

February 2017

Valentines Day

Our focus for Valentines Day as always is friendship and kindness. This year our Valentines Day celebrations will be on Tuesday, February 14th. The Transition, Preschool, Jr Kinders and Kinders that are here with us in the morning will join together for some fun, games and dancing in the morning from 9:45am—11:15pm. The Toddlers will have their own party during this time as well. The Kinder children that are here in the afternoon will celebrate during stay up time from 1—2:30pm. The OSC children will have their celebration during afterschool time but will do activities throughout the week.

When sending Valentines cards we recommend having your child write only their name on the cards. This makes it much easier for them to hand out and hopefully less frustrating for you too! A list will be made for the Jr Kinder, Kinders & OSC, if they would like to try to write names. This is not required. It is up to you and your child. Remember to keep it fun!

How many valentines do you need?

Toddler children: 10

Transition children: 6

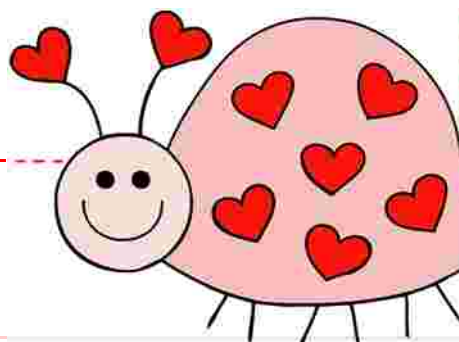
Preschool children: 16

Jr Kinder & Kinder children: 20

OSC children: 36

We are planning a special snack for the kids. If you would like to send goodies please send them individually wrapped for the kids to take home.

Please have your child wear PINK or RED on February 14th!



Brookview Montessori Child Development Center

Dates to remember:

- J February 6—Public School PD day
- J February 7—Catholic School PD day
- J February 14—Valentines Day Party
- J February 20—Closed For Family Day

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Extracurricular Activities

The Toddlers, Transitions, Preschool & Jr Kinders will continue to have Music with Dawn each Tuesday Morning.

The Preschool, Jr Kinders and Kinders will have Art on February 9th & 23rd.

We will continue to go to gym this month. Most weeks the Preschool, Jr Kinders and Kinders will go to gym on Wednesdays and Fridays and the OSC will go on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. This may change depending on skating days so please look at the whiteboard each week for updates.

Lost and Found

We would like to ask all families to take a look through our lost and found basket at the front entrance over the next couple weeks. We will be donating any unclaimed items to Goodwill by February 17th.

Skating

The OSC group will continue visit Brookview Outdoor Community Rink each week for those children wishing to skate. We will choose a day based on the weather on each Monday. Please check the whiteboard for scheduled skating days. Children wishing to skate will need skate tags, skates and a CSA approved skating helmet. Children are also welcome to bring hockey sticks and pucks.

We will be taking the Kinders to participate in the City run Learn to Skate program on February 8th & February 22nd, weather permitting.

Staff Professional Development

As you know, our staff is continually learning new information through workshops and conferences. Our next workshop for our staff will be about enhancing circle and story times! We look forward to learning some new and exciting ideas.

Amy and Alyssa will also be attending a two day conference this February about Social-Emotional Learning & Challenging Behaviours.

Illness Policy

We would like to thank all of our parents for helping keep your children, teachers and your child's friends healthy. We have had a fairly successful cold and flu season but it is not over yet. This is all in cooperation of all our families and staff in following a healthy practice of keeping your sick children at home. For ease of reference our policy is listed below:

- ◇ If your child has a fever (100°F or 38°C), diarrhea or vomiting they need to stay home for 24 hours after their symptoms are gone without the aid of medication.
- ◇ If your child does require medication while at the center please let your child's teacher know and they will help you fill out the correct medication form.
- ◇ All medication must come in the original packaging with the entire prescription and doctors information.

Please remember if your child is well enough to attend our center then they must be well enough to participate in all our activities, including going outside.

Outdoor Clothing

Our January weather as usual has given us a mix of weather! Please send your child with clothing for the variety of outdoor conditions snow pants and/or splash pants, a couple pairs of mittens, hat, jacket.

Your child also needs a complete change of clothing for when we get wet or dirty.

Picking up, dropping off and the BMCDC Entrance

Pick up and drop off times are very busy periods of the day. Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us.

When dropping off your child please help them hang up their belongings in their cubby and their boots on their boot rack or their designated space.

Please arrive allowing your child enough time to clean up their mess at the end of the day. When picking up your child ensure you have made contact with your child's teacher by speaking with them directly, making eye contact, wave or even have your child inform their teacher prior to leaving. This is especially important when picking up from gym or as the children are arriving back at the center from outside.

