

PRESCHOOL 1 JANUARY 2021 CALENDAR



Did you know that parallel play teaches cooperation, relieves stress, improves brain function and stimulates the mind while boosting creativity? Other aspects of play include improving relationships and connections to others as well as energizes the children. In addition, play empowers their social skills and aids in healing emotional wounds. (ww.parentingforbrain.com). From the age of two to about three children move to playing alongside other children without much interaction with each other. Since time immemorial each generation has been unconsciously practicing social distancing through play. Hence in the 2021 COVID 19 DISEASE the children find it extremely easy to adjust to the new norm.



Important Dates:

January 1 New Year's Day CENTRE CLOSED
January 7 Orthodox Christmas
January 14 Orthodox New Year

Skills We Will Be Working On:

Social Skills:

- Practicing proper hygiene (2.1 responsibility for self 4.8 hand washing)
- Welcoming new children to classroom (1.1 making friends)
- Practicing turn taking with toys and materials while they wait for toys to be disinfected.



Pre-reading Skills:

- Listening to music and audio stories (3-7 enjoying literacy). Connecting our daily experience to pretend play & story telling activities (1.2 conflict resolution & 3.9 retelling stories).
- Associating verbal words with pictures (3.3 matching spoken words with written ones).

Self Help Skills:

- Reviewing hand washing procedures.
- Changing from indoor shoes to outdoor shoes as needed (5.3 dressing).
Practicing proper coughing ethics.
Respecting personal space & virtual or high fives.

Motor Skills:

- Using larger toys outside such as scooters and bikes (5.2 gross motor: riding: 4.22 spatial directions). Dancing to music (5.2 full body movement).

Math Skills:

- Observing and recognizing which friends are missing from the group and how many are present (4.5 observing, 4.12 counting)
- Identifying objects in terms of bigger and smaller, taller and shorter (4.11 seriating)
- Practice social distancing. (4.9 transferring rules from one situation to another.



Question: What has hands and a face, but cannot hold anything or smile?

Answer: A clock!

Question: It belongs to you, but your friends use it more?

Answer: Your name.