

## March Newsletter

### This Month's Theme

The teachers at Bright Child Montessori have exciting plans for the month of March! Each of our classrooms will be spending time learning about St. Patrick's Day, as well as Easter! Our infant classroom will also be exploring different animals! The Toddler class will be focusing on numeracy, as well as self-care. Our Casa 1 class will be studying signs of Spring, learning about gardening, and food groups! The Casa 2 children will also be studying the weather! We are all looking forward to celebrating the upcoming holidays together!

### March Break March 12th-16th

Classes resume as usual for March Break. If you plan on keeping your child home for any of their scheduled days or if you are taking a family vacation, please advise Mrs. Fox by email with these dates. If you have a child in JK or SK who would like to join us, please let me know as soon as possible as spaces are limited. (faith@brightchild.ca)

### St. Patrick's Day

On Friday, March 16th our students will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. All students are encouraged to wear green! Our Casa students will be learning about the history of Ireland and its flag. All students will be creating an art activity and enjoying a special St. Patrick's Day snack.

### PA Day

Friday March 23rd is a PA Day for the Public and Catholic School Panel. Please email faith@brightchild.ca if you would like your JK or SK child to attend on this day! It will also be PJ DAY!

### Rock Your Socks Day!

Rock Your Socks! Wednesday, March 21st we're asking all our teachers, students and parents to rock your socks for World Down Syndrome Day! It's easy enough to participate, just stick your hand in your sock drawer and see what creative socks you decide to rock! Bright and colourful socks, striped, mismatched, long – just if you're making a statement. By showing our colors and getting involved we're spreading awareness for World Down Syndrome Day.

*"It is the child who makes the man, and no man exists who was not made by the child he once was."*

- Maria Montessori

### Easter Holiday

Thursday, March 29th will be our annual Easter Celebration. We will begin the day with an outdoor Easter egg hunt, continue with Easter crafts and centre's followed by a special lunch together. The school will be closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday. (March 30th, and April 2nd) Enjoy your holidays!

### Health Policy

If illness occurs while your child is at school, you will be contacted for your child's immediate pick up. A child must be free of fever and other symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school. It is up to the teacher's discretion whether your child is symptom free and able to return. Please ensure you have a reliable back up or emergency person readily available for these times when your child is unable to attend.

### Farewell, and Welcome

It is with sadness that we announce that Mrs. Andrews will no longer be teaching music at Bright Child. This was not an easy decision for Mrs. Andrews to make however her Forest School Program is thriving and is becoming more demanding of her time. We are fortunate, and thankful that we will still get to enjoy Forest School with Mrs. Andrews in the Spring, and Fall. Ms. Monique Laviolette will be taking Mrs. Andrews' place on Wednesday mornings. Ms. Laviolette has two children of her own, as well has experience in other child care centres, and Montessori schools. She is very passionate about music, and gardening! We are very excited to have her join us!

### Appropriate Clothing and Footwear

When rain, warmer weather and cold fronts begin to mix together in the month of March we unfortunately get a lot of unwanted mud. Boots or rain boots, snow/splash pants, etc. are perfect for this time of year. Please dress your children appropriately so they can splash, explore and have fun! We also require children to have sturdy running shoes for indoor work and play. Slippers, crocs, and flip flops, though comfortable and fun, do not provide the support that growing children need during their day with us.

