

September 2019 Newsletter

Full Day 4's

Here we are in September already, with a brand new and fun filled school year setting off! It's very exciting for the children and the teachers to get familiarized with a new schedule and routines. We are all very supportive of each other with this new adjustment and before we know it, everything will be moving along smoothly and without a hitch! We would like to take this time to welcome all of our new and returning friends into our classroom and are looking forward to the enjoyable days ahead.

Being that we have so many new friends, the teachers are seeing a lot of new lunch boxes and backpacks. Please label both lunch boxes and backpacks clearly, on the outside, so they can be located and recognized easily. It is difficult and confusing when there is a question of ownership and locating your child's items. Please also label all jackets and other outdoor wear. Your child will need at least one full change of seasonally appropriate clothing in his or her backpack at all times. Thank you.

Some skills we will be focusing on this month are getting to know one another, manners, sharing, classroom rules, writing our names, and cutting with scissors. Occasionally we will send home a small homework assignment to be done with our families at home (don't worry; it's always something simple and painless).

Something that we will be bringing back to our curriculum in the classroom is sign language. Last year we would learn a couple of words in sign a week that related to the theme for the week or the season. The children received this very well and got much pleasure for knowing how to

say things without using our voices. I find many benefits in the knowledge of this skill and I take pleasure in learning this talent myself as well!

Thank you to those of you who were available to attend the Open House this past Wednesday evening. Miss Cathy and I apologise that life circumstances got in the way and we weren't able to attend. It was disappointing because I was so enthused to share with all of you what a fun and enriching classroom experience your children are going to be involved in this school year! Many of your children will be moving on to kindergarten in 2020 so this school year is to prepare them for this next step cognitively, socially and emotionally. We emphasize on encouraging independence. If you were able to attend the Open House then you got to meet Miss Susan (also known as Mrs. Kusk) who will be assisting in the classroom Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The week of September 9th we will be starting Show and Tell. The item that they bring should begin with the corresponding letter of the week. You will be notified weekly what the letter of the week is. We do not go through and learn the alphabet in the traditional order, we start with the easiest to hardest letters for kids to write and remember the sound. Show and Tell will be done on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Your child's day is highlighted.

Please have your child bring their item disguised in a bag with a list of 3 clues as to what their item is (grown ups may write the clues). When it is their turn, the teacher will read or the child will say the clues and the children will try to guess what your child has brought.

Thank you,
Miss Carrie and Miss Cathy