



High River Daycare



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Special points of interest:

☺ Family Literacy Day January 27th 2011

Family Literacy Month

In Honor of Family Literacy Month the school age children will be attempting to complete several items off the Family Literacy Calendar and we encourage all our families to get involved and participate.

We will hosting a table for the Family Literacy Evening on January 27 at the High River Recreation Center from 4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

We hope to see you all there!

For more information call Literacy for Life 403-652-5090. or visit www.litforlife.com

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A Message from MaryAnn



Happy New Year!

Thank you for all your kind gifts, cards and well wishes towards all of the staff.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child/ or children's lives. We truly enjoy them and they are all very special to each one of us.

Thank you also for all of your help in all the projects we took on during the last year-

2 Huge big Boxes sent to the Daycare in the Philippines

Accreditation of the Daycare

Getting the traffic speed reduced in front of the daycare

Moving the rooms around

The renovations with the expansion into the East side of the building.

Raising over \$1000.00 for Rowan House selling Raffle tickets

Accreditation of the School Age Program

Adopting 2 families for Christmas

With your help 2010 was an awesome year!

I look forward to seeing what we will accomplish together in 2011!

MaryAnn

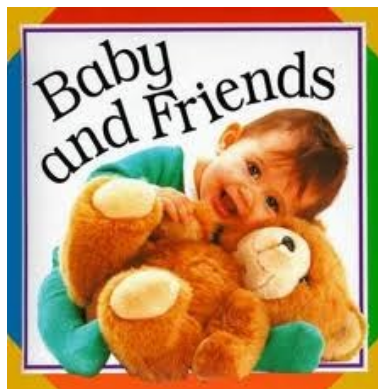
Office Note:

Official Tax Deductible Childcare Receipts will issued for 2010 in February 2011.

Pink Room News

Pink Room children will be working on Friend recognition with the addition of pictures of the children being added around the room. We will be making individual posters of each child in the room and are asking parents to please bring in pictures of your child and their family for us to create or if you would like to create the posters yourself at home.

Wacky Wednesday January 19th



Please show us your Wacky Hair! Parents please ensure your child is prepared with ALL their outdoor clothing when at daycare. When the weather is suitable the children play outside twice daily.

We would like to say Congratulations and Farewell to Taylor who has graduated from Pink room to Blue room

Blue Room News

Welcome Taylor as our new friend in the Blue Room! Our focus in January will be on developing our fine motor skills for eating. We plan to enhance spoon/fork use by practicing sifting sand and water.



Along with showing the children how to have gentle hands with combing and brushing hair.

We are asking parents to bring in a copy of one newborn picture of each child for our Birthday Board and any other

family photos you would be willing share.

We would also like to take the children sledding. If you have any helmets or small sleds we could borrow please let Melissa or Sheila know. Thank you

All Children NEED helmets to go sledding.

Red Room News

Happy 2nd Birthday to Malik and Austin



We will be making cupcakes or cookies for these birthdays.

Fun Fridays in January
Friday Jan 7, is Backwards Day—wear your clothes backwards
Friday Jan 14, is Wacky Hair

Day— wear your hair in a crazy way

Friday Jan 21, is Teddy Bear Day—bring in your favorite Teddy Bear to daycare

Friday Jan 28, is Pajama Day—wear your pajamas.

Orange Room News

The Orange Room children will be focusing on Building and Increasing our self-help skills and our independence.

We will be encouraging the children to begin dressing themselves to go outside with a specific focus on identifying our own belongings and putting on our own boots and shoes.

During the lunch time transition we will be encouraging the children to find their own lunch kits and to retrieve them from

the shelf and to return them when lunch is finished.

Toilet training is a goal for most of us and we will continue to encourage training efforts in the children who are showing an interest, therefore during toiletting times the children will be encouraged to increase their self-help and independence with pulling off and pulling on their pants, socks and shoes.

Through some fun songs and games we will continue to en-

courage the children to help each other when it is time for clean-up and to put toys away when they are finished.

