



Sandcastle Preschool

"Where learning happens through play."

January 2020

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:

Registration for Sept. 2020

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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.



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We would love to hand out a huge thank you to everyone for their generous Christmas gifts and beautiful handmade cards. We all had a nice Christmas and we hope that you did as well.

Neufeld fundraiser was a huge success. We will be looking at ordering our carpet and we want to say thank you to everyone...it would not have been possible without you.

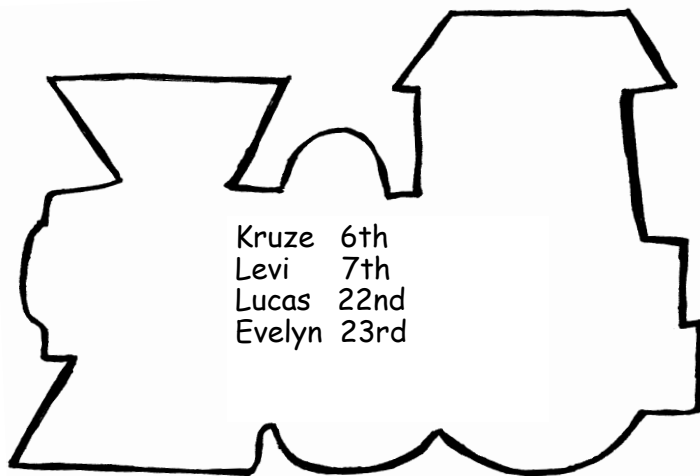
Registration for September 2020

We are now accepting registration for **September 2020 preschool year**. If you plan to register for September 2020 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, 2020.

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 2020 will be \$195.00 for 3 days per week, and \$140.00 for 2 days per week.



Happy Birthday !



Kindergarten registration is also starting....

For children born in **2015**, registration opens on Monday January 13/2020— Friday January 17 /20. 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 !

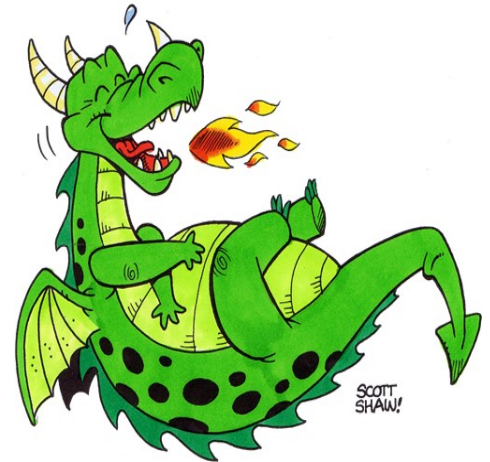
Some tips for Kindergarten readiness....

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. Thank You!



Tax receipts

Tax receipts to reflect preschool fees paid in 2019 will be issued for the upcoming tax season, by the end of February.

Just a Reminder

Parent/Teacher interviews are January 23/24, 2020, We will be putting out sign up sheets. You can call us if your time does not work for your family 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....

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!



January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		31	1	2	3	4
		No classes	No classes	No classes	No classes	
5 Theme: Fun, Fantasy, And	6 Preschool is open today!	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Preschool Closed for Par- ent Teacher	24 Preschool closed for Par- ent Teacher	25
26	27	28	29	30 Lice Check Blue Day	31 Lice Check Blue Day	*Preschool closed Feb.17th For Family Day