School PD Days & Teachers Convention

Edmonton Public schools have a PD day on Monday February 6th and Edmonton Catholic schools have a PD day on Tuesday February 7th. On each of these days we will be visiting our community library and Safeway in Riverbend Square. If your child would like to check out a book or two, have them come with their library card.

There is no school on Thursday, March 2nd and Friday, March 3rd for Teachers Convention. We will be planning fieldtrips these days and will send out permission forms by email as soon as the fieldtrips have been confirmed. Any suggestions you may have are welcome!

Spring Break

Spring Break this year is from March 27th– 31st. We are beginning to plan our fieldtrips for this week. To help us better plan our fieldtrips please let us know if your child will be attending this week.

If you or your child have any suggestions please send me an email and I will find out more information.

We will have the permission forms emailed out by the second week in March and they will need to be returned by Friday March 17th as we have to confirm numbers with our fieldtrip destinations a week prior to spring break.

Summer Fieldtrip Planning

Even though the snow is still on the ground we are beginning to plan summer fieldtrips!

We are always looking for suggestions from the parents and children in regards to favorites, ones your children did not enjoy and new ideas!

Please email us any suggestions via email at brookview@brookviewchildcare.com

Kindergarten Registration

As long as your child is 5 by March 1, 2017, they are eligible to register for Kindergarten for the 2016—2017 School year. Registration has begun at most Catholic and Public schools. Please visit the Edmonton Catholic Schools website at www.ecsd.net and Edmonton Public Schools website at www.e-psb.ca for more information.

Please be advised that St Monica has yellow bus services to our center. We also walk children who are in AM Kindergarten to George Luck School.

Should you have any questions please feel free to speak with our assistant directors, Amy or Sherri. Please let us know what school your child will be attending once you have registered.

Dates to Remember

Monday February 6th—No School for Edmonton Public Schools

Tuesday February 7th—No School for Edmonton Catholic Schools

Tuesday February 14th—Valentines Day Party!

Monday February 20th—CLOSED for Family Day

Thursday March 2nd & Friday March 3rd— Teachers Convention

March 27th-31st— Spring Break

Toddler News

In January, our toddlers learned and developed a lot of new skills. Based on our children's interest, we explored popsicle sticks, pizza, vegetables, and superheroes. Their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination are improving each day. They love scribbling, coloring, cutting, and ripping papers so we planned activities based on this. Our children worked hard on identifying the different fruits and vegetables, and the older toddlers were even able to sort them by color! We also cooked pizza in January and the kids loved the experience. So yummy!

Transition & Preschool News

It's already February! Wow! We have been enjoying the nice weather and spent a lot of time outside in the snow. We also had a wonderful experience celebrating Chinese New Year. We had fun dancing with the dragon and going on a lucky coin search. We also made Chinese Lanterns and practiced our cutting skills.

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day soon! Our party will be on February 14th. Please let your child wear red, white, pink or a combination of these colors on that day. We will celebrate by playing games, making crafts and handing out cards! We can't wait!

Jr Kinder & Kinder News

Wow did January ever fly by! We had such a fabulous month! Our favorite things were playing on the Adventure Bus, going to U-Play, celebrating Chinese New Year, and learning about superheroes, arctic animals and fairytales. We have been coloring machines for the last month and we are getting super good at staying in the lines! We will continue practicing our fine motor and gross motor skills as well as playing games to learn our letters and numbers. As always, we plan activities based on our observations of the children's interests. So far we have some Star Wars activities planned, as they cannot stop talking about the characters, movies and books! We are excited to see what else the kids come up with this month!

Out of School Care News

Happy Valentine's Day Everyone! The OSC children had a terrific January. Some of our favorite activities were popsicle stick creations, cardboard painting, tinfoil and sharpie art, puppets and cupcakes. Outdoors we enjoyed skating, making ice forts, building snowmen and snow castles, and painting the snow. We also had an amazing time in our bakery themed dramatic play center. The children were very organized and serious when it came to taking orders and serving customers. Our dramatic play area this month will be a Japanese Village, as suggested by the children.

The OSC children are excited about Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day so we have planned accordingly based on these interests. We will also include any activities suggested by the children or observed by the staff to be an exciting topic for the kids. On February 9th we will be baking and decorating cookies!

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 DC Gym	2 OSC Gym	3 DC Gym	4
5	6 Public PD Day (Library)	7 Catholic PD Day (Library) OSC Gym	8 DC Gym Kinder Skating	9 Art With Amanda	10 DC Gym	11
12	13 OSC Gym	14 OSC Gym	15 DC Gym	16 OSC Gym	17 DC Gym	18
19	20 Closed— Family Day	21 OSC Gym	22 DC Gym Kinder Skating	23 Art With Amanda OSC Gym	24	25
26	27 OSC Gym	28 OSC Gym				