



Spring / Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The beautiful weather we had this long weekend has got to be a sign that summer is around the corner.

I'm sure we are all happy to put away all of our winter gear and enjoy the warm and sunny outdoors. Our goal this summer is to enjoy the outdoors as much as possible. Do look in our yard as many wonderful activities will be unfolding there throughout the summer.

GENERAL REMINDERS

- All children must be in by 10 a.m.
- Please remember to sign your child in at arrival and sign your child out at pick up time

- Closing time is 5:30 p.m. and late fee policy is strictly enforced.



Preschool Graduation

This year, we have quite a large group of children going off to Kindergarten. Of course, Fairview cannot let them go without a proper send off. Therefore, we are delighted to announce that our graduation ceremony will take place on Friday July 15th. Invitations will be sent out to graduating families at towards the end of June or beginning of July and of course, siblings and grandparents are welcome to attend the ceremony.

Sun Protection



After much consideration, Fairview has chosen to supply the sunscreen for the children and ask families to pay a seasonal fee for the sunscreen. This will help speed up the application of the sunscreen on all the children, as before, teachers had to wash hands between brands of sunscreen and match up the sunscreen with each individual child. All families should have received a memo regarding our new sunscreen policy. If you have not, please speak to your child's teacher for a copy of the memo.

We would also like to remind parents to provide a hat on a daily basis. It is recommended that you keep a hat in your child's cubby. This way, you have one less thing to remember each morning and your child is guaranteed to have a hat every day. We would

like your child's hat to have some sort of fastener to prevent it from falling off, such as a Velcro strap or a string with a toggle. This is especially important with the toddlers who frequently take off their hats, and we risk them getting lost when the children go on walks.

As toddlers are the first group to have outdoor play in the morning and sunscreen should be applied 20 minutes before going outside, toddler parents are being asked to apply sunscreen on their child before coming to day care.



Your child's safety is extremely important to us. Please do not bring flip flops or open toe sandals to day care. The children tend to trip and fall with flip flops and open toe sandals. Crocs also tend to be slippery on play structures, so please avoid them as well.

Butterflies are coming!!!



We are very excited to announce that each class will soon have butterfly kits for the children to observe the butterfly life cycle! Do keep an eye out for it!

Absences

If your child is going to be absent, it is extremely important that you communicate this information with us. Whether your child is sick or on vacation, it is important that we know this as soon as possible. In the summer, we tend to go on outings within the community and if staff know your child is not coming, it may be possible for them to leave before 10 am if all the children they are expecting have arrived.

How Does Learning Happen?



As we work towards Ontario's pedagogy for the Early Years, *How Does Learning Happen?* is the document at the foundation of how we deliver curriculum to our children. The teachers have been working very hard at working with the children's interests when developing activities. The environment is viewed as the third teacher and family and community are also at the core of how learning happens with young children. Staff are always looking for parent involvement. You may or may not always be able to share your time, but you may want to share something about your culture or something that

is unique to your family. Do share with your child's teacher, if you can. It will most definitely enrich our program.

Should you be interested in finding out more about the How Does Learning Happen? Document, it is available online at www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/pedagogy.html.

Staff are also more than happy to share with you what they are doing with How Does Learning Happen?

Be sure to check out the 'Learning Stories' too! The Learning stories are a wonderful way for you to see what your child has been doing in the program and what the learning objectives are behind the activities.



SUMMER VACATION



We all enjoy time with our families and summer vacation is a perfect time to do so. Do expect our regular staff to be taking time off throughout the summer. We will have qualified supply staff covering regular staff throughout the summer.

All the staff at Fairview is looking forward to a great Spring & Summer filled with fun and exciting activities!!!