

Sandcastle Preschool

"Where children learn through play"

Theme: Community Helpers!

During the month of March, we'll be learning about many different people in our community and how they contribute to our health, safety and well being. Fire fighters, Police officers, Doctors, Nurses and Teachers, Librarians, and Farmers are some of the Community Helpers we'll be talking about over the month.



March 2017



Special points of interest:

- ☺ Field trip
- ☺ Community News
- ☺ A look ahead

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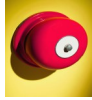
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Spring Break.....will be from March 13th-17th. We are only closing for 1 week due to the unusual amount of snow closure days. We wish everyone a fun and relaxing break!

Centre Visitors:

We'll be having Sophie and Brianne visit us from the Mission Adopt-A-Block program. They'll be talking to us about how they help keep our community clean, and how we can help too! They'll be visiting each of our classes on March 23rd and 24th.

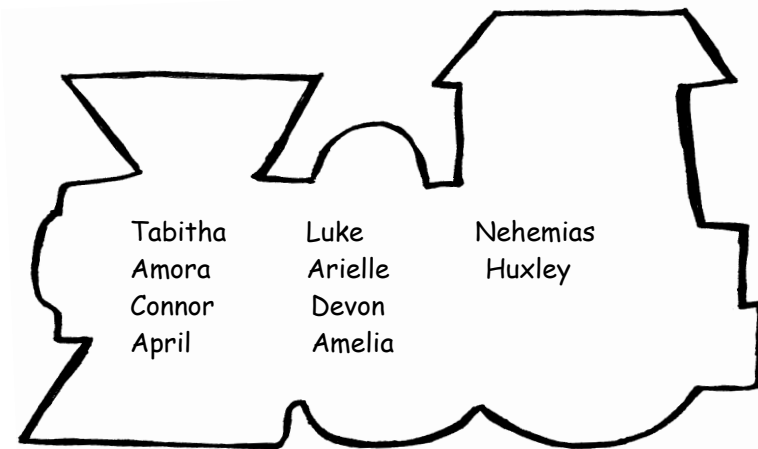
Fire Drills



Fire drills are scheduled for Thursday, March 9th & Friday March 10th. We will exit the playground once the alarm has sounded, walk across the parking lot to the low wall, which is our "safe meeting place." Once everyone has been counted, we'll return to the playground. At circle time we will be discussing fire safety such as "Stop, drop and roll," and "crawl low under smoke."



Happy Birthday Wishes



Parking reminder...

Please use designated parking spaces as the fire lane must remain clear for safety reasons! There is more parking available in the lane behind the centre, and on the street. Thanks for your patience.

4 simple ways to get ready for Kindergarten

- 1. Read (A lot!).** As you read, ask questions including:
 - What do you think will happen next?
 - What would you do, if you were the main character?
 - Why do you think he/she did that?
 - Do you like this book? Why, or why not?
- 2. Play.** Help your child practice social skills by setting up play dates with friends. Talk about what being a good friend looks like. Being clear about what you expect will set your child up for success.
- 3. Draw.** Give your child some blank paper and crayons, Drawing straight lines, wavy lines and shapes will strengthen hand muscles for printing letters.
- 4. Solve puzzles.** Working on puzzles builds fine motor and spatial skills. As a bonus, it's a great way to develop the perseverance needed for tackling tricky Kindergarten activities later on.

Circle Time Song

"Johnny Hammers"

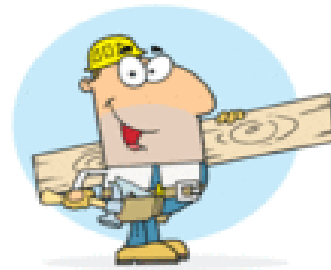
Johnny hammers with 1 hammer, 1 hammer, 1 hammer

Johnny hammers with 1 hammer all day long!

Pretend to hammer with hands, feet and head, until you have 5 hammers going! You can sing this sitting down, or standing up, it's a great work out and it can be super silly!

End with "Johnny's getting sleepy, sleepy, sleepy, Johnny's getting sleepy, now his job is done!"

Then ask your child..."What did you build?"



Reminder....



In order to be "earthquake prepared", and because spills and accidents happen... please send a change of clothing with your child each preschool day,

Popcorn & Movie Day: March 30th & 31st we'll be watching a short Curious George movie, about all the different jobs he tries!

A Look Ahead

Sandcastle Preschool selects a few random art pieces for display at the Artescapes Children's Art Show at the Mission Arts Centre between April 18th & May 6th. The theme this year is "Aliens and outer space!" The opening reception/meet & greet is Saturday April 22nd from 1 pm to 4 pm. The Gallery is open Tues to Sat. from 1 pm to 4 pm. The Mission Arts Centre is located at 33529 1st Ave. We plan to schedule a walking field trip to the Art Gallery during the children's art show. Parents are invited to join us if you wish:)

Community News

Mission Library: Wiggle time Wednesdays - 10:30-11:30, Lego Club, also Wednesdays - 3:30-4:30.

Also at the Mission Library: Magician Gary Savard is performing - 2:00 -2:45 on Wednesday March 15th.

Puppet Show - Trolls, Giants, Faeries, oh my! 2:00-2:45 - Friday March 17th.

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Why is reading with your child so important!

Reading to your child is the key to their future. It helps your child learn words and concepts and actually stimulates brain growth! Reading together will enhance your child's intellectual, and emotional development, as well as listening skills, speaking and communications skills of every kind. It builds vocabulary, and opens imaginations.

Suggestions on reading with your child:

Pick books that interest both of you and you'll soon find that you're not only teaching your child to appreciate books and learning, but you're strengthening your relationship with your child as well. You can start reading to very young children. While reading point to things in the book and identify them, this will help your child understand what things are. Use your voice to make the story more interesting to your child and hold your child's interest. When children are preschool age they can start to follow stories with longer plots. They love repetition; they like to recite the lines that are repeated throughout the story. They are at the beginning stages of being able to make up their own stories by just looking at the pictures. Reading together is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	1	2 <i>Head lice check</i>	3 <i>Head lice check</i>	4
5	6	7	8	9 	10 	11
12	13 Center closed for Spring Break		15	16 	17 	18
19	20 <i>Welcome back!</i>	21	22	23 <i>Adopt-A-Block visits</i>	24 <i>Adopt-A-Block visits</i>	25
26	27	28	29	30 <i>Popcorn and Movie Day!</i>	31 <i>Popcorn and movie Day!</i>	April 1