



Dear Parents,

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing holiday season! We enjoyed the time away but are very excited to get back in the swing of things!

In December, we discussed hibernation and what animals hibernate in the winter! We also looked at other animals in Canada and what they do in the winter months. We talked about the change in season and weather and what exciting things Winter brings! As the holidays approached we talked about how many different celebrations there are in the winter months and looked at Kwanzaa, Hanukah, Christmas in Mexico and Christmas in North America! We even had a countdown to New Year's and watched last year's ball drop! We had such a blast on various PJ Days and had a fun movie day on Christmas Eve. We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Video we made for you!

This month we are travelling way down south to Antarctica! We will be looking at the continent as a whole and what the climate looks like as well as who, if anyone lives there! We will be talking about icebergs and how important it is to protect them. We will also explore the animals that live there including penguins, seals and whales! Near the end of the month we will be looking at what snow is and doing some snow science experiments.

It should be a very fun and educational month. The children will also be reviewing Grace and Courtesy such as how to use walking feet, inside voices and how we treat our activities.

### Mark your Calendar!

**Monday January 4th**

Center re-opens after holidays!

**Friday January 29th**

Re-enrolment packages due!

**Friday February 11<sup>th</sup>**

Friendship Party/Valentine's Celebration

**Monday February 15<sup>th</sup>**

Family Day School Closed

### Happy Birthday to...

Sophia who turns 4 on January 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Hailey who turns 3 on January 22<sup>nd</sup>!

Kaydence who turns 3 on January 22<sup>nd</sup>!

Angeliki turns 4 on January 31<sup>st</sup>

### Summer Schedule

Although it is early in the year, we are already starting to plan for the summer staffing as well as fill any spaces for the summer months. If your family knows your schedule for the summer (i.e if you are taking a long holiday, planning to drop days) please let Miss Grace know through email. No rush at all, you do have until June 1<sup>st</sup> to give us your changes. If you wish to take the

summer off from the centre please note there is a holding fee.



### Kindergarten Information Meeting

There is a Kindergarten virtual information meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm.

You are able to register via the CCRR at 250-376-4771 or at the link below:  
<https://kindergartenroundup2021.eventbrite.ca>

### Re-Enrolment

Where did the time go?! It is re-registration already! You will be receiving a re-enrolment package next week for the 2021-2022 school year. These are due by the latest, **Friday January 29<sup>th</sup>**.

If you do not have your re-enrolment package in by this time, you risk losing your choice of days.

Please note any changes in preferred schedules, address, job, emergency contact etc. in these packages.

Like last year, we are moving to set schedules, for example M,W,F and T,Th.  
Thank you!

### Open House

As the COVID pandemic continues in BC, we are unable to hold our annual Open House for new students. In lieu, we will be getting a virtual walk-through video filmed in the next few weeks to post on our website as well as update other information on there. If you know of someone who is interested in the centre please pass this information along! We will be posting on our Facebook page when the website is live. Thank you!

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**



### COVID-19

Thank you to everyone for following the new policies and protocols at our centre. We are still asking that you wear a mask at pick-up and drop-off as it is often hard to physical distance from the other staff members.

Thank you also for your diligence in keeping your children home when they are sick. This has helped us avoid any possible outbreaks in the center!

### Mabel's Labels

Our Mabel's Labels fundraiser closes this month! If you or someone you know is interested in ordering some products please use the link below and search our center (Juniper Early Learning Center)

[campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com)



### Winter Gear

Please make sure to label your child's winter clothing. This helps us return lost items to each child! Just a reminder as well to take your child's gear home at the end of the day.

Thank you ☺

### Bloomz

We have begun to use the photo-sharing app Bloomz! If you have not logged on or you are having issues please send me an email and we can figure it out! It's very user friendly and a great way for you to see a snapshot of what your child is up to throughout the day! We will also be posting lost and found items on there!

Thank you for all that you do,  
we could not do this without  
your support!

*Miss Grace, Miss Sydne,  
Teacher Sarah and Miss  
YounNam*