

# Sandcastle Preschool

"Where children learn through play"

## March 2020

### Theme: Spring!

We are all so thankful for Spring. It means more sunshine and more outside time. We will be looking for the signs of spring with our looking eyes, our listening ears, and our smelling noses. Ask your children daily what did they see outside today that let them know that Spring is here!



#### Special points of interest:

- ☺ Community News
- ☺ A look ahead



**Spring Break.....will be from March 16th to March 27th. We hope everyone has a fun and relaxing holiday!**

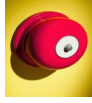
### Can not wait-

We have ordered our butterfly larvae and we will be expecting it next month, where we will be helping the life cycle become complete from larvae to butterfly. We will be gently looking and taking pictures of the changes and talking about what is needed. We hope to watch and learn the full cycle and as a group we will be doing a collaborative pedagogical narration.

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## Fire Drills

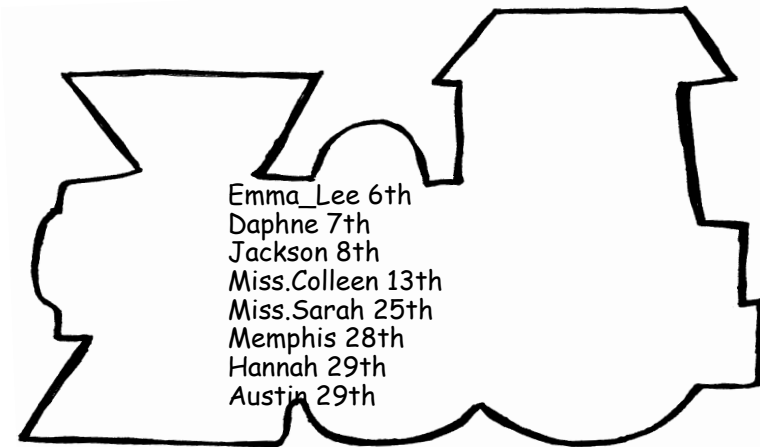


Fire drills are scheduled for Thursday March 5th & Friday March 6th. We will exit the playground once the alarm has sounded, walk across the parking lot to the low wall, which is our "safe meeting place." Once everyone has been counted, we'll return to the playground.

At circle time we will be discussing fire safety such as "Stop, drop and roll," and "crawl low under smoke."



## Happy Birthday Wishes



Dear Parents,  
If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to chat about your child's progress, please let us know. We would be happy to meet with you at school, or over the phone.



## 3 simple ways to get ready for Kindergarten

1. **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. Keeping play dates short can help to end things on a positive note.
2. **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.
3. **Give directions.** Help your child get ready to follow the teachers directions by giving 2-3 step directions. For example, "Please put your coat on and then your shoes. Or play Simon says- Simon says jump on one foot and touch your nose.

# Circle Time Song

**Elephants have wrinkles... you can youtube this for the tune...**

Elephants have wrinkles, wrinkles, wrinkles,

Elephants have wrinkles, wrinkles everywhere...

On their toes, nobody knows whyyyy elephants have wrinkles, wrinkles everywhere!

On their knees, on their toes, nobody knows whyyyy elephants have wrinkles, wrinkles everywhere!

As you sing, touch your shoulders, hips, knees and toes in rhythm to the tune, add as many body parts as you like and get silly...eyelashes..chin, elbows!



## Reminder....

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



**PARENTS.....Please be mindful when handing out invitations to birthdays that we have very tiny ears listening and can cause quite the upset if they do not get an invitation...**

## A Look Ahead

April is all about Community Helpers and we would love to have as many parents come in and talk about what "you" do at work. If this is an area where you feel you might be able to help...please come and see us!

## Community News

**Mission Leisure Centre:** Fun N Run: Free child and parent/caregiver participation, indoor gym program Tuesdays and Thursdays until March 10, 11:00-12:00pm.

**Mission Environmental Stewardship Society:** "Junior bug club" offers kids aged 2-12 a chance to make a difference in their community by becoming ambassadors for litter control. To find out more visit [www.messociety.org](http://www.messociety.org)

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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.. 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!



**March 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5  Green Day	6  Green Day	7
8	9	10	11	12 Lice Checks	13 Lice Checks	14
15 	Center closed for Spring Break					21
22	Center closed for Spring Break					
29	30 Welcome Back	31				