crafts, free activities, and bouncy castle.

Family Fun Day- Monday Feb. 18th, at the Mission Leisure centre. Free admission, for swimming , skating, waterslide and more!

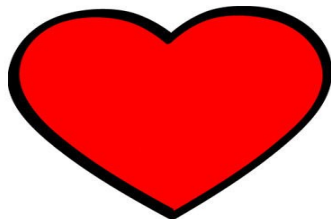
Mental Health Essentials- for parents of kids of all ages! 4 evenings, offering info about managing emotional and behavioral difficulties in children. Provides ideas for attuned Parent/child relationships. Register thru the Walk in clinic intake on Tuesdays 9am-12pm, or 1-3pm. Mission Mental Health.

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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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3	4	5	6	7 Earthquake Drills	8 Earthquake Drills	9
10	11	12	13	14 Valentine Fun Day 	15 Valentine Fun day! 	16
17 	18 Family Day! Preschool Closed.	19	20	21 Head lice checks	22 Head lice checks	23
24	25	26 Pink shirt day!	27 Pink shirt day	28		Spring Break: March 18th- March 29th.