

Newsletter



DECEMBER 2025



Message From Directors

Dear Families,

As we approach the winter solstice, this moment of the year invites us to pause and reflect on the gentle shift of the seasons. The shorter days and longer nights offer a natural reminder to slow down, find warmth in our routines, and appreciate the small comforts that winter brings. It's a time of quiet beauty, of watching the world transform, and of noticing how even in the coldest months, light always returns.

December also brings with it a rich tapestry of celebrations from around the world. Families near and far honour this season in unique and meaningful ways—through festivals of light, gatherings with loved ones, and traditions passed down through generations. Whether observing Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Dongzhi, Bodhi Day, or any other celebration, this time of year reminds us of the many ways people welcome hope, connection, and renewal.

In our community, we embrace this diversity and the opportunities it brings to learn from one another. By sharing stories, traditions, and symbols of the season, we help children see the beauty in both our similarities and our differences. As winter settles in, we hope your homes are filled with warmth, wonder, and moments of meaningful connection.

With appreciation,
*Tiffany, Jackie
and Joelle*



IMPORTANT DATES



World Discovery Day



December Holidays Around the World

For our World Discovery Day this month, we will travel to participate in December holidays around the world!

If you and your family celebrate a specific holiday that you want to make sure we recognize, please email us to let us know. In past years we have recognized:

Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Chinese New Year.



Community Day



Baking Day! We are happy to welcome parents from our community to join us in baking with the children. We will bake and decorate holiday cookies to share with our friends and family at the Winter Solstice Concert.



Winter Solstice Concert



5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Mountainview Church

We are excited to celebrate the Winter Solstice with you!

Join us for an evening of classroom performances followed by refreshments in the gym. To plan for seating, we ask that each family fill out the sign-up sheet to let us know how many family members will be attending. Note that we will have limited seating available in the gym. Priority for seating will be for children and family members with mobility limitations.



SIGN-UP SHEET



Last Day of Classes



The school will be closed for the holidays from December 20th, 2025 to January 3rd, 2026. We will reopen Monday January 5th, 2026 for our Winter term.

We will celebrate the last day of classes before the holidays with a PJ Party! Please encourage your child to come to school in their PJs and with their favourite stuffy :)

Kindergarten Special Dates

Senior Kindergarten
Elizabeth St. Pumphouse
December 5th



REMINDERS:

BRINGING IN TREATS

We ask that families refrain from bringing in sugary treats for your child's class. We understand that children enjoy bringing in and sharing treats with their friends, but it has become a bit of an issue for families that prefer their children do not have sugary treats. You are welcome to bring in healthy snacks to share - think fruit kabobs, veggies and dip, etc.

DROP OFF

We kindly ask that parents please refrain from entering the classrooms at drop-off. Keeping goodbyes short and sweet helps children transition more confidently into their day and allows our educators to give their full attention to the entire group.

When drop-offs are quick and consistent, children are more likely to settle into routine, develop independence, and experience less separation anxiety. It also helps prevent congestion in the room and maintains a calm, safe environment for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us make mornings as smooth and positive as possible for the children.

Thank You!

HOW TO DRESS FOR THE FALL!

STARTING INDOORS

Please click below for helpful information on how to ensure your child is prepared for the outdoors. Especially this time of year, it is very important that children are dressed properly. This ensures they can fully participate in our program and that we can extend our time in nature.

Thank you all for your support!



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TICK AWARENESS



**Ticks are still around,
even in the Fall! It is
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children for ticks,
especially on forest days!**

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