



A Message from Our Teachers

Thank you to all our four-year old students for taking a part in our Show and Share days this month. It is truly special to get a bit closer to your children's world through them sharing their most precious possessions and stories with their classmates.

We look forward to our most exciting event of the year - Mother's Day Tea. Children are learning songs and preparing surprises for moms to make this day special for all. We ask all moms to bring a picture of themselves to preschool by Wednesday, April 29. The pictures will help us to visualize the discussions about moms.

The Mother's Day Tea parties take the place of regular classes and are approximately one hour long. Please double check the times below to organize your day. Be on time, we will not start without you! If you have any questions, please check in with your child's teacher.

Ms. Nataliya and Ms. Carmen



Mother's Day Tea Parties!

We are in the planning stages for a special celebration for our Mom`s. Please note the dates below and try to make sure your calendar is clear so you may join us during your child`s regular class time. Parties will last approximately (1) hour, after which class will be dismissed. We ask that in order to make it a special time for you and your preschooler that siblings do not attend.

Tuesday, May 5th, 2014 - Ms. Carmen's 3 A.M class and 3 P.M class (Tu/Th).

Wednesday, May 6th, 2014 - Ms. Carmen's 4 A.M class and 3 P.M class (M/W).

Thursday, May 7th, 2014 - Ms. Nataliya's 3 A.M class and 4 P.M class.

Friday, May 8th, 2014 - Ms. Nataliya's 4 A.M class.

Please remember to drop off your child at 9:00am and return at 9:30am or for the afternoon classes- at 12:30pm and return at 1:00pm.

This gives the children time to prepare for your tea.

For all classes that are not having a "tea day" it will be regular class times with outdoor activities (weather permitting).





We still have space remaining in our classrooms next year!

3 Year old afternoon classes
12:30-2:30 M/W or T/Th

Pre-K 4 year old program
M/W/F 8:45- 11:45
Mon-Thurs 12:30-3:30

3 year old Program	4 year old Program
2 hours x 2 days a week, mornings or afternoons	3 hours x 3 days a week (mornings) 3 hours x 4 days a week (afternoons)
Positive introduction to school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • build trusting relationships with other adults • foster self-esteem • encourage interactions with peers • establish classroom routine and expectations 	Foster positive connection with school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL outlined in the 3-yr old program AND • nurture relationships with other adults and peers • further improve social skills • build friendships • encourage cooperation and teamwork
Circle times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • story time: books, felt stories, puppet shows • songs • finger plays • games • discussions, turn taking 	Extended circle times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL outlined in the 3-yr old program AND • calendar activities • introduction to letters of the week and phonics making use of the Handwriting Without Tears (HWT) program • Empathy program – literacy circles and baby visits
Learning stations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These activities change daily and may include prewriting activities, painting, cutting and pasting, colouring, seasonal crafts, play dough, sorting by colors or shapes, building or imaginative toys, games 	Learning stations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All outlined in the 3-yr old program AND • introduction to printing upper case letters and students' names making use of the HWT program • more advanced crafts, colouring, cutting and pasting • introduction to mathematical literacy through counting, patterning, sorting
Play Centers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A favourite time! Both programs have an opportunity for child-directed play in one of the many play centers: house center, story center, building center, puzzles, sand table, water table, etc. 	Play Centers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The same play centers are offered to a small number of participants each. Students are expected to track their movement through the centers, thus, making choices, taking turns and often trying new things.
Gym activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily physical activities in the gym: musical activities, games, use of equipment such as bean bags, ribbons, balls, hoola hoops, parachute 	Gym activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL outlines in the 3-yr old program AND • Additional focus on fundamental movement skills • Body moves classes with a physical education specialist
Music classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bimonthly classes with a music specialist after Christmas 	Music classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes with a music specialist throughout the year
Outdoor activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled bimonthly outdoor days, sometimes more when taking advantage of good weather • Seasonal nature walks 	Outdoor activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL outlined in 3-yr old program AND • Additional learning with nature experiences during nature walks • Cross country Skiing
Adventures with Food: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discovering new foods on color days • baking Mother's day and Father's day goodies 	Adventures with Food: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All outlined in 3-yr old program AND • Some additional samplings on special days • Seasonal projects: apple sauce, baking bread, Christmas cookies
Library visits: A school bus ride for a program designed especially for our 2 age groups – books, finger plays, songs and other activities with Ms. Rhonda and the chance to take out books	
Community visitors: We are so fortunate to have a variety of community members support our program through visits and presentations tailored to our 2 age groups: health nurses, veterinarians, fire fighters, environmental educators, a nutritionist, a dental hygienist, RCMP officers, local athletes...and sometimes other talented parents!	

