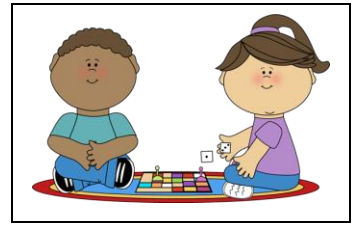


February 17, 2015

## FAMILY FRIDAYS ARE HERE!!



Dear Parents,

**We are so excited to be starting on this new adventure with you!** Relationships are of paramount importance to a child's development and learning. We hope that initiating Family Fridays, where you come into the class to spend time with the kids in their at-school learning environment, will foster the development of relationships with your children, with the other children in the class, with other parents and with your child's teachers. Oh, and let's not forget all the great learning that we hope to see and hear happening with your support!

**So here's how it works...**you will come into the school with your child at entry time. Please let your child get him/herself undressed and into the classroom as he/she usually does. You can take this time to read the documentation that is up in the hallway and/or classroom, and to have a look around at the activities your child is currently engaged with in the classroom.

**When your child enters the classroom, please settle into a game or puzzle with him/her.** They will be set up on the tables, and on the large carpet area. Computer games are also an option, at the request of the kids. There is a computer at the front of the room, and one at the back of the room. NB: This is not play time at the other centres in the classroom.

**We respectfully ask you to help us follow the classroom routines in terms of entering calmly, using an inside voice, and not engaging in rambunctious or very noisy play.** The kids will already be very excited to have parents in the room, and if we do anything to get them even more excited, it becomes very difficult for them to settle back down in order that they, and the other children, can do their best learning for the rest of the day.

We are thinking of wrapping up the parent visits at approximately 9:20, and will call out a five-minute transition signal at 9:15. There is some flexibility with this timing as Family Fridays are a work in progress. **When it is time to go, please help your child clean up where you have been working/playing (unless we indicate otherwise), say your goodbyes, and exit the building by the door outside the classroom that leads onto the playground.**

We went through all of the forms that we received, and have been able to accommodate everyone's requests and needs as of the date above. **Mark your calendar because your Family Friday is:**

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We look forward to spending time with you and thank you for your interest in participating in Family Fridays.

From,

*Ms. Niessen and Mrs. Rodney*

