**A Message from our Teachers**

**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 make sure you have a library card before your child’s first trip. This can be done at the library and there is no cost involved.

**Music classes**

Pre-K classes will continue with monthly music classes and our 3 year old classes will start bi-monthly classes 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. The best way to do this is to see our PreK 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 2020!**

Ms. Claire and Ms. Carmen

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**Rocky Mountain Raffle**

**Total tickets sold: 2,010**

**Gross revenue: $10,050**

*Preschool has been organizing raffles for 20 years, and this is the most we’ve ever sold! Thank you all ♥*

**Costs:** License $25.50, Printing $240.45  
**Net revenue:** $9,784.50

Congratulations to all the winners and the top ticket sellers! Winners have all been contacted and are posted on our website.

- Thank you to all of the generous local businesses who donated fabulous prizes!

**Help us avoid a spring fundraiser by participating in**

**Save-On-Foods Grocery Card Fundraising**

The Artisans Market and the Raffle did very well this year! With the addition of the grocery card fundraising, we may not need to run our usual spring fundraiser…if we can just get a few more grocery card orders!

- Buy a Save-On-Foods gift card and Preschool receives 10%.
- For example, if you pay $100, you receive a $100 grocery card, plus Preschool receives $10.  
- Orders can be recurring and added to your monthly preschool program fees, or you can place a one-time order and pay by cash, cheque, or credit card. There is no cost to you other than the short delay between payment and receiving the card.
- Payments due on the 7th of each month; cards ready around the 15th. Contact preschool any time to cancel or add future cards. Cards do not expire, are like cash, and cannot be replaced if lost, so keep them safe!
Things to watch for in the new year...

- **January** Online parent survey - Your feedback will help inform our planning decisions for the 2020-2021 school year.
- **February** Registration opens online for 2020-2021.
- **March** Annual General Meeting & Registration Night – exact date and location TBA.
- Our 3yo and PreK classes offer different programming designed to grow with your child leading up to kindergarten. If you have questions about this before registration begins, please chat with Lindsey or your teacher.
- We will be seeking volunteers to [join the board](#) for next year, so please let Lindsey know if you’d be interested. Remember, board members are guaranteed their child’s class placement and the position fulfills your out-of-class volunteer hours.

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**January’s Signature Song**

Slippery Fish

*This song 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!)

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**What Changes from 3yo Preschool to PreK?**

For those of you currently in our 3yo classes, you may wonder if PreK is the same program. It’s not! In addition to longer classes, more complex games, crafts, and activities, here are some of the highlights of what you can expect in PreK that you will not have seen in the 3yo programs. These are in addition to all the favorites – library visits, music with Entangled Puppetry, puppet shows, Mothers Day tea party songs and projects, community visitors, etc.

- **Handwriting Without Tears** – curriculum for learning to write.
- **Empathy Program** – with literacy circles, art projects, and monthly baby visits.
- **Super Helper System** – each day a different child will be the teacher’s super helper with special responsibilities.
- **Calendar Counting Songs** – during circle time at the start of each class, the group goes over the monthly calendar, the daily schedule, and the letter sound of the day with special songs.
- **Body Moves** – physical literacy classes with Cathy Robinson.
- **Ski Day** – a cross country skiing lesson with TrailSports at the Nordic Centre.
- **Food Adventures** – bread baking, apple sauce making, pumpkin carving, soup making, cookie baking, pineapple tasting, and more.
- **Seed Sprouting** – in the spring we will plant lettuce and spinach seeds for tasting, as well as making "grass heads" with sprouted grass seed for hair that we can cut as it grows.
- **Additional activities when the opportunity arises** – this year so far PreK has also enjoyed a visit from AB Parks educators & a walk to Crockadoodle for a special craft.
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**January 2020**

Winter Break - Classes resume January 6th, 2020

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- **6th January**
  - Body Moves
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **7th January**
  - Music w/Tangle
  - 3yoPM/w

- **8th January**
  - Music w/Tangle
  - PreKPM, Outdoors

- **9th January**
  - Blue Day
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **10th January**
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **11th January**
  - PreKPM, Outdoors

- **12th January**
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **13th January**
  - Outdoor Day
  - PreKAM, 3yoPM/w

- **14th January**
  - Outdoor Day
  - 3yoPM/w

- **15th January**
  - Blue Day
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **16th January**
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **17th January**
  - PreKPM, Outdoors

- **18th January**
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **19th January**
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **20th January**
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **21st January**
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **22nd January**
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **23rd January**
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **24th January**
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **25th January**
  - Beach Day
  - PreKPM, Outdoors

- **26th January**
  - Hawaiian Day
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **27th January**
  - Library Day
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **28th January**
  - Library Day
  - 3yoPM/w

- **29th January**
  - Library Day
  - PreKAM, PreKPM

- **30th January**
  - Beach Day
  - PreKPM, Outdoors

- **31st January**
  - Beach Day
  - PreKPM, Outdoors