



High River Daycare

High River Daycare Preschool Program

We would like to Congratulate all our Preschool Graduates. Our Graduation was held on June 23 & 24. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who came out to celebrate our special occasion with us.

Our First Preschool Year was a huge success with the children learning some key pre-

kindergarten readiness skills and some very important friend making skills.

Our preschoolers will be moving on to the various kindergarten programs offered in the foothills area and we couldn't be more proud of them. Good Luck Graduates!

The High River Preschool 2011/2012 Pre-

school program will begin again in the fall of this year with registration ongoing throughout the summer.

We are pleased to be one of the few programs in the foothills area to offer a preschool program to 3 year olds. If you are interested in registering your child for preschool please see Mary Ann.

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Happy Summer Everyone!

Special points of interest:

- Preschool Graduation
- Congratulations Kindergarten Graduates
- School Age Summer Program
- PD Day Highlights
- Sun Smart and Bug Safety Policies and Tips

Register Now for Preschool 2011/2012

3 year old & 4 year old programs available

Congratulations Kindergarten Graduates

We would like to congratulate all the children who graduated from kindergarten this year. It was a very exciting year for us to share with you. We remember the scared and shy little ones as they

began in September with all their fears and anxiety and the gentle care that was needed to ensure they felt safe and secure as we delivered them to the teacher each day. What a transition they

have made in one year. Those shy and scared little ones are now very confident and independent with their school careers. Congratulations Kindergarten Graduates! We are so proud of you!



Pink Room News

The pink room would like to welcome Rylan who joined us for a short visit and will return to us in the fall.

The pink room babies have been hard at work. We are developing some fine and gross motor skills with the addition of our block centre which contains some very exciting home made blocks made from snack containers. We are adding more and more in & out activities for the babies. If you have any household containers that may interest us please send them in.

As a result of our PD training on June 17 we will be introducing Toe Time from 10:00am to 11:00am each day. This activity will allow the children to explore some different textures and sensory experiences through the bottom of their feet.

The summer weather is finally heating up and we will require each child to bring a hat, sunscreen, bug spray and extra clothes each day.

If your child will be taking time off this summer for holidays

please let the teachers or Mary Ann know so that we may be able to staff appropriately.

We would like to remind parents that choking hazards are something that we have to be very diligent in preventing. Licensing requires us to have all grapes be seedless and sliced in half or quarters before we are able to serve them to the children. This applies to bananas as well, bananas need to be sliced lengthwise in quarters. Thank you for your help with this.

**Baby Room Spaces
Available**

8mos—18mos

**Call Today before they fill
up!**

Orange Room News

Hello Summer!

Finally we are having nice weather. It is important that your child be prepared to spend lots of time outside. Please ensure that you have changes of clothes/underwear, a hat, sunscreen

and bug spray. We have pools outside so send a towel and a bathing suit as well.

Many of the Orange room friends are potty trained now so this is a very exciting!!

We have been working on independence, helping one an-

other and sharing. The children are starting to really grow and gain social skills and we look forward to many more growing stages throughout the summer!

School Age Summer Program

The School age care Summer Program is in full swing this month with many fun and exciting events planned. The children themselves have had a role in designing the summer program and they are very excited to be starting this week with their focus on art!

There are still spaces available in our Summer Program. If you are interested in joining

us please let Mary Ann know.

We hope to make the Summer Break a Fun and Enjoyable time for the schoolager that they can remember all year long!

Happy Summer School Kids!!!

See the letter to parents on the next page!

Summer Program Schedule

Week 1– Art Attack

Week 2—Wicked Messy

Week 3—Rodeo

Week 4—Funky Fashions

Week 5—Extreme Sports

Week 6—Performing Arts

Week 7—Wacky Science

Week 8—Yummy Cooking

Summer Program Letter to Parents

Dear Parents,

We are very excited about this summer and our summer program. We are going to try and get as many exciting field trips and experiences in as possible throughout the next 8 weeks. We have 3 main outings so far and then another 2 that will be reoccurring throughout the weeks.

Main Outings:

High Wood/ Joe Clark School (Week of August 1-5 for sports week) We will be leaving daycare at 10am this week and returning at 3pm

Please bring a picnic lunch as we will not have access to a microwave for warm-up those days.

Please refer to the white board in our room to find out which days we will be at High Wood and which days we

will be at Joe Clark.

Boston Pizza (Week of August 22-26)

DQ (August 26) going for ice-cream. A \$2.00 donation would be greatly appreciated for this fieldtrip if possible.

Reoccurring Fieldtrips:

Water Park (Fridays)

We will be leaving daycare at 10am and returning by 2pm

Please bring a picnic lunch as we will not have access to a microwave for warm-up those days.

Please note that we will only be going to the water park weather permitting

Picnics

Please refer to the white board for dates and times that we will be going to the park for a picnic.

Please bring a picnic lunch as we will not have access to a microwave for warm-up those days.

Please note that picnics will only happen weather permitting.

Also, please make sure that your child has sun screen, bug spray, sun hat, change of clothes and a towel for various outdoor activities that we will be doing on a day to day basis at the daycare. We will try to keep everyone as up to date as possible throughout the summer. Thank you for your help and cooperation. This is going to be a great summer.

The High River Daycare

First Annual Re-Cycle for Kids Program

We would like to send a very special Thank You ! To all the Families and Businesses that were kind enough to donate, bikes, helmets, cash or their time to this very worthwhile cause.

With the help of all of you and the Wild Rose Community Connections Office as well as the Alberta Child and Family Services we were able to match over a dozen bikes and helmets with children in the High River & Surrounding area.

You should all smile a little brighter knowing you made a child's summer break a little more enjoyable.

Thank you!

Remember to keep your eyes open for any old bikes for next year!

Sun Smart and Bug Safety

In order to keep our children safe while they explore their outside worlds we do the best we can to hydrate them and to limit their exposure to the sun during the "danger" times of 11:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

We really need our parents help in protecting them from these harmful elements by providing a sun hat, sun-screen and bug spray for their children. It is also advisable to dress your children

in light coloured clothing that covers them as much as possible. We really enjoying bringing water into our play during these few short months and we encourage you to send swimsuits and towels with your child in the event that we are able to jump in the pool or run through a sprinkler.

Thank you for Being Sun & Bug Smart this Summer!!!



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Motor Skills Matter!

On June 17th our staff had the privilege to participate in a professional development workshop with Helen Enns (B.P.T.) Physiotherapist.

We would like to thank Helen for her very insightful and informative workshop.

Her presentation on the importance of Gross Motor skill development in the early years brought us all back to the centre full of new ideas to assist our children in their

Gross Motor growth and when to be concerned about children who are missing milestones in their gross motor development.

Since the workshop we have seen the children actively participating in gross motor activities including, running, jumping, rolling, crawling, and climbing.

Some points that Helen wanted everyone to remember are :

*There is no such thing as a lazy child.

* Children learn at different rates along a continuum but usually develop in the same way.

* Some children may need more encouragement and support at different stages of development than others do.

If you would like more information on Gross Motor Development or Helen please ask Mary Ann