



## Preschool 1 Calendar

### Important Dates

- Autism awareness day – April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Palm Sunday – April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Good Friday – April 19<sup>th</sup> (centre is closed)
- Easter Monday – April 22<sup>nd</sup> (centre is closed)
- World book day – April 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Science Experience

Earth Day is on April 22<sup>nd</sup> this year! To celebrate our Earth, we will be planting flower seeds in our playground. If the weather is nice, we will be able to plant flowers in the garden area of the playground using various seeds and soil. With luck, April showers will help our plants grow through the spring and summer. This is an ongoing science experience that we can all enjoy!



### Program Enrichment

Additional Program Enrichment will be provided by Diane on Tuesday mornings.

### How does Learning Happen?

In April, we are celebrating Thai New Year and Tamil New Year.

Songkran, Thai New Year is a celebration of change, often utilizing water as a conduit to wash away sins and bad luck. In Thailand, celebrants celebrate this tradition by splashing water on each other. This festival is also a festival of unity and is seen as a time to return home and visit family.

Puthandu, Tamil New Year is celebrated with family. Children go to their elders to pay respects and spend time in the family home cleaning the house. The festival also coincides with the 'arpudu' or the first ploughing of the ground to prepare for the new agricultural cycle.

Although these celebrations may differ from our own, they may serve as a reminder to us to spend more time with family, celebrating change and unity. Spending time with family is a great way to help your child gain a sense of **belonging**. Children who are surrounded by loved ones gain a greater understanding of their culture and familial unit—something they can share with their class! We are all different but we have many similarities when it comes to **belonging** to a loving family.

### Skills we will be working on:

#### Social Skills

- Continuing to share materials with friends (1.6 cooperating)

#### Pre-reading Skills

- Spending more time conversing with peers and adults about recent events (3.4 conversing with peers and adults, 3.9 retelling stories)

#### Self Help Skills

- Remembering to wash hands after using the washroom or blowing our noses (4.1 self-regulation)

#### Motor Skills

- Increasing time spent doing activities such as riding bikes, scooters (5.1 increasing levels of activity, endurance)

#### Math Skills

- Observing and recognizing which friends are missing from the group and how many are present (4.5 observing, 4.12 counting)