



2021

Check out our Website

www.brookspreschool.com

If you have any concerns or questions throughout the year please feel free to contact your teachers at the preschool or email at

bpsteachers@brookspreschool.com

TEACHER'S REPORT

It is a brand-new year! We are looking forward to seeing what 2021 brings. As we embark into this New Year, we will be focusing on hands-on activities that explore the unique nature of cold weather, hibernation, and the different experiences that snow brings.

Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes will also ring in the New Year as the children will have fun dressing up and acting out their favorite stories and Nursery Rhymes. Rhyming is a concept that children need to learn to develop in the early stages of reading.

Sometimes it takes a few days for children to get back into their preschool routines after a couple weeks away. This is quite common and certainly nothing to be concerned about. Keeping your drop off routine brief and positive and trying not to linger too long in the classroom will help your children get back into the swing of things in no time. This also allows us to focus on the children and help them to settle into their day and maintain our routines.

The children will continue to work on their self-help skills such as: dressing in winter wear and zipping up their own coats.

Remember to take time to discuss your child's day at Preschool and share in their learning.

To assist a child we must provide him with an environment which will enable him to develop freely
Maria Montessori

REMINDER

Just a quick reminder that January 4th through to January 8th the teachers will be posting videos online for classes during the week and preschool will resume in class on January 11th.



CHARACTER EDUCATION

We are learning about "FAIRNESS"

Your preschooler will meet Fran the Fairness Frog and be encouraged through stories, songs and activities to:

- **Know and follow the rules**
- **Share with friends and family**
- **Listen to friends and family**
- **Do not blame friends and family**

Young children are very impressionable, and parents are the most important teacher children ever have. One way you can help your child learn to be fair is by example. If your child sees you following rules, sharing with your family, listening to others, and not placing blame, he or she will be likely to follow your example.



SPECIAL DAYS

Jan. 19th, 20th, & 22nd
Fairytales & Nursery Rhymes children may dress up as they wish in their favorite characters.



Parents please let teachers know of any changes in phone numbers, addresses or medical concerns. We need to keep information current.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to the Brooks Bandits for reading to the children during our online Scholastic Book Fair.

Thank you to our Board Members Stephanie Campbell and Justin Cox for making the icing for the ginger bread houses.

Thank You very much to Charli Heidmiller for making the students Christmas Parties extra special by dressing up as Mrs. Claus.

Thank you to everyone for your thoughtfulness of gifts and cards at Christmas.

Thank you to January parent helpers, all your help is so sincerely appreciated.



FAMILY LITERACY TIPS

1. Introduce children to books early. Infants will be delighted by the sounds, shapes, and colors.
2. Read together every day. Set aside a time before naps, after meals, or before bedtime.
3. Set the stage. Turn off the TV and cuddle up somewhere cozy.
4. Get your child involved. Ask questions about the book as you go along.
5. Add drama. Adopt different voices for different characters.
6. Read whenever you can.
7. Keep books by their beds or in the car for long trips.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS:

Our preschool relies on parent helpers to support licensing requirements of appropriate student/adult ratios. We strongly encourage all parents to complete this criminal record check to continue with our scheduled parent helpers for the remainder of the school year. This assures extra safety for our children attending.

The Alberta Child Care Act has changed, and the Alberta Early Learning and Child Care Regulations will change effective February 1st, 2021.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL VOLUNTEERS and Board of Directors in all Early Learning Centers (including preschools) MUST now provide a criminal record check before Feb. 1st, 2021 to continue to be a parent helper.



If you or someone you know is struggling to cope with Covid-19, there is help and resources available:

[Coping with Covid-19: Addiction & Mental Health](#)

LITTLE REMINDERS

DRESS WARM: Please send full winter wear, mittens, boots etc. as the children will be going outside on most days.

WEATHER: During bad weather conditions, our school will be closed when temperatures drop to -35 degrees (excluding wind chill). Parents, please listen to our local Radio Station for conformation. FM 101.1 or Q105.7

PARENTAL INFORMATION: Parents help yourself to the information & pamphlets available in the front entrance of our preschool PARENTS CORNER. We have lots of current community resources and information about nutrition, exercise & well-being.

POTENTIAL HEALTH RISK: Is when a staff member knows or has reason to believe that a child is showing signs or symptoms of vomiting, having a fever of 38.3C, diarrhea or a new or unexplained rash or cough. If a child requires greater care and attention than can be provided without compromising the care of the other children in the program or having or displaying any other illness or symptom the staff member knows or believes may indicate that the child poses a health risk to persons on the program premises. The child's parent will be contacted to remove the child from the school immediately. The child may return to preschool if parent provides written notice from a physician or when a parent can report to the staff that the child has been symptom-free for a period of 24 hours and no longer poses a health risk to persons at the preschool. This policy is in place to help keep our students and staff as healthy as possible, thank you for your cooperation.

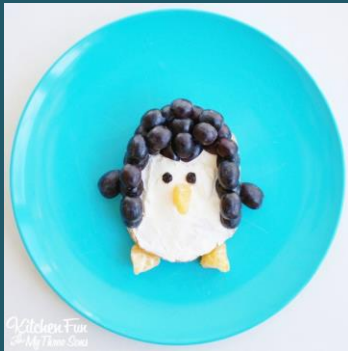
PENGUIN BAGEL BREAKFAST

Ingredients:

- 1 Half of a Bagel
- Cream Cheese
- Dark Grapes (cut in half)
- Orange Slices
- 1 Raisin

Directions:

- Spread cream cheese on your bagel half and place it on a plate.
- Cut dark grapes in half.
- Place them around the top and sides.
- Cut a raisin in half for the eyes.
- Use orange slices to make the beak and feet.



Cinnamon and Sugar Tortilla Snowflakes

Ingredients:

- tortillas
- white sugar
- cinnamon
- melted butter

Directions:

Start by putting your tortillas in the microwave for about 10 seconds. This softens them up so they won't rip.

Fold a tortilla in half, and then in half again, and cut it as if you were making a paper snowflake.



Place your tortillas on a baking sheet and brush with them with the melted butter.

Now sprinkle your snowflakes generously with cinnamon and sugar.

Bake your snowflakes, at 350 for five to ten minutes. I leave mine in for ten so they crisp right up.

Let them cool for a few minutes before serving with chopped fresh berries.



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BROOKS PRESCHOOL - JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 No School Christmas Break	2
3	4 No School	5 No School	6 No School	7	8 No School	9
10 Fairy tales & Nursery Rhymes	11 Fairy tales & Nursery Rhymes	12 Fairy tales & Nursery Rhymes	13 Fairy tales & Nursery Rhymes	14	15 Fairy tales & Nursery Rhymes	16
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