



# Sandcastle Preschool

"Where learning happens through play."

January 2019

## Happy New Year & Welcome Back!

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a fun and festive Christmas holiday. It's great to be back with our new theme of **Fun, Fantasy and Fairytales**. We'll be introducing some of the old classics, such as 3 Billy goats Gruff, and Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, as well as using our own amazing imaginations.....dragons and fairy princesses and pirates are so much fun!

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



### Special points of interest:

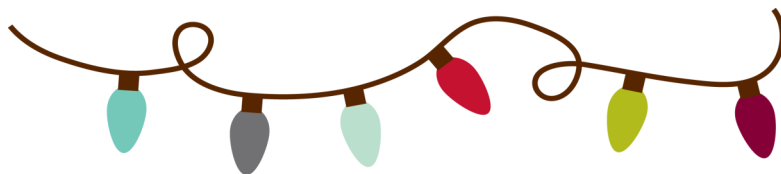
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We'll continue working on problem solving skills, and recognizing emotions. Our "solution center" is very well used, especially the timer. It's great to see the children's confidence growing as they practice solving problems together.



Make sure you check your child's art box for their "kindness light!"

During the month of December we were lighting up our class with kindness, and each child was recognized with a light on the bulletin board for an act of kindness in our class. We saw some wonderful sharing and turn taking, co-operation and empathy, and most

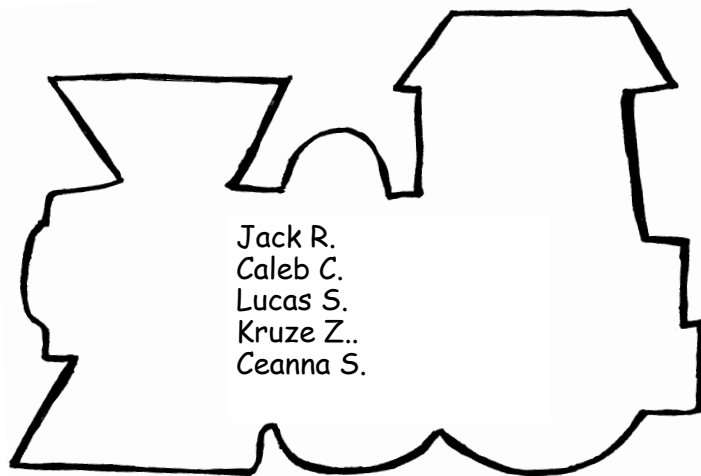
## Registration for September 2019

We are now accepting registration for **September 2019 preschool year**. If you plan to register for September 2019 we recommend you do so as soon as possible to get your first choice of class.

Please return your completed registration form with your nonrefundable registration fee of \$30.00 and a post dated cheque for Sept. 1, 2019.

Please make your cheques payable to M.A.C. L. (Mission Association for Community Living) or fill out a preauthorization form for credit card payments.

**The fees for September 2019 will be \$190.00 for 3 days per week, and \$135.00 for 2 days per week.**



**Happy Birthday !**



## Kindergarten registration is also starting....

For children born in **2014**, registration opens on Monday January 14/19— Friday January 18/19. You will need proof of age and proof of residence as well as a physical home address. For more info check out the website at [www.mpsd.ca](http://www.mpsd.ca) !

Some tips for Kindergarten readiness....

1. **Read.** A lot! As you read stories, ask your child questions including: what do you think will happen next? Why do you think he/she did that? Do you like this book? Why or why not?
2. **Write.** Write your child's name with a highlighter, have your child try and trace their letters. It can take a lot of practice! If your child is really enjoying this activity, try the last name too!

## Circle Time song:

"Dragons" (tune of wheels on the bus)  
This is a fun action song, make sure you have lots of room!

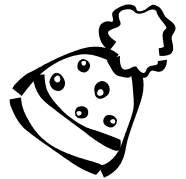
The Dragons in the yard are flying around,  
flying around, flying around,  
The Dragons in the yard are flying around,  
all day long!  
The Dragons in the yard are jumping around,  
jumping around, jumping around.  
The Dragons in the yard are jumping around,  
all day long!  
Try as many actions as you can for lots of giggles and exercise!



## Winter Weather



Winter weather conditions can change quickly! We would like to remind you to send hats, mittens and boots as we do go outside everyday!



## Possible Snow Closures



Should the Mission Public Schools be closed due to ice or snowy weather conditions, please be aware that Sandcastle Preschool will also be closed.

Please listen to Star FM @ 107.1, CKNW @ 98 AM, OR CKWX @ 1130 AM to find out if the schools in this district are closed. You can also visit the District website, at [www.mpsd.ca](http://www.mpsd.ca). Thank You!



## Tax receipts

Tax receipts to reflect preschool fees paid in 2018 will be issued for the upcoming tax season, by the end of February.

## Just a Reminder

Although we have set aside times for Parent/Teacher interviews in June, you are welcome to ask teachers for a "mini" update on your child's progress.

You can call us at 604-826-0622. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about our program. We welcome your feedback!



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## The importance of Pretend Play....

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There are consistent findings in research about the close relationship between pretend play and literacy development. When children have a variety of experiences to talk about, they are developing language and increasing their vocabulary. Oral language development is closely connected with the development of complex thinking skills. The complexity of children's thinking and talking is the foundation for their later learning. Pretend play fosters communication, develops conversational skills and problem solving skills such as negotiating, compromising and co-operating. Children must be able to communicate and understand the message: this is the nature of social play!







  
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6 Theme: Fun, Fantasy, And Fairytals!	7 Preschool is open today!	8	9	10 Head lice checks...	11 Head lice checks...	12
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27	28	29	30	31		*Preschool closed Feb.18th For Family Day