



# December 2020 NEWSLETTER



## Infants



Winter is nearing and we are so excited about talking about all the winter traditions. We would like to ask all families to please share with us some traditions your families celebrate during the month of December.

We would also like to remind all parents to please provide weather appropriate clothing so that our little ones can enjoy the beautiful outdoors.



# Toddlers

## Toddler 1



December is here and we are excited to spend the last weeks of the year talking about winter, the changes we are seeing outside and the many different holidays celebrated during the month of December.

This month in the toddler 1 classroom we are working with our toddlers on developing their fine motor skills through various different activities.

We would also like to remind all parents to please provide weather appropriate clothing so that our little ones can enjoy the beautiful outdoors.



## Toddler 2

The weather is changing and winter is coming, to all of our families we ask that you please ensure to bring clothing for outdoors so that our toddlers can enjoy the fun of playing in the snow and continuing to develop their gross motor skills during outdoor fun.

This month in the toddler two classroom we are going to be continuing the exploration of transportation. Our toddlers are showing great interest in the ways that we can go around from one place to another so incorporating this in our programming allows for the children to continue to be engaged.



# Preschoolers



## Preschool 1

Winter is here and what better time to teach our preschoolers self-dressing skills! In preschool 1 we are working with our little ones to support them in doing up zippers, put on hats, taking off their boots, etc.

During the month of December, we will be celebrating all of the different holidays celebrated in the month of December. We would like to ask all families to please share with us some traditions your families celebrate during the month of December.

We would like to wish all of our families all the best during this holiday season. May 2021 be filled with joy, happy memories and good health.



## Preschool 2:

Happy December, 2020 is almost coming to an end. During the month of December, we are going to be working on our fine motor skills, such as cutting sheets of paper, and holding crayons and markers.

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### Preschool 3:



The end of the year is near, the weather is changing and we are so excited to learn all about the season of winter, the changes in temperatures, and talking about the a new year.

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## Kindergarten



During the month of November, our kindergarteners explored the theme of space. They counted astronauts, learned to identify planets, constructed telescopes to look far and beyond and so much more! The children have been particularly interested in rocket ships and astronauts.

As we continue to explore this theme the children will learn more about what astronauts do and how they live in space. We will also continue to explore the planets in our solar system.



## Supervisor

December has arrived and we are preparing to wrap up the year 2020. This year has been anything but normal, we have been faced with challenges which none of us could have ever imagined. Through it all we have supported each other in ways which will never be forgotten. I want to take this time to thank each and every parent for your trust in us, I know it has not been easy and that childcare has not looked or been experienced in the ways in which you would have expected it, but together we have risen above and made this experience as "normal" as possible for the children. We have been given the opportunity to continue to enrich their lives, their development and their knowledge because you have trusted us to do so. For that, we Thank You!

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and healthy holiday season and a prosperous 2021

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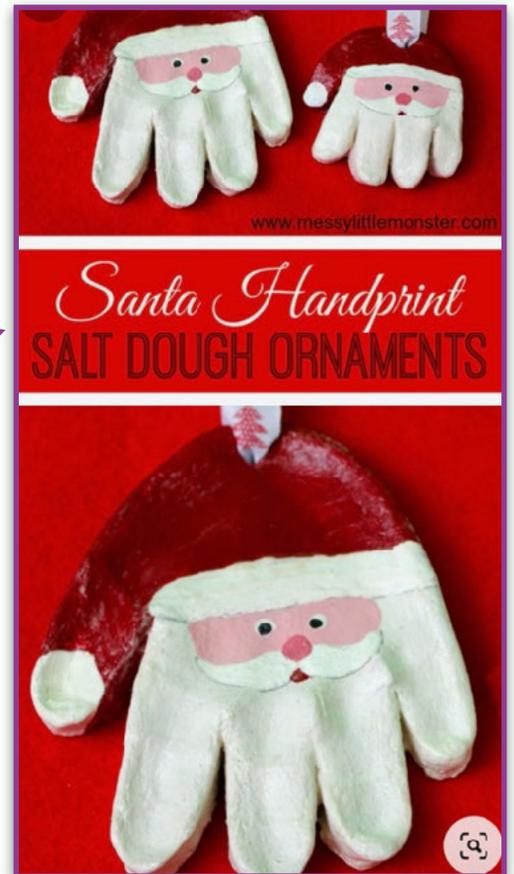
## Centre Reminder

With colder weather quickly approaching we are kindly asking parents to call their children's classrooms 10 minutes prior to pick up, allowing the classroom educators to get your children dressed and ready for when you arrive at the centre!

