

PRESCHOOL 2 CALENDAR

Important Dates

- Hanukkah – Dec 3rd – Dec 10th
- Christmas Eve – Dec 24th (centre open until 2pm)
- Christmas Day – Dec 25th (centre closed)
- Boxing Day – Dec 26th (centre closed)
- New Year's Eve – Dec 31st (centre open until 2pm)
- New Year's Day – Jan 1st (centre closed)

Program Enrichment

Additional Program Enrichment will be provided by visits from Diane (on Thursdays) and Kim, the Librarian.

How does Learning Happen?

Does your family celebrate a specific holiday during the winter months? All around the world, families celebrate in different ways and at different times. Some families do not observe celebrations, and that's okay! We are all different and unique in our own way. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Pancha Ganapati, Malanka, Orthodox Christmas or another observance, it is important to us to honour and respect your culture. Children are encouraged to **express** themselves by **engaging** others in their cultural celebrations. Understanding and discussing these various celebrations can help your child feel a sense of **belonging** in our classroom.



Science Experiences

- With fresh snow, there are many science experiences we can partake in as a group. Some ideas we may explore (that you can do at home, as well) include:
 - Using food colouring to dye the snow
 - Watching snow melt – use salt to speed up the process!
 - Pouring organic materials (like honey) onto the snow to watch it freeze



Skills we will be working on:

Social Skills

- Beginning to identify solutions to conflict without the assistance of educators (1.2 conflict resolution and social problem solving skills)

Pre-reading Skills

- Recalling past events and sharing stories during group time (3.9 retelling stories)

Self Help Skills

- Independently remembering hats, neck warmers and mittens when dressing (4.1 self-regulation, 4.2 problem solving)

Motor Skills

- Putting snow pants on with little to no assistance (5.3 fine motor: dressing)

Math Skills

- Helping to set the lunch table by putting out forks, plates, etc. (4.12 counting, 4.13 determining quantity)



Preschool 2 wishes everyone a safe winter and happy holidays!