



Parkdale Sherwood Headstart

Monthly Newsletter

Munchkin News

With the beginning of March we say goodbye to our oldest Munchkin, Grayson (who is now a Bookworm), and to our Frosty project. While we wait for our newest Munchkin to start, we will explore different activities, keeping a lookout for any interest that might develop into a new project.

Sharon

Bookworm News

Another month has come and gone already! It is hard to believe Jamie has been back for a month already. She has fit right back into the group like she never left us. We do miss Brittany but are lucky to see her when she comes in as a substitute.

We are starting an in depth study/investigation into Eric Carle, his books and style of art/illustrations. We love his illustrations and are excited to try and create some of our own. We sure love to paint! We are hoping to get outside more now that there is fresh snow covering our skating rink of a backyard. Please be sure your child/children have warm outdoor clothing and changes of clothes in his/her backpack. We ask that you leave your child's backpack in the front lockers. PLEASE bring their outdoor clothing/boots to our area. It may also be time to replenish your child's diaper supply. Check with Brenda, or Jamie and they can tell you how many are left/needed.

Brenda, & Jamie

The Little Rainbows

The Rainbows have been having a great time getting outside and enjoying the sunshine! With this comes wet clothing and socks! Please remember to pack lots of extra clothing and take wet stuff home to dry.

We are excited to be discovering all the fun stories Dr. Seuss has. Since Flo loves to read his silly stories we will be having lots of fun with it! Check out beginning of our Dr. Seuss inspired wall!

Reminder that we are creating an updated/new family wall, please send us your pictures, the rainbows love showing off their families to everyone!

Also we have been having lots of fun with our new art center please clean out your child's art pocket at the end of everyday!

Johanna & Flo

The Foxes

Well it's out with the old and in with the new for the Foxes! We have finished up our castle project and have now started a space project! The children are thrilled to be learning all about space and creating a space centre within our area! If anyone has anything they think would add to our project please bring it in! Also thank you so much to the people who have already brought some stuff in! We cannot wait to keep enhancing our learning as the weeks go on! Elephant and piggie books by Mo Willems have also become very popular within our group! The special helper will be taking home a bag to make puppets of elephant and Piggie!

The Fox group will be having a fun week the week of March 13-17th, these themes were picked by the group.

Monday: Fox/Dinosaur Day → can bring in anything fox or dinosaur related.

Tuesday: Piggie & Elephant Day → celebrating Mo Williams

Wednesday: Baby/Stuffy Day → can bring in a doll or stuffy from home (needs to fit easily into their locker.)

Thursday: Dress Up Day → come dressed up in costume

Friday: Games Day → This needs to be a game that your child knows how to play

"One of the major advantages of project work is that it makes school more like real life. It's an in-depth investigation of a real-world topic worthy of children's attention and effort."

-EDUCATION RESEARCHER SYLVIA CHARD

Sasha, Glenda & Taylor

CHILDREN'S NEEDS :

Please be sure that your child has a warm jacket/snow pants/hat/mittens and a couple of changes of clothes in their backpack that fit properly.

If snow pants are forgotten, we only have a couple of spare pairs (not larger sizes) and your child will be cold when we go outside.

PLEASE be mindful of both speed and respectful of the ACCESSIBLE PARKING spaces in our parking lot. It is unfortunate that some parents (not just Headstart) have been using the Accessible Parking spots when they are not validated to do so.

FUNDRAISING REQUEST

The fundraising committee would like to again, thank you all for your support in the first fundraising event of the year. We are now asking any Parent/Family Member that would like to donate an item (i.e. a new item or an item that you have no use for and would consider re-gifting) or a service (baking service, grass cutting or snow removal, etc.) that could be used in a silent auction in May. All donations would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please ask Carol or Angela and they will pass the questions on.

Again, thank you for your support.

Summer Enrollment Forms

Summer enrollment forms are now out. Please note that July 1st is the end of our regular program and our summer program will begin on Tuesday July 4th.

The summer program will be a nine week program running from July 4th-September 1st.

We do allow families to take the summer off, BUT in order to do this you are required to pay for your first 2 wks of the fall program before June 24th. **THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE OUR INFANT SPACES.** If you cancel your space here at Headstart these funds are non refundable. If you do return the first two weeks of our fall program are already paid for.

Note that we will be **closed** on Monday **July 3rd** for Canada Day, **August 18th** for Gold Cup and Saucer, and then on **Friday September 1st** for Staff Orientation Day. You are required to pay for July 1st and August 19th, **you do not pay however for September 1st.**

Reading with your child

Twenty minutes a day is all it takes to build key reading skills. Here are seven ways to build a better reader from birth to age five!

1. Create reading rituals and read together every day
2. Snuggle up close with a book
3. Talk about the pictures and ask questions
4. Share different kinds of books
5. Read with expression
6. Read favourite books again and again
7. Record yourself reading and play it on car trips or as an alternative to television



'good readers are made on the lap of a parent'



March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 🎵 3:00	3 Fox Show & Share	4 Violet
5	6	7 🎵 9:00	8 Calvin	9 🎵 3:00	10	11
12	13 Marcus	14 🎵 9:00	15 Music Therapy Begins	16 🎵 3:00	17 DRESS IN GREEN 	18
19	20 SUMMER FORMS DUE BACK!!	21 🎵 9:00	22 Music with Hillary	23 🎵 3:00	24 MOVIE DAY 	25
26	27 Ben R	28 🎵 9:00	29 Music With Hillary	30 🎵 9:00	31 Emma	

Music Therapy Times:

9:30-10:00 → Toddlers

10:30-11:00 → 3's

11:00-11:30 → 4's