Please mention to educators if anything in the cubby area needs to be brought home.

## Learning Fun

**Art:** A fun Christmas activity you can do with your little ones during the winter weather is making salt dough. All you will need is: 2 cups flour, 1 cup salt, 1 cup of cold water and different shaped cookie cutters. Mix, knead, and use the cookie cutters to create your desired shapes. You can also use your handprints. Bake for 20-30 minutes, let cool, and then paint and decorate!



**Science:** Magic milk can be created with milk, food colouring, dish soap and q-tips. All you have to do is pour milk into a container, add 2-3 drops of food colouring and dip the q-tip into some dish soap. As you touch the food colouring with your q-tip, watch as the milk starts separating and creates swirly colourful patterns!

## Event Calendar



**Dec  
24th**



Christmas Eve –  
centre closes at  
2:00pm



**Dec  
25th**



Christmas –  
centre closed



**Dec  
28th**



Boxing Day  
Centre Closed



**Dec  
31st**



New Year's Eve –  
centre closes at  
2:00pm



**Jan  
1st**



New Year's Day –  
centre closed

## Director

Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Mahayana, Lohri, season is near, and while we all adapt to the new surroundings, we are looking to keep the Christmas spirit alive, especially for the children. This Christmas try and look for new ways to celebrate and have fun this Holiday season.

The Corona Virus Pandemic may mean your Christmas won't look exactly the same as it usually does, but it's easy to get creative! Some of your ideas may be good so you'll make new traditions along the way, and think about continuing them in the years to come.

Prioritize the traditions that matter most to you and your family and preserve the essence of the holidays. Here are a couple ideas that you might consider adding to your traditions this year.

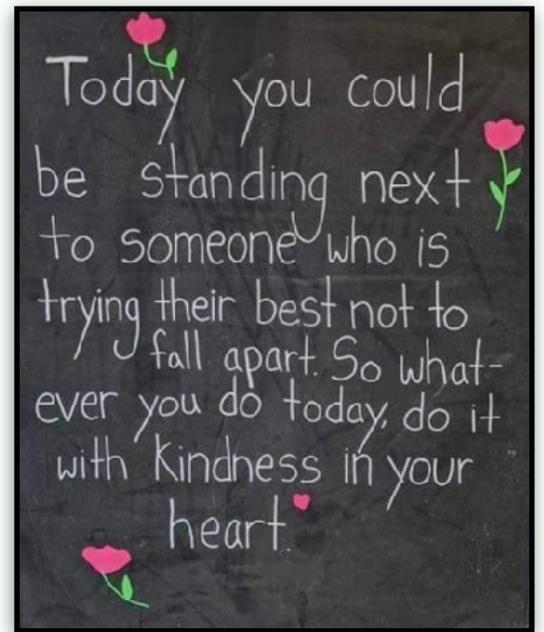
1. Entertain the outdoors. Find a Christmas tree farmer near you, and go cut down your own Christmas tree, decorate it as a family while you listen to Christmas carols and enjoy a hot cup of cocoa.
2. Create your own advent calendar. Dedicate 24 boxes or envelopes to start counting down to Christmas. Instead of a treat, these items can be something you can do as a family. Your activities don't have to be elaborate, bake cookies as a family, read a Christmas story or even watch a Christmas movie while wearing Santa hats. Have fun with it!
3. If 2020 has taught us anything, it's how much people mean to us, so go ahead and write a letter to a family member, friend or neighbour and deliver it to them with a fresh batch of cookies.

From year to year you may not exactly remember what happened during the holidays, but when something is this different it'll stick out. Things that go wrong often make the best memories, this exceptional Holiday season will probably be more memorable because it is so different and we just have to find a way to make the most of it.

Here are a few Winter activities to do in the GTA, please call to confirm availability and COVID protocols.

- Outdoor skating trails
- Ski at Glen Eden
- Holiday nights of lights
- Toronto light festival
- Tubing at Lakeridge

From our family to yours wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas, happy holidays and a Happy New year, please keep safe and enjoy the time spent with your family and creating unforgettable memories.



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