

february

PRESCHOOL 1 CALENDAR

Important Dates

- Chinese New Year – February 5th
 - Xīnnián kuàilè (happy new year)
- National Pizza Day – February 9th
- Valentine's Day – February 14th
- Family Day – February 18th (centre is closed)

Science Experience



Because of cold temperatures, we may be spending more time than usual indoors. A fun science experience we can do many times that will keep the children engaged and that we can revisit on frigid days is colour mixing. As a class, we can mix colours together step by step beginning with hypothesizing about what we think will happen.

1. Start with a discussion about what colours we can mix together and what colours we think we will create.
2. Make a chart of our guesses so we can keep track of who came closest to the real result.
3. Start by mixing primary colours like red and yellow and continue mixing until our original colours are no longer visible.
4. Discuss the results at the end and explain why and how these changes were made.

Program Enrichment

Additional Program Enrichment will be provided by Kim the Librarian, and Diane on Tuesday mornings.

How does Learning Happen?

February is Black History Month. Preschool 1 is constantly celebrating both black history and black excellence by observing and **engaging** with the black members of our preschool community, home community, and society in general. The accomplishments of black individuals have not always been recognized so we seek to gain more awareness of the important contributions black members of society have had on our culture as Canadians.

By sharing your own cultural artifacts, stories and experiences, and **expressing** your ideas with us, you can help contribute to another child's understanding of your culture. In order for our children to feel a sense of **belonging** within our Preschool program, we want to encourage them to be proud and happy of their individual, unique culture and to respect and acknowledge the rich and unique culture of others.



Skills we will be working on:

Social Skills

- Beginning to understand that others may differ from them culturally
(1.5 interacting positively and respectfully)

Pre-reading Skills

- Associating verbal words with photos
(3.3 matching spoken words with written ones)

Self Help Skills

- Putting indoor shoes and outdoor boots on with little to no help
(4.2 problem solving, 5.3 dressing)

Motor Skills

- Beginning to engage in gross motor activities for longer periods of time while indoors
(5.1 increasing levels of activity, endurance)

Math Skills

- Helping to set the lunch table
(4.13 determining quantity)