Best wishes for a happy holiday season!

Our theme in January will be the “Ocean”. We will learn many fingerplays and songs, read various books and learn about ocean life. We will conclude the theme with Beach Day for our 3-year old students and Hawaiian Day for our Pre-K students. Please dress for the beach, bring a beach towel and a tropical snack. During Hawaiian Day our Pre-K classes will have a chance to taste a delicious pineapple. Let us know if you have any concerns about this.

Library visits

Our monthly visits to the Canmore library will start in January. We will take buses to the library for this special program with Ms. Rhonda. Student pick up on library days will be from the library (except for Ms. Carmen’s Pre-K afternoon class which will ride the bus both ways with pick up, as usual, at the preschool). Due to safety concerns, we ask that parents arrive 10-15 minutes earlier to assist their child in selecting and checking out books together. Please arrange for your child to have a library card before their first trip. This can be done at the library and there is no cost involved.

Music classes

Pre-K classes will continue with monthly classes with Ms. Sue and our 3 year old classes will start our bi-monthly music program with Entangled Puppetry.

Transitions to Pre-K

January is the time when many families begin looking into programs for the upcoming school year. If your child is moving on to a Pre-K program, we encourage you to take a closer look at how our programs grow with your child. Please consider the information below to learn how our programs evolve and build on your child’s previous experience with us. We would also like to invite you to see our Pre-K program in action! Please contact the office to arrange a visit during January or February or to talk with our teachers. We would love to tell you more!

We look forward to new learning adventures together in 2018!

Ms. Carmen and Ms. Claire
“Slippery Fish” by Charlotte Diamond will be our signature song for the month of January. Here are the lyrics for you to enjoy the song at home together with your child!

Slippery fish, slippery fish
Sliding through the water.
Slippery Fish, slippery fish,
GULP! GULP! GULP!
OH, NO! It’s been eaten by an...

Octopus, Octopus,
Squiggling through the water
Octopus, Octopus,
GULP! GULP! GULP!
OH, NO! It’s been eaten by a...

Tuna fish, tuna fish,
Flashing through the water
Tuna fish, Tuna fish
GULP! GULP! GULP!
OH, NO! It’s been eaten by a...

Great white shark, great white shark,
Lurking in the water
Great white shark, great white shark
GULP! GULP! GULP!
OH, NO! It’s been eaten by a...

Humongous whale, humongous whale,
Spouting in the water.
Humongous whale, humongous whale,
GULP! GULP! GULP!

BURP!! (PARDON ME!)

Total tickets sold: 1,304
Gross revenue: $6,520.00
Costs: Less than $200.
Congratulations to all the winners and the top ticket sellers! Winners have all been contacted and are posted on our website.

Thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets!
Thank you to all of the generous local business who donated our fabulous prizes!

Thank You...
..to Rhonda Sato of the Canmore Library for bringing songs and stories into our classrooms in December.
We’re excited to visit her at the library each month for the rest of the year!
## Our Preschool Programs at a Glance

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| 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:  
  - build trusting relationships with other adults  
  - foster self-esteem  
  - encourage interactions with peers  
  - establish classroom routine and expectations | Foster positive connection with school:  
  - 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:  
  - storytime: books, felt stories, puppet shows  
  - songs  
  - finger plays  
  - games  
  - discussions, turn taking | Extended circle times:  
  - 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:  
  - These activities change daily and may include  
    prewriting activities, painting, cutting and pasting,  
    colouring, seasonal crafts, playdough, sorting by colors or shapes, building or imaginative toys, games | Learning stations:  
  - 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:  
  - 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:  
  - 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:  
  - Daily physical activities in the gym: musical activities, games, use of equipment such as bean bags, ribbons, balls, hula hoops, parachute | Gym activities:  
  - 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:  
  - Bimonthly classes with a music specialist after Christmas | Music classes:  
  - Classes with a music specialist throughout the year |
| Outdoor activities:  
  - Scheduled bimonthly outdoor days, sometimes more when taking advantage of good weather  
  - Seasonal nature walks | Outdoor activities:  
  - ALL outlined in 3-yr old program AND  
  - Additional learning with nature experiences during nature walks  
  - Cross country ski field trip |
| Adventures with Food:  
  - discovering new foods on color days  
  - baking Mother’s day and Father’s day goodies | Adventures with Food:  
  - All outlined in 3-yr old program AND  
  - Some additional samplings on special days  
  - Seasonal projects: applesauce, baking bread, soup, Christmas cookies |

**Library visits:**
A school bus ride for a program designed especially for our 2 age groups – books, fingerplays, 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!
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**Winter Break - Classes resume January 8th, 2018**

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- **Body Moves** PreKAM & PM (7 Jan)
- **Entangled Music** PreKAM & PM (9 Jan)
- **Nutritionist** PreKAM & PM (15 Jan)
- **Music w/Sue** PreKAM & PM (16 Jan)
- **BLUE Day** PreKAM & PM (17 Jan)
- **Outdoor Day** PreKAM & PM (13 Jan)
- **Beach Day** PreKAM & PM (25 Jan)
- **Hawaiian Beach Day** PreKAM & PM (26 Jan)

**FYI:** Lindsey will be away 24-Jan to 3-Feb