

#### Dear Parents,

We had so much fun learning all about the continent of Antarctica in January! We looked at where Antarctica was on the map and what made it such a special continent. We learned what animals lived there and what the climate was like! We ended our studies with some snow science experiments and watched the movie "Happy Feet."

The month of February will bring so many great learning opportunities! We will be starting the month off talking about Lunar New Year and looking at some of the traditions that along with it. We will then move on to Friendship and discussing how to be a good friend and how to show kindness. We will be doing some fun Valentine's Day activities and even having a friendship party on February 12<sup>th</sup> where we are encouraging everyone to wear red or pink! We will end the month by talking about our families and what makes each family unique and then look at ourselves and what makes us so special!

We look forward to a wonderful month, hopefully filled with sunshine and fun

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday February 12th

- Friendship Party! Wear Red or Pink!

Monday February 15th

- Family Day School Closed



Miss Grace on February 6<sup>th</sup>

Miss YounNam on February 10<sup>th</sup>

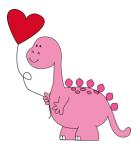
Miss Sydne on February 19<sup>th</sup>

Nixon turns 5 on February 24<sup>th</sup>

#### **Practicum**

Teacher Sarah is currently completing her final practicum to finish her full ECE certification!

Such an exciting step and we are so excited that she can complete this in our classroom. Because of this, we will have an extra staff member some mornings so that Sarah may focus on implementing her activities! I have attached a Video/Picture consent form from Thompson Rivers University. Please let me know if you have any concerns. We are looking forward to seeing what additions Teacher Sarah brings to the classroom.



### **Valentines Day/Friendship Party**

On February 12<sup>th</sup> (Friday) we will be having a friendship party. We will sing songs and play

some fun games! If you want to bring treats, we are asking that they are store-bought and sealed.

We do have a couple nut allergies in our classroom so please be aware when bringing goodies! We will be doing a Valentine's card exchange in the morning upon arrival. This is not mandatory; however, I have included a list of the children in our class. To make it easier, you can address the cards: To My Friend,

Hailey Miranda Angeliki Logan Connor B. Charlie Noella Connor D Westyn Maelys Beckham Leo Violet Marcy Rayden Spencer Emmylou Landon Kaydence Mya Harlow

Everly Grace Esme

Amara Rachel Sophie
Jeevan Lily Nixon

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Emersyn Doug Kate

Ella Sophia Miss Grace

Miss YounNam Miss Sydne Teacher Sarah

Miss Francesca

### Purdy's Fundraiser

We will be doing an Easter Fundraiser with Purdy's Chocolate later this month... More info to come!



#### **Scholastic Book Orders**

Due to the current pandemic, Scholastic's has altered the way they are doing their reading club.

You are still able to order books using our classroom code however instead of being shipped to our school, they will be shipped directly to you! By using our classroom code, you are helping us build our classroom library!

Classroom code: RC130431

Thank you for your support!

### **Virtual Open House**

Unfortunately due to the COVID-19
Pandemic restrictions we are unable to host our annual open house. In lieu, we have filmed a video tour as well as done a muchneeded update to our website. If you know anyone who is interested in our programs, please refer them to

**juniperearlylearningcenter.ca** to find more information!



### **Compost!**

We would love to introduce composting to our classroom! We will be beginning this in February and hope to continue on throughout the year.

Friendly Composting is a local small business in Kamloops that distributes compost bins and does weekly pick-ups for a small fee! What a wonderful way to take care of our Earth and to support local. If you are interested in composting at home you can visit them on Facebook or their website friendlycomposting.ca to learn more!

We hope the children will enjoy learning about waste reduction and what they can do to help our planet. If we are able to, we would love to plan a field trip over the summer to the farm where they bring the compost!

### **Toys/Belongings**

We wanted to send out a quick reminder about bringing toys, stuffed animals and other accessories to school! Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are asking that you keep any extra belongings at home. This means that if you would like to bring a stuffed animal for rest-time, it needs to stay at the center to reduce any risk of transmission. Thank you for your support!

## 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 ©

Thank you for everything that you do. We are so lucky to have such great families in our center!

Miss Grace, Miss YounNam, Miss Sydne & Teacher Sarah