# January 2016 New/letter

Thank you to everyone who has helped us out by filling out accreditation surveys and consent forms!

And don't forget, we're open for Teacher's Convention this year, and closed on June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

We are also updating our files in January. Please make sure you check in with a staff during pick up/drop off to confirm that your contact info and that of your emergency contacts is up to date. Thanks!

### **City Challenge**

This month we are starting our City Challenge. The children have been broken up into 4 groups of mixed ages, and will be focusing on teamwork when playing together, and helping keep our centre organized and tidy. Each group will be responsible for helping ensure their designated spaces are tidy, and helping each other to be good citizens throughout the day. Winning cities will be rewarded with added privileges and choices each week.





**Get To Know Laura** 

Hi I'm Laura and I have worked in childcare for over 10 years. I'm originally from Winnipeg. I have two children, Hannah who is 2 and Ella who is 9. I wish I had more time to travel to Europe, particularly Scotland and the islands. I have a lot of family over there and I have never met them. I would also like to experience new things like zip-lining, and ride a camel in the desert by myself (not like luggage on the side). I love to read and watch movies with my family.

#### **Things To Note**

You have been doing a great job making sure your kids are dressed to play outside every day. Keep up the good work! The Junior Leaders have planned us lots of outside activities and I know they are going to be very popular choices after school.

AM drop off is street parking only please. You are welcome to use the parking lot in the afternoon, but we do not have permission from the school to use the lot in the morning.

This is a no U-Turn zone. It's not usually us, but just a reminder to please drive down to the end of the street rather than U-Turning. Thanks!

We are encouraging the children to take a little more leadership around here. The Junior Leaders planned most of our activities for the month of January, and they will be helping lead them with the staff every day. For the month of February we will be taking suggestions from all the children. If there are any really fun things that you do at home, or simple recipes your children enjoy, let us know! The more suggestions we get from you and your children, the more fun we have.

## **Supporting Families and Small Businesses**

We have entered the era of the entrepreneur, and it's about time! A lot of families have experienced challenges during the recession we are currently in, and some of you have decided it's time to take your future into your own hands. If you have a small business, or are thinking about going into business for yourself, let us know! We will feature your business on the board and support you in any way we can.

Congratulations to Rayyan, Noah, Brody and Mina for winning the Rock Star Jars!

By helping out, participating in activities, and being a good friend the children earned guesses to win the contents of the jars.

Rayyan and Noah both guessed that there were 88 chocolates in the jar, and lucky Mina and Brody guessed that there were 100 marbles!

#### Rockstar of the Month - Connor Stevens

Today we made muffins there is 2 types banana and strawberry we will be selling them from 7:00 to 8:00 on wednesday. The Jr leaders are saving money to buy what they want to buy for the center such as games toys and field trips. My friends Cole Josh and Gage and I are going to set up a science program for kids all ages. My favourite activity is board game my favourite game is Risk Lord of the Rings. I also like science.

And that's why we are doing science club HAPPY 2016.