**TIDY UP SONG
TWINKLE ,TWINKLE
LITTLE STAR
TIME TO TIDY WHERE
YOU ARE
PUT YOUR TOYS BACK
IN THEIR PLACE
KEEP A SMILE ON YOUR
FACE.
TWINKLE ,TWINKLE
LITTLE STAR TIME TO
TIDY WHERE YOU ARE.**

Green Room News

Welcome to January 2011!

For the month of January we will be focusing on letters, numbers, colours, manners and using our words.

We will be creating some fun and exciting science experiments with the children. We will be turning solids into liquids and liquids into solids.

Every Friday we will be cooking

with our children. Friday January 28th we will be making Vegetable Soup with the children. We will be asking the green room parents if they could bring in a yummy vegetable to put in our soup. We will have a list of vegetables posted near the end of the month for you to sign up on.

Reminder—Please make sure to

send extra mitts, and complete winter clothing as our days are starting to warm soup and we are going outside more often.



Show & Tell Wednesday!
Green room will be having show & tell every Wednesday. Please send **ONE** special toy with your child to share with us on Wednesday's.

Thank you



Yellow Room News

Happy New Year!

It's the start of the New year and the children will be working on their names, and letter recognition. We will be doing lots of letter art.

Our topics for the month will be Geography and Travel. If you have any pictures or items from your travels we would love to see them.

We will have lots of pictures displayed on our parent board,



Where do you want to travel today?

please take a look and see your child at play.

Just a reminder to all parents, could you please bring in coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, boots, we do like to take the children outside, even if it is for 10 minutes per day. Labeling of personal items would be very much appreciated.

Thank you!

Preschool News

The Preschool Children will be focusing on Traditional Fairy Tales over the next few weeks including: The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Little Red Riding Hood. The children will be making masks, puppets and learning new songs and rhymes

linked to each story. The children will also be working on learning some letter sounds following the Jolly Phonics program. They will have many opportunities to practice their counting skills. We will be playing some fun new games to help the children be more confident in recognizing numbers.



Preschool Registration is ongoing

3yr Program

Tuesday & Thursdays

4yr Program

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays

ECS News * GOLD*

Happy New Year!

With the move and getting settled it took some time for ECS to choose another colour. It was finally decided that GOLD would be our new colour.

We will continue to work on



early literacy skills through games, morning messages, and nursery rhymes.

Part of our day is spent outside (weather permitting) Please remember to send winter coats, snow pants, hats mitts, and boots.

School Age Program News

The School Age Children are back in the swing of school again and so is our programming.

Our favorite weekly planning will return with

Show & Tell every Tuesday

Wacky Science every Wednesday

And everyone's favorite cooking experiences Tasty Thursdays

Our topics of interest for January are the Arctic, Space and Pizza Restaurant.

We will be doing science, cooking, crafts and dramatic play around these topics throughout the month.

Star Students will begin on January 10. A new child will be chosen every Monday to be our Star Student. Please watch for the Take Home Bag to be coming to your house and help us in celebrating what makes your child a **STAR!**

We are asking for donations of Tin Cans and 2L soda bottles to assist us in our creative efforts.



Parent Advisory Board

The Parent Advisory Board is looking for some new members to join the board.

We would like to see a parent representative in each of the rooms so if you are interested please see your current room representative or speak with MaryAnn.

The Parent Advisory Board assist us in our annual policy and procedures review. They are invited to participate in our monthly staff meetings

and attend our in house training sessions.

The Parent Advisory Board is working on developing a system where parents will be able to bring their concerns or compliments to their room representatives and have them relayed to MaryAnn in an anonymous way. They are also working on assisting us with any party plans and special events that we are having at the centre.

Please consider joining this wonderful group where you will be involved in the decision making processes at the centre, you will be kept up-to-date on current childcare regulations and you will be a partner to the staff providing care to your children.



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Kool-Aid PlayDough

This is kids favorite kind of playdough, and can you blame them?

Ingredients:

- 1 cup water
- 3 teaspoons of Cream of Tartar
- 1 cup of flour
- 1 package of Kool-Aid Mix (any flavor of unsweetened)
- 1 tablespoon of cooking oil
- 1/2 cup of salt

Mix dry ingredients in a large/medium pan. Add water and oil. Stir over medium heat until it looks like dough. Whatever the color of kool-aid used should be the end result. This takes about 8 minutes.

