



Discovery Playhouse

Children's Society

January/February 2020

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

I hope everyone had a lovely holiday and wonderful start to a new decade, 2020!
Thank you for all the thoughtful cards and gifts! 😊

As always, our staff have come back rested and ready to play with the kids and see how they've grown and changed over the break. We also have a new face in the Daycare ~ Cassidy has joined our amazing Daycare team.



For the children moving onto Kindergarten in 2020, registration dates are fast approaching. Please make sure to check out the SD42 website for details.

February 3rd is our in-house registration for Preschool September 2020 and external registration opens February 18th, both at 6am. To register please email office@discoveryplayhouse.ca with your first class choice in the subject line and in the body of the email put your child's full name, date of birth and your second choice class. Once we have received your email and added you to a class list you will be contacted by the office. The evening of February 24th will be our meeting for all new parents.

January 24th is a Pro D Day - No Preschool; Adventurers sign up for care
Feb 3rd In-House Preschool Registration for Sept 2020-June 2021 School Year
February 13th is a Pro D Day - No Preschool; Adventurers sign up for care
February 14th PME not in session - No Preschool; Adventurers sign up for care
February 17th Family Day - Center is Closed
February 18th External Preschool Registration

Hope you survive the unpredictable weather in January & February!

Rachel
Executive Director

DAYCARE COLUMN



Hello Daycare Families, Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season. The children are quickly settling back into our routines and we are starting off the new year with our "All About Me" theme. This week we have drawn pictures of ourselves by looking at our reflection in the mirror, and we have been talking about our emotions.

In anticipation of potential snow in the forecast, we made "puffy foam paint" and the children enjoyed creating snowmen out of marshmallows.

We have a new staff member in the daycare, we are excited to welcome Cassidy to our team.

Show and Share days:

Each child in the daycare gets their own special show and share day. On this day, your child does the weather board, chooses a nursery rhyme to do in front of their friends, and can bring something special from home that they can show, and share with their friends. Because we have more children in the daycare than we do days in the month, your child may not have show and tell that month, however they will have it the following month. Each child is rotated through and all show and share days are tracked so no children will be forgotten. We understand the children are excited to have their turn and it's hard to wait for their special day, so we have "Home Toy Fridays" so all children are able to bring that special toy from home to show and share with their friends.

Please dress warm! The weather is supposed to get very cold in the upcoming weeks, the children need their winter boots, winter jackets, toques and mittens. And please remember... Label! Label! Label!

Our Valentine's Day Party will be February 14th. Every child can bring Valentines cards. Please do not fill in the

TO: __BLANK__, leave this blank or write

TO: My Friend This is a great opportunity for your child to print their name on all the cards on the **FROM: (your child's name)** spots. This is usually a big job for your children, it is usually too much to do in once sitting, so please encourage your children to print their own names but start early and do it over a few days or even weeks. Please see a teacher if there is any question about this.



Dates to remember:

Feb 3rd In-House Preschool Registration for Sept 2020-June 2021 School Year

Feb 5th Library day (all children)

Feb 14th Valentines Day Party

Feb 17th Family Day (center closed)

If you have any questions feel free to come talk to us,

Christina, Jen, Victoria, Abi, and Cassidy

PRESCHOOL COLUMN

Happy New Year everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful break. January and February are typically very wet and cold. Please make sure you send appropriate outerwear as we go outside no matter what the weather. Please label everything as the cubby area can get very disorganized. Also be mindful that we do not allow boots in the gym and or classroom so please change into non-marking shoes once you arrive and leave their boots in their cubby for them to use when we go outside.

January 24th is our Parent/Teacher interviews. These are very informal and are only 10 minutes in duration. If you did not get a chance to sign up, you can always talk to us at the end of the day if you have any concerns.

We have been making an "All About Me" book since September and we would like all the children to bring in a baby photo by January 27th & 28th.



Our Valentine's Day Parties will be February 11th & 12th. Every child can bring Valentines cards. Please do not fill in the **TO: __BLANK__**, leave this blank. This is a great opportunity for your child to print their name on all the cards on the **FROM: (your child's name)** spots. This is usually a big job for your children, it is usually too much to do in once sitting, so please encourage your children to print their own names but start early and do it over a few days or even weeks. Please see a teacher if there is any question about this.

There will be no school on January 24th, Feb 13th, 14th and 17th.

I'm sure these months will be very busy so please keep an eye out for any other information that comes up in emails and in the sign in book.

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Your Teachers,
Lori, Sonja and Abby

ADVENTURER'S COLUMN



Hopefully everyone had a wonderful winter break. Thanks for all the cards, gifts and well wishes over the holiday season. They are much appreciated. With the crazy weather, we have been having, we need the children to come prepared for both the rain and the cold weather. Even on days when its too wet to go outside, we must still walk back to the room so appropriate clothing is a must. If your child does not need to be picked up after school, please let us know.

December was a busy month for us as we prepared our Christmas presents and took our monthly trip to the library. Our outdoor time over the last month was a little less because of all the rain, but the children enjoyed tag, kick the can and climbing on the monkey bars. Back in the room, playing board games like Stratego and our new game Spot It, were very popular. The art table is always busy, and they have been painting up a storm. Our gym time has been very important to us and the children continue to enjoy it immensely. Tag, Basketball and throwing the balls around are a great way to start the day.



There is a Pro D day in January on 24, so look for a sign-up sheet for that. As well we are planning for our Spring Break adventures and we'll keep you posted. If you have any question or concerns, feel free to email the office or talk to me directly.

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Rob and Jane