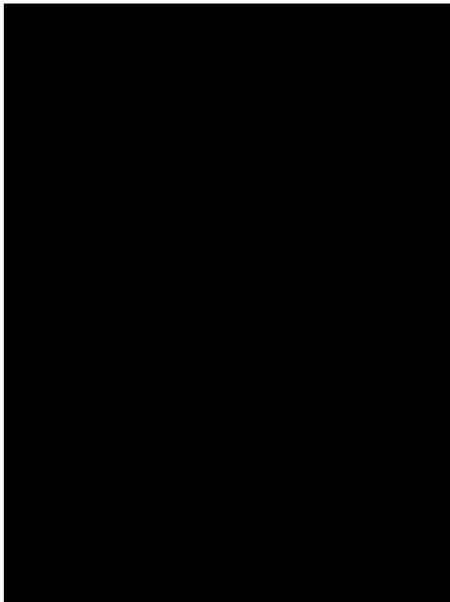


Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

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This Month at Preschool

March 2018

Bears, bears, and more bears continue to appear in our classroom this month, from polar bears to teddy bears and everything in between. You may have already heard stories of bear-shaped “cookies” being created at the playdough table, or have seen fuzzy polar bear gluing crafts coming home with your child.

Prior to spring break our students will shift their energy towards exploring St. Patrick’s Day, with shamrocks, rainbows, and pots of gold emerging in songs, stories, and art projects around the classroom.



Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Wednesday, March 14: 4 yr class photo

Thursday, March 15: 3 yr class photo

Tuesday, March 20: Parents’ Advisory Committee Meeting (7pm)

Thursday, March 22: Last Day of School before Spring Break

Tuesday, April 3: Classes Resume from Spring Break

Friday, April 20: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

Tuesday, April 24: Parents’ Advisory Committee Meeting (7pm)

Friday, May 18: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

Monday, May 21: NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day

Tuesday, May 29: Parents’ Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

All parents are welcome to attend our Parents’ Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings, held the last Tuesday of each month at the Glenbrook Community Hall (across the street from the school, second floor). We welcome your contributions! If you would like to attend, please email Nicole at chair@glenbrookpreschool.org

*** IMPORTANT REMINDER * DO NOT USE THE FRONT DOORS OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON.**

If you are late, call the classroom and arrange entry with the teacher. If you have no phone, wait out the back until the teacher checks again. Do not go to the front door of the elementary school.

Receipts

If you require a receipt for preschool fees paid during the 2017 calendar year (including Jan-June) please email our treasurer, Katie at katiekilb@gmail.com

Please include your child's name and which class they are in this current school year. Thank you!

Registration for 2017-2018

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is over on March 21. There are no new students accepted to the preschool after Spring Break.

If you know anyone looking for a 2018-2019 preschool spot with engaging learning opportunities, caring teachers, and plenty of hands-on fun, please encourage them to browse our website www.glenbrookpreschool.org

Cooked Playdough Recipe

Stuck inside this winter? Consider some homemade kitchen fun with your preschooler!

2 cups white flour

1 cup salt

2 Tbsp. cream of tartar

2 cups of water

1 Tbsp. vegetable oil

food colouring

Combine and cook ingredients over medium heat. Turn out onto counter and knead until smooth. Store in an airtight container.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our end-of-year picnic will be Friday, June 15th from 11am to 1pm. More details to come.



Did You Know?

Our preschool operates under the umbrella of the Glenbrook Community Association (not the Calgary Board of Education). You have already paid the fee for membership through your preschool registration fees. Please check their website for more details and updates about community events, etc.

www.facebook.com/glenbrookcommunity/

Dressing for Preschool

Classes may play outside in the warmer weather. Please keep this in mind when dressing your child. Don't forget snow pants, hats and mittens!

Please ensure your child's backpack always has a spare change of clothes in case of any accidents.

Your cooperation is appreciated!

Class Photos

Class photos will be taken on Wednesday, March 14 for the four year old classes and Thursday, March 15 for the three year old classes. The photo session will take only a few minutes, and the rest of the class time will be spent exploring the usual messy preschool fun. Therefore, please choose your child's clothes accordingly. The teachers will let you know after Spring Break when 5x7 prints of the photos are available for \$5 purchase. No individual photos will be taken, only a class photo. This will be done at the very beginning of class so please be on time. Latecomers might not get to be in the photo!

Learning through Play

Carpet time at the end of each class not only teaches children important social skills, like keeping their hands to themselves, but also provides an opportunity for our teachers to share a story with the class. Did you know that books and storytelling help children to:

- Learn pre-reading skills such as how to hold a book
- Learn new words and meanings
- Develop imagination
- Develop their interests
- Understand different social situations
- Understand that print carries the meaning of the story
- Share experiences with other children and adults
- Develop a positive attitude towards books, which will help them when they learn to read



Information taken from: <http://www.education.govt.nz/early-childhood/teaching-and-learning/learning-tools-and-resources/play-ideas/books-and-storytelling>

