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**This Month at Preschool**

As we start our third month of school, our students are beginning to explore oceans. Your child will have opportunities to discover new concepts about sea life as they peruse the classroom books. They can experiment with colours, textures, and images of the sea as they construct a gluing craft or try out their painting skills. As always, our playdough toys and tools change regularly, and provide students with a very tactile way to explore new ideas. More information on playdough's role in your child's learning can be found on the second page of this newsletter.

**We are a Peanut Free Zone**

Thank you for continuing to respect the preschool's peanut free policy by not sending any food to preschool with your child.

**Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates**

- Friday Oct 30: NO SCHOOL- PD Day
- Wednesday Nov 11: NO SCHOOL – Remembrance Day
- Friday Nov 20: NO SCHOOL – PD Day
- Tuesday Nov 24: PAC Meeting (7:30 pm)
- Friday Dec 4: NO SCHOOL- PD Day
- NOTE\*\*\* Last day of class before Christmas Break has been changed BACK to:**
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> for 4-year old classes**
- Dec 17<sup>th</sup> for 3-year old classes**
- Monday Jan 4: Classes Resume
- Wednesday, Jan 27: Open House 1:30-2:30
- Friday Jan 29<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL – PD Day
- Thursday and Friday Feb 11 and 12: NO SCHOOL, Teacher's Convention
- Monday Feb 15: NO SCHOOL, Family Day

**P a r k i n g**

Thank you to all preschool families for respecting NO PARKING zones as well as residents' garages when picking up and dropping off your children! Thanks for helping maintain our positive relationship with both the elementary school and the surrounding community.

Due to Covid restrictions in our school, there will not be an Open House in the new year for potential families. A video tour, or something similar, will be available in the coming months. Please check the website for further information: [www.glenbrookpreschool.org](http://www.glenbrookpreschool.org)

Open registration will begin on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Early registration for returning families will begin on January 20, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.

## Dressing for Preschool

The preschool classroom tends to be on the warm side. Please remember this when dressing your child

Please remember to send appropriate outerwear with your child. When weather permits, they will be going outside to play. Snowpants, mitts, hats, and boots are especially recommended when the weather starts to get cooler and as we get more snow.

What do you get when you cross a Shark with a Snowman?

Frostbite ☺



## Learning Through Play

Are you wondering why playdough is such an important staple in our classroom? Here are a few things your child gains from this satisfying sensory experience. Playdough can help children to:

- Develop hand, eye, arm and body coordination, and strengthen finger and hand muscles through squeezing, patting, pounding, rolling, poking, pinching, and cutting with scissors
- Dramatize about food and cooking and identify with the role of family cook
- Be successful – playdough is easy to mould and manipulate
- Be creative
- Learn about science and math – preparing, weighing, measuring
- Feel settled and safe

## Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Dates for the 2020 – 2021 Pre-School Year:

November 24<sup>th</sup>, January 5<sup>th</sup>, January 26<sup>th</sup>,  
February 23<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>st</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>nd</sup>

All meetings are held at 7:30 pm via Zoom.  
Dates listed above are tentative.

Any changes will be communicated via the monthly newsletter.

If you'd like to attend, please email Katie at [chair@glenbrookpreschool.org](mailto:chair@glenbrookpreschool.org) or [katie.ann.gibson@gmail.com](mailto:katie.ann.gibson@gmail.com).

