

December2012 and January 2013

Director's Message,

Merry Christmas Everyone,

The holiday Season has finally arrived and so has the excitement in all of us. This is a magical time of year and we can't help but get caught up in the excitement. We have truly started the season in a very giving manner. I would like to start by saying thank you to all of you that were a part of our Christmas Celebration on Saturday. We are very happy to announce that to date we have matched our collection of last year at \$1050.00, the center will match this for a grand total of \$ 2100.00. Now on to the auction, we are so over joyed by the response that we received for this event not only did we receive far more donations than we could ever hope for. The bids that were made were very generous. At the end of the day we have a total of \$2000.00. Our grand total for the Christmas Celebration is \$4100.00. This money will be used to buy gifts for the children, blankets for the homeless and a few turkeys for their Christmas Dinner.

Thank You from the bottom of our hearts

Sock Project.

For the past few years we have been running the sock project as part of our giving celebration. This year we will be running this project from December 10 – 17. Please read the attached letter for more information on this project.

The center will be closed December 22- January 1

Christmas Break Survey

Listed below are the dates that we are open over the Christmas Break. Please email your requirements back as soon as you know .This will help us with our planning for the break.

Child's Name _____

Wednesday January 2	Yes	No
Thursday January 3	Yes	No
Friday January 4	Yes	No

If your child will be attending during this week please make sure to send appropriate indoor & outdoor clothing, the children love to play in the snow. All activities will be at the center. The weather is too unpredictable for us to plan any trips. We have lots of fun activities planned for the three days

Zumba Classes

We are in need of a Zumba Teacher that is certified to teach children ages 3- 12 yrs old. Children really enjoy Zumba but we have been having trouble finding someone that is not only certified but willing to drive out here to teach.

Piano Lessons

Sharon our piano teacher has spots available for anyone that is interested in taking piano lessons, I have attached her information.

Dates to Remember

_Our last Movie Night for 2012 will be Thursday December 20.

This would be a perfect time to finish up all that last minute shopping that you may have or maybe a nice quiet dinner before the craziness begins.

School resumes on January 7 2013

New Website coming soon

We are very happy to announce that we are working on our new website and it will be up and running in January. We have set up a parent's info corner . This will be set up like an advertising section. Please forward us your business card or ad and we will post it on our website.

DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL FRIENDS

December 2012/January 2013 Newsletter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

December Birthdays: Nicolas (4) – 21st

Zara (3) – 25th

Claire (3) – Dec. 31st

We have had a wonderful Fall, playing, discovering, making friends and learning about many fun and interesting topics taken from areas the children have interests in such as: weather, snow, counting, penguins, caring and sharing. We have been engaging in some interesting science experiments such as “what happens when we bring snow inside?” We have seen how wind moves hanging objects when we open the window and how we can see our breath as we see steam or fog when we blow into the cold air.

We are excited about doing our calendar each day and during the month of December, our count down of how many sleeps there are until Christmas. We have an exciting month of crafts and multicultural activities planned. With the cold weather and snow here, please ensure your child is prepared to go out and play: “long mittens”, hat, jacket, snow pants, warm winter jacket and winter snow boots. Checking your child’s cubby regularly to ensure they have a complete change of clothing is appreciated, top, pants, socks and underwear please – water bottles too please (labelled).

If your child is sick or is not coming to Cottage, please phone and let us know. Please don’t forget to sign your child into Cottage and out at the end of the day. Books are welcome any day of the week, toys are only permitted on Wednesdays for Show and Share.

We have had a wonderful Fall and look forward to many adventures ahead, opportunities for fun and learning. Your child’s happiness is our main goal and we try hard to provide a nurturing “home away from home” atmosphere.

We wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2013 – Happy New Year!

Cheers ☺

Nina, Sarah, Terry

December Newsletter

Four year Olds and Kindergarten

Wow has this month ever come up fast half the school year is already over.
Where has the time gone?





