

DREAMS UNLIMITED NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2012

Yeah, it's springtime!! I know we just had a winter storm on Easter but sunshine and warm weather is here.

SPRING PROJECT

The children ages 2-4 will be starting a new project. Bicycles!! With the warmer weather they have been very excited to be able to ride bikes. We will begin by exploring what we already know about bicycles and let me just say these children know lots. I can't wait to see where this project will go.

P.S. With the high interest to use bicycles we have more bikes than we have helmets. If you would like your child to bring his/her helmet we can make sure it is labelled and this will cut down on your child's waiting time.

FIELDTRIP

Our fieldtrip to the library is being rescheduled for April 18th-Toddlers and April 19th-Preschoolers. Stay tune for trips regarding our bicycle project.

SCHOOL AGE SUMMER CAMP

I am excited to say that Ken Trenholm is the school age summer camp coordinator this year. Welcome back Ken! If you have not confirmed with me whether your child is or is not attending the camp please do so ASAP. Spaces are limited and I do have families outside the centre who are wanting a space but I want to ensure that you have a spot first. Ken will be meeting with the school children in the near future to brainstorm with them about what they would like to be doing. P.S. Ken will also be posting a "survey", giving you an opportunity to share what you would like your child's summer to look like.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

The virtue of the month is friendliness. The truth is this is a virtue that really needs to be strengthened with the children ages 2-4 at this time. So we are asking for your help. If you could encourage your child to use their friendliness at home and we can do the same at the centre then ideally this virtue would be strengthened as quickly as possible. Here are some possible examples; some may be quite familiar to you: (1) using the words please and thank you (i.e. during meal time), (2) playing that requires turn taking and sharing (memory games, coloring, making a puzzle, etc.), using the language "friendly" with your child (i.e. "It looks like you are forgetting to be friendly", "Wow, look at how friendly you're being. Your.....(whatever the child is doing that looks friendly)", or "How can we change this to be more friendly?" and come up with possible solutions.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We have been working hard preparing for parent-teacher interviews, using our new curriculum framework given from the Department of Education. Parent-teacher interviews for children ages 0-4 years will be held during the week of May 28-June 1. Signup sheets will be posted as we get closer to the date.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER

If you would like to place an order the forms are due on Monday April 16th.

PLAYGROUND RECONSTRUCTION

Our parent advisory committee has now met twice, mainly discussing the reconstruction of

our playground. I am very excited. Once approved by our landlord a copy of the blueprint of the playground will be posted. One of our major items to be purchased is a gazebo. The cost of the reconstruction will be quite high so more fundraising will be in our near future. Some of the activities will be a bake good silent auction, a playground fund jar, funscripts, and a mom/grandma & me tea party. We hope to begin the first phase of the reconstruction late May. More info. to come.

MENU

We are in the process of making healthier changes to our menu which will reflect the suggestions that the Healthy Eating Alliance is making for all early years centres under the Department of Education. Two major changes is adding peanut butter back to our menu and adding fish (such as tuna and haddock). If your child has not tried either peanut butter or fish please let us know. We always recommend introducing new food at home first.

FACEBOOK CONTEST

Check out how you could win \$100 off of your Dreams Unlimited childcare bill. More info. can be found on the Dreams Unlimited website or face book page.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 4th - Closed for PD day
May 21st - Closed for Victoria Day
May 28-June 1st - Parent-teacher interviews

Here's to a great month ahead!!