

Springbank Cottage Childcare Ltd.
December 2020/ January 2021 Newsletter

Director's Messages

Hello Parents,

These past months since we reopened have been a whirlwind of constant changes. We thank you for your patience during these difficult times. We are extremely fortunate to have all of you as part of our cottage family. As families do, we will overcome all the challenges that lay head of us in this upcoming year and those to follow. We are looking forward to the new year and hopefully a positive outcome to this pandemic. None of us really know what the year ahead will look like, but we will all get through it together.

We are now in the middle of winter even though the weather has been genuinely nice. It is important that the children come to the center dressed for the cold weather. I know that it can be nice in the mornings, but the weather can change very quickly. Please keep this in mind when leaving the house in the morning. The children can get very cold walking to and from school. The children must have appropriate outerwear each and everyday, this includes boots even if there is no snow when you leave home. All the rooms like to take the children outdoors to play each and everyday, but this is exceedingly difficult when not every child has the proper gear to take part.

Dance Classes

We are hoping that January will see that classes back at the center. Devon has given us a handout regarding the winter classes. You will find the poster attached

Devon Maillot at www.springbankdancers.com or 403-276-7918

Important Dates

Christmas Break

With the new information regarding the Christmas break running longer than originally laid out in the school calendar, we will be open for all the children that require care. ****We are unable to support any online learning for the school aged children the first week of January. Our internet system could not handle that added requirements. We will be offering some fun filled days indoors as well as outside for all the children.

Christmas Break Daycare Closure Dates- December 24th – January 1st - the center reopens on Jan. 4th

We know that the school break is extended until January 10th, care is available. School reopens on Monday January 11th
We will be providing care = Monday, December 21-Wednesday December 23.

Please let us know if you require care on these days

If your child will be attending during these days, please make sure to send appropriate indoor and outdoor clothing. The children love to play outside. All activities will be at the center. We have lots of fun activities planned for these days

We would like to wish each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and all the best New Year!

Kathy, Melissa, Melody, Sholeh, Flor, Melissa P., Angela, Hanna, & Rowena

Daycare December/January Newsletter 2020/2021

Hello Families! Fall went by so fast. It was a fun season. The daycare children enjoyed the mild weather, playing and having a lot of different activities outside! The children developed their social and emotional skills. The children have enjoyed “themes/interests” each week which help the children to grow while introducing challenges!

With all the hand washing that the children are doing we have noticed that the children’s hands are getting very dry. We do have hypo-allergenic hand lotion in each room for the children. Please let us know if you would like us to apply it to your child’s hands.

CLOTHING

With the cold and potential for snowy weather here, please ensure your child comes each day prepared for playing outside: Hat, long mittens that go past the wrist (no gloves – they fall off and little fingers get cold faster), winter jacket, snow pants, and warm winter boots. Please take inventory of your child’s extra clothing bag left in their cubby – ensure clothing items are replaced as they are used – thank you!

Lunches- Please remember to put an ice pack in your child’s lunch to keep it cold. Please remember to pack one AM snack, one PM snack and lunch. With all of the fresh air each day the children.

FAMILY WALL

We are still looking for a few family photos for our Family Wall. The children love looking at family pictures and talking about their families. Please help us complete our family wall and send in a cool photo – thanks!

Birthdays: Cooper- December 16 Archer- January 1 Evelyn- January 6 Nathan- January 9

Important Information

CHRISTMAS BREAK SURVEY

The last day of school before Christmas is Friday, December 23rd – we are making this day a PYJAMA DAY

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*****The center reopens on Jan. 4th with regular hours of 7am-5:30pm. *****

Please let us know if you require care on these days

We will be providing care Thursday, January 2nd & Friday, January 3rd **we are open regular hours**

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

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Wishing all of you MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! All the best in 2021 – we look forward to a New Year full of fun and discovery!

Sholeh & Angela

Kindergarten Room

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Hello Families,

It has been such a great first three months into the school year and it is hard to believe we are just a few short weeks away from Christmas! The children are really enjoying playing outside on the snowy days. The children have been practicing spelling their names everyday on our whiteboard as we get them to sign in daily before going to play. They enjoy playing in the block center, the dramatic play area, participating in the arts and crafts and reading books in the quiet center. We have recently put a computer in our room with several educational games on it. The children have been given a specific day and a 10-minute time slot to play on it. It has been a big hit so far!

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Birthdays: John- Dec.27

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Reminder: As we know the weather is getting colder. Please make sure your child has snow pants, mittens, a hat, boot, and a warm jacket in their backpack.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Melissa P, Flor, Alanna, & Skyler

BAS NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2020/ JANUARY 2021

Can you believe the New Year is upon us? 2020 has been a whirlwind of a year with new challenges that no one could have foreseen. We are so grateful to have made it through the year learning and adapting to the changing world around us with the fantastic support of our community. Thank you all for the patience and support as we navigate these changes – we are so happy to have each of you as part of our Cottage family.

We are planning many fun activities throughout the month and so far, the children have enjoyed decorating the room with snowflakes, lights, and our very own Christmas tree! We will be open December 21st – 23rd and will have lots of holiday activities and probably a PJ day or two. Please let us know if your child(ren) will be in attendance during those days as we want to plan appropriately for the children who will be here! Please ensure your child comes prepared with proper outdoor gear!

Also, the Alberta government has issued a closure of schools in favor of at home learning for all school aged children for the week of January 4th – January 8th with the children returning to school on January 11th online.

- Melody, Melissa, and Rowena

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Birthdays and Other Important Dates – please let us know if we forgot a birthday!

December	January
5 th – Emerson	3 rd - Sawyer A
27 th - Mya	19 th – Bella
	28 th – Kieran
	29 th – Will
	30 th - Sadie

Dec 18th – Last day of school for the winter break

Dec 21-23 – COTTAGE OPEN

Dec 24-Jan 3rd – COTTAGE CLOSED

Jan 4 – 8th – COTTAGE OPEN for regular BAS hours (7-8:45am & 3-5:30pm).

Jan 29th – PD DAY – NO SCHOOL – COTTAGE OPEN

*FROM ALL OF US AT SCC – We want to wish everyone a Merry
Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!*