We had a great turn out for our Annual Christmas at the cottage. What a good time we all had making crafts, bidding on our favorite item at the silent auction and the treats to. Thank you for all coming out and sharing Christmas with us.













December Birthdays: Rhett Dec 23rd Anders Dec 24th










Children's interest:

-  Snow
-  Christmas
-  Vacations/Holidays
-  Baking

Important Notes:

-  Please remember to add an ice pack to your child's lunch.
-  Make sure you child has all their winter clothing everyday
 -  Snow pants
 -  Mitts/gloves
 -  Hat
 -  Warm coat
 -  Winter boots
-  Please make sure you are signing your child in and out
-  Sign the end of the week
-  Please let us know if your child is home sick

Important Dates: (Please put these dates on your calendar)

-  December 3rd No School
-  December 21st No school
-  December 21st The last day of cottage until the New Year.
-  January 2nd 2013 Cottage reopens
-  January 3rd No School Cottage open
-  January 4th No School Cottage Open
-  January 7th School Re opens All Children back to class




Please Let us know if you need care for Jan 2nd, 3rd, 4th

January 2013








Welcome to a New Year full of fun and learning
We would like to welcome some new friends to our room Robin, Carina and Eric. We are so excited that you are coming to play with us.

Birthdays:

-  Jillian Jan 14th
-  Jack Jan 17th
-  Olivia Jan 27th

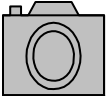
Children's Interest

-  Marbles
-  Animals
-  Puzzles
-  Superhero's
-  Board games



We will be continuing to practice our printing as well numbers and word recognition

If there is anything you would like us to work on with your child please let me know and we will work it in.



We would like to ask you for any gun pictures you have from you holiday break because we would like to make a memory page with the children. Please print them off and send them in. Please just print them on regular paper because we will be cutting them out and gluing them to our page. Thank you

Thanks Lee and Rachel



Before and After School News **December 2012 and January 2013**

Well November was an unbelievable month. It just speed right by with the success of our annual cottage Christmas fundraiser. The children were able to raise over \$4000 to give to the less fortunate. This was due to the great success to our silent auction. As December comes in with a cold wind the children are very excited to count down the days to winter break.

Shining Moments:

As a new approach to positive discipline we have created a reward system using coupons that the children earn by doing things they are not asked to i.e cleaning up a mess they didn't make or by showing some one kindness when they are feeling down. Many of the children have shown great success with this new approach and are always helping keep the room clean and helping each other with homework or just being a great friend. When they are awarded the coupon they can be used to add minutes to technology time or to put in a guess on that month question jar. (i.e. the snowman full of pennies) They can also be shaved till the new year when they will also be able to trade in there coupons for small prizes in the reward store. Please feel free to ask the staff if you have question.

Clubs:

We have had a lot of fun with the clubs that have been running since September, but they are now coming to an end with the new ones to take their place in the New Year. The drama club is finishing off this session with a Christmas play that is sure to delight. The film club is still working toward its finished product. We hope to see it soon. The A club will continue in to the new year as it gives the children the time to talk and get help solving any problem with bullying they may be having through peer support. We look forward to the cooking club in January. Melissa have some great things planned to tickle our taste buds. We will also be offering a yoga club with our very own Kelsey leading us.

Children's interests For December and January

Some of the children have expressed an interest in learning about the different ways people celebrate over the holidays or another way to say it Christmas around the world. They would also like to discover the different cultural believes around the world.

In keeping up with the children planning their own program we are also asking for the parents help so we are sending home a survey that you and your family can fill out that will also give us some ideas.

Please note:

- ❄️ Toys from home day is Wednesday only We ask that the children only bring one toy on that day to share in the room
- ❄️ Make sure you child has all their winter clothing everyday
 - ❄️ Snow pants
 - ❄️ Mitts/gloves
 - ❄️ Hat
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Please remember to drive safely in the parking lot and that the speed limit is 10kmh

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Thanks

Melissa, Kelsey and Cathy O