

# Sandcastle Preschool

"Where children learn through play."

## May 2017

### Theme: Planting and Growing!



We are excited to introduce the children to gardening this month, in our garden boxes in the playground. We'll be planting cucumbers, forget me nots, sunflowers, pumpkins and more! We are also going to be growing butterflies in our classroom, and learning about all of the different bugs that visit our gardens. Some are helpers, some are not, but all of them are fascinating! Later in the month, we'll turn our butterfly nursery into a bug hotel, and the children are welcome to bring bugs from home to visit:)



**Field trip reminder:** On May 4th and 5th each of our classes will be walking to the Mission Art Gallery at 33529 1st Ave. This will be during our regular class time, we'll be leaving at approximately 10:00 am for the morning classes, and 1:00 for the afternoon classes. Parents are welcome to walk with us, but not required, it's always an adventure!

#### Special points of interest:

- ☺ A Look Ahead
- ☺ End of Year Surveys
- ☺ Field trip

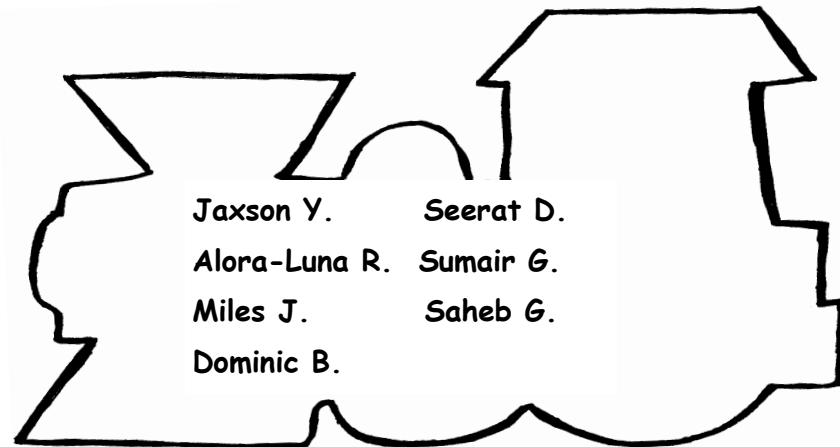
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## End of Year Surveys

Thanks to all of you who returned your surveys to us! They provide us with very useful and important information about what's working well, and where we need to improve our service. Your input is greatly appreciated.

## Happy Birthday Wishes!



## Welcome back Jackie!

Jackie completed her first ECE practicum with us, and has now applied to be a casual staff with our program. Welcome back Jackie, it's great to have you! She will be working May 16th-25th as Amy will be on holidays, and other shifts as needed.

## Centre visitors:

On Friday May 12th, and Thursday May 18th, Lindsay from ABC Dental will be visiting our classes. She'll be checking out the children's teeth, and giving us a short talk about taking care of our teeth. She always brings her giant set of teeth to show us, and a fun game to play. There will be a permission form to sign for allowing your child to have their teeth checked, look for it in your child's art box in the beginning of the month.



## Circle Time

"Oh Mr. Sun"

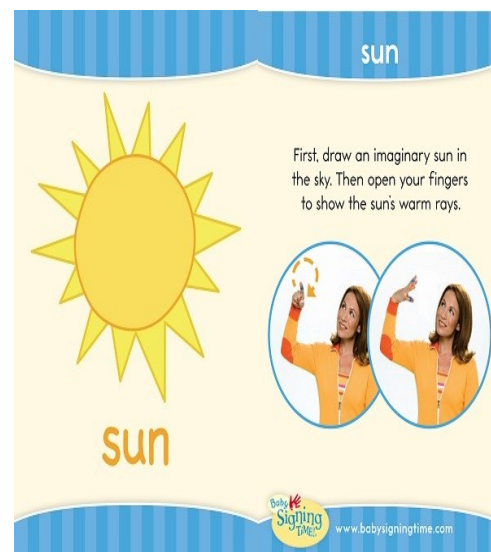
Oh Mr. Sun, sun, Mr. Golden Sun,  
Please shine down on me!

Oh Mr. Sun, sun, Mr. Golden Sun,  
hiding behind a tree....

These little children are asking you, to please  
come out so they can play with you!

Oh Mr. Sun, sun, Mr. Golden Sun, please shine  
down on me!

## Signs



## A Look Ahead

Our end of the year picnic will be held at the Leisure Centre spray park . The date is set for **Thursday June 22nd from 11 am—1 pm**. Our picnic is a potluck, there will be a sign up sheet for foods to bring in the cubby room in the beginning of June. This is for all the children & families from all of our classes! (We'll be there, rain or shine:)

Our last day of classes will be **Friday, June 16th** at the preschool, with the parent /teacher interview days on **Monday, June 19th and 20th**. There will be **no classes June 21st** as we clean and prepare the centre for the MACL AGM. The Preschool will re-open August 28th, 2017 and preschool classes will begin with gradual entry Sept. 11th, 2017 We look forward to seeing many of you back for the 2017/2018 Preschool Year!



## Pro-D-Day/ Victoria Day

The preschool will be closed **Monday May 23rd for Victoria Day** and **Tuesday May 23rd for a Pro-D-Day**. Have a SAFE & HAPPY long weekend.

## Community News

Celebrating Moms! Mother's Day at Kilby Historic Site, crafts for children to make, and a special menu at the restaurant. Happy Mom's Day:) May 14th, call 604-796-9576 for more info.



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check out the website....

## Children are Natural Gardeners

Children are curious, like to learn by doing, and love to play in the dirt. Gardening is a great way to teach environmental awareness by exploring the workings of nature. Here are few suggestions that are relatively easy to grow, have short growing seasons and are fun to harvest:

**Sunflower;** sprouts in 1 week and will be 2' tall in a month. In 8 weeks, the buds will flower revealing hundreds of seeds.

**Lettuce;** Gives children fast results, also a good way to interest kids in salads. The seeds will germinate in 7-10 days. Leaf varieties are ready sooner.

**Cherry tomatoes;** Use small plants rather than planting from seed, can plant in containers. Put in a 2' stake alongside each seedling; they need to be tied loosely to stakes. Water at ground level, try to keep leaves dry.

**Pumpkin;** Plant seeds in a small hill, poke three holes in the hill and put one seed in each hole. Seeds will sprout in about 1 week. Once there are 3 pumpkins on the vine, pick off any new blossoms.

**Snow peas;** A quick-growing early crop, and fun for kids to eat right off the vine. They take about 10 days to germinate and mature in about 60 days. Snow peas are popular because the pod is edible and since they are a dwarf plant they can be grown without a trellis.



### May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 <i>Art Gallery Walk</i>	5 <i>Art Gallery Walk</i>	6
7	8	9 <i>Head Lice checks</i>	10 <i>Head Lice checks</i>	11	12 <i>ABC Dental visits</i>	13
14 <i>Mother's Day</i>	15	16 <i>Bon voyage! Amy's off to Mexico!</i>	17	18 <i>ABC Dental visits</i>	19	20
21	22 <i>Victoria Day Preschool closed</i>	23 <i>Pro-D-day Preschool closed</i>	24	25 <i>Fire drills!</i>	26 <i>Fire drills! Welcome back Amy!</i>	27
28	29	30	31	<i>June 1st Earthquake drill</i>	<i>June 2nd Earthquake drill</i>	4