## Hello



Dear Parents,

Spring is finally here and we have many exciting things planned for this month. We enjoyed learning about Rainbows and colours last month and then we had a blast celebrating St. Patrick's Day! We didn't catch the leprechaun that was playing tricks in our classroom, maybe next year! We finished off the month by learning about Rabbits and even got to see a real life baby bunny. We celebrated Easter with lots of egg dying and a wonderful Easter egg hunt at the park!

We have been working hard and are getting so excited to show you all what we have been doing in our class this year at our parent observations April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This month we will be exploring

Transportation. We will look at vehicles that drive on the road, air transportation and transportation by water. We will talk about what vehicles "work" and how we can stay safe in a vehicle and near vehicles.

We will also be exploring how we can keep our Earth health. The children will learn about the three R's (reduce, reuse and recycle) and the importance of Earth Day on April 22nd. We will be talking about water pollution as well and how we can keep fish safe and healthy. One of the highlights will be going on a walk to pick up litter in our neighbourhood.

We finish the month by looking at Butterflies and their life cycle. We will be raising Painted Lady Butterflies this year so we will be able to see the complete life cycle before we release them!

It will be a very funfilled month for our class!

### **Important Dates**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>- Good Friday, No School

April 14th - Self-Care Day

April 22<sup>nd</sup>- Celebrating Earth Day!

April 23<sup>rd</sup>- Parent Observations and Conferences

April 27th - Self-Care Day

May 7th- Mother's Day Tea, More to come...



# Happy Birthday

Charlie on April

Ella on April 17<sup>th</sup> Logan on April 20<sup>th</sup>

17<sup>th</sup>

#### **Warmer Weather**

We are so excited for the warm weather that the month of April will be bringing! Please send a labelled bottle of sunscreen to school with

your child. This sunscreen will stay at the centre so that we can reapply in the afternoon. Please make sure to apply sunscreen in the morning as well.

We ask that you continue to send your child with proper outdoor gear for the changing weather.

#### **Staffing Changes**

As I wrote in the email, we said goodbye to Miss Sydne at the end of March. We will be welcoming Miss Johie into our classroom,

Near the end of the month we will be hosting a practicum student in our center. Miss Shari is completing her practicum to receive her ECE diploma. She will be joining us full-time when she is finished practicum!

#### **Summer Attendance**

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will be taking the summer off. You are required to pay a holding fee of one month tuition. Please see the following from our registration

package: "For families requiring reduced care in the Toddler, Full Day or School Age, Programs during the summer months, a holding fee of ½ month tuition will apply. This holding fee guarantees your child's spot when you return to the program in the following month. Please note that you may only use the holding fee for ONE MONTH of the summer, and you will not be entitled to any care for your child during that month. "

Thank you for your attention to this matter. When we know how many children to expect, we are able to schedule staff accordingly.

# Parent Observations & Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parents are invited to attend the 30 minute session with their child. This is an opportunity for your child to show you some of the activities he/she has been working with in the classroom. Please check the list to see what group you are

in and what time you attend on the observation day. Please note that you and your child attend for only minutes on this day. In lieu of COVID-19 we require all parents to wear a mask when they observing are and appropriate maintain social distance from other families. If you are not planning attending the observation slot, please let us know as soon as possible so that we have the ability to alter groups as needed. We have allowed 15 minutes in between each group to allow the staff properly sanitize. Please leave all unnecessary belongings in your vehicle.

Group A 8:00-8:30 Hailey, Beckham, Rayden, Marcy, Jeevan, Connor D, Leo

Group B 8:45-9:15: Miranda, Logan, Westyn, Ella, Esme, Amara, Harlow

Group C 9:30-10:00: Sophia, Landon, Kaydence, Doug, Connor B, Lily, Spencer

Group D 10:15-10:45: Emmylou, Mya, Nixon, Angeliki, Noella, Kate, Charlie

Group E: 11:00-11:30 Emersyn, Sophie, Rachel, Maelys, Grace, Violet, Everly

Parent Conferences will be on a sign-up basis and are not mandatory. They will be 15-minute sessions, beginning at 12:00pm. If you feel comfortable coming in for the interview that works for us and we just ask that you wear a mask follow and social distancing guidelines. Alternatively, we will also give the option of having a Zoom Conference. Please note this on the sign up sheet so that we may send you a meeting invitation prior to.

Thank you for your support. These observation sessions are

so important as the children are so proud to show you what they have been working on. This year, we have really missed having the parents in the classroom so this is an opportunity to do that.

#### **Tick Season!**

Please be aware that it is tick season in Kamloops. We do go to the park quite often as well as on walks around the neighbourhood and trails. We will check your child upon return to school however please check your child for these critters at home as well! Thank you!

# Thank you for all you do!

Miss Grace, Miss YounNam, Miss Johie & Teacher Sarah.