Time to register for Canmore Preschool's summer camps!!

Registration is now open to the public so be sure to reserve a spot in one of our remaining camps while they are still available.

We are offering 2 camps this year-

July 6-10- The Mighty Jungle

July 13-17 - Young Scientists

Camp times: 8:45-11:45am or 12:30-3:30pm

-Children need to be 3 years of age on or before the first day of camp.

-Children must be potty trained.

-Camp fees must be paid in full in order to secure a spot in camp.

-Space is limited.

Still Some Space Available in Summer Camps!

Please tell your friends with children ages 3 to 5 to join us for heaps of summer fun. Registration is ongoing. Registration forms and waiver can be found at canmorepreschool.com or at the preschool office.



****Please check the Canmore Preschool website for more information****

~THANK YOU!!~

- Thanks to Cathy Robinson for another year of fun and body move activities with our 4 year old classes -
- Thank you to Ben Murray's Grandma Bea for coming in to our 4 year old classes to remind children about brushing and caring for their teeth.
- Thank you to all the wonderful Child Development Facilitators with Cause & Effect that we have had the privilege to work with all year. Linda, Courtney, Cheri, Leah, Dansya and Julia. Your caring and helpful support is much appreciated.
- Thank you to the parents who have borrowed the bouncy castle and have donated to the Preschool through Dan Sparks and Associates. Call Laura Quelch 403 688-3001 to book the castles for your events!

~FRIENDLY REMINDERS~

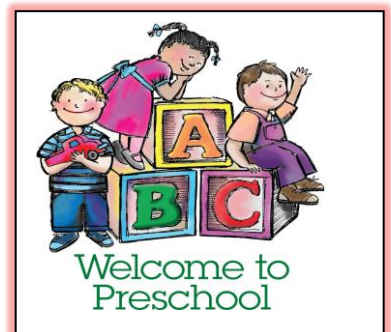
- ****If there are bikes parked outside the daycare or preschool, they belong to the children who brought them. Please remind your children that they are not to be used.**
- ***Donate to the Canmore Preschool at the Bottle Depot.**
- **Scholastic books help raise funds / points for teachers to purchase new books.**
- *Please remember to check the volunteer board and to sign up for parent of the day.**
- **Occasionally check the Lost & Found to ensure your child does not have any missing items.**

Open house

Wednesday, May 13th 4:00 - 6:00pm

The Preschool will be holding an Open House on May 13th. Please tell your friends and neighbours with 3 and 4 year old children to stop by to visit our classrooms and to find out about our programs! Teachers and Board members will be present to answer any questions. We also invite interested parents to call and set up a time to visit us during regular class time.

There will be cookies!





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Carmen's Mother's Day Tea C3am/C3pm	6 Carmen's Mother's Day Tea C4am/C3pm	7 Nataliya's Mother's Day Tea N3am/N4pm	8 Nataliya's Mother's Day Tea N4am	9
10	11 Library 4am/4pm	12 Library 3am/3pm	13 PINK DAY 4am/4pm 3pm Open House 4-6pm	14 PINK DAY 3am/3pm	15	16
17	18 No school Victoria Day	19	20 Outdoor Day 4am/4pm 3pm	21 Outdoor Day 3am/3pm	22	23
	25 Spring Walk 4am/4pm 3pm	26 Spring Walk 3am/3pm	27 Music 4am/4pm 3pm	28 Music 3am/3pm	29	30
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