

Pathway Montessori

Willoughby School

For this month we'll be talking about "Groundhog Day", "Valentines and friendship", the "100th Day of School" and "Fire Safety".

We'll be making groundhog puppets as well as doing some special Valentine crafts and making Valentine mailboxes. We still need a few more empty tissue boxes for this craft!

As a class we have been counting and adding a bear paw each day to our "100 Chart" on the wall. The "100th Day of School" falls on February 14th so in addition to talking about Valentines that week there are some special "100" activities planned.

Our color day for February is pink. Come dressed in all your pink on February 9th & 10th. We'll be having a Valentine party during class on February 14th. No regular snack that day - sign up for a special treat to bring!

Jeans Day this month is on the 23 & 24th. The last special day for February is "Pink Shirt Day" on Wednesday the 29th. This is in support of the "Bullying Stops Here" Campaign. For more information check out their site: www.pinkshirtday.ca. You can wear a regular pink shirt or if you wish to support The Boys and Girls Clubs, shirts are available for purchase at London Drugs beginning February 1st. Adult size shirts

are also available.

The last two weeks of February will be focussing on Fire Safety and using the "Play Safe! Be Safe!" fire safety education kit. We will be following up with a field trip to the Fire Hall in early March, through with their homework.



Ft Langley School

Our class enjoyed the month of January celebrating Chinese New Year, learning about fire safety and creating snowflake crafts. At circle time we have been practicing the silence game where children have to sit in silence for a whole minute. They have also been introduced to the blindfold which can be used in

conjunction with many of the sensorial materials. Valentine's Day will be celebrated on Tues. Feb. 14th. We will be discussing what it means to be caring and kind to others. We will have a group snack that day and the children may bring something to share. We will be making Valentines in class but the chil-

dren may also bring a Valentine for their friends if they wish.

Thank you to Brannan and his family for the fire truck book. It has been very popular!

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Dates to Remember this Month

February 14th Valentines Friendship party

February 17 - No School P D/Organizational Day

March 6 - Fort Langley Fire hall field trip

Happy Birthday!

Ft Langley Location Feb 18th

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Sienna Knott Age 4

Willoughby

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Kate Whitmey Age 4

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Registration Update

Registrations continue to be accepted for Sept. 2012. Thank you to everyone that has already re-registered for next year. For anyone that still requires one, just ask and we will e-mail you a form.

A Thought for the New Year

Buckminster Fuller, one of the most creative men of our time, loved to quote Christopher Morley's poem about childhood:

*The greatest poem ever known is one all poets have outgrown:
The poetry, innate, untold of being only four years old.
Still young enough to be a part of nature's great impulsive heart,
Born comrade of bird, beast and tree and unselfconscious as a bee-
And yet with lovely reason skilled, each day new paradise to build.
Elate explorer if each sense, without dismay, without pretense!
In your unstained transparent eyes, there is no conscience, no surprise:
Life's queer conundrums you accept, your strange divinity still kept....
And life, that sets all things in rhyme, may make you poet, too, in time-
But there were days, O tender elf, when you were poetry itself!*

"Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world" Dr. Maria Montessori

Parent/Teacher Observations and Interviews

New Afternoon Class

Starting February 1st there will be a 3 day afternoon class opening at the Willoughby location running on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's from 12:30 - 3:00. If you are already enrolled at this location there is an option to extend your child's attendance and come for the afternoon session as well.

At the Willoughby location the morning class still has a space available for next September. If there is anyone still considering they should contact us right away.

Fire Hall Field Trip

We have a field trip booked at the Fort Langley fire hall on Tuesday Mar. 6th at 9:30. The program will run for 1 ½ hours. The school does not provide transportation on this day and a responsible adult needs to attend the field trip with your child. The fire hall is located at 23137 96 Ave. They have requested that siblings do not attend. There will be no class on this day and there will be no cost for this field trip. If you have just joined our new afternoon class at the Willoughby location or your child does not attend on that day you are welcome to come and join us.

Miss the Observations?

Anyone who is still interested in observing a class or would like a parent/teacher conference please let your teacher know.

2011 Valentine's craft

