

★ WARM GREETINGS FROM KINDERCARE!

★ **Thank You!**

We hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and New Years. We want to start off by thanking all of you for your generosity this Christmas season, we appreciate it all so much, and all the very kind messages in the cards.

★ **December Recap**

It is hard to believe that another month has already gone by. December was a shorter month at Kindercare, but we packed it full of Christmas fun! We did a lot of Christmas crafts and games! We even turned the house area into a Christmas kitchen for a bit and into a Hot Chocolate Cafe for the other part of the month. It was so nice to see all the kids working and playing together. We even finished off the month with a Zoom call with Santa!

★ **January Sneak Peak**

January is going to be a very fun month! Hopefully the nicer weather will continue, and we will continue to go outside every day. Please ensure that your child has all warm attire every day. We go outside in the morning and again in the afternoon. We have had some instances of kids mitts being quite wet by the afternoon. If possible, we highly suggest packing a second pair of mitts for these times.

KINDERCARE NEWS CONT'D

★ Do those still fit you...?

Please ensure your child has extra clothes at school. Some of them have grown quite a bit since September, their spare clothes that they had at the beginning of the year may no longer fit now. This is a good time to double check that their spare clothes are still their size.

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!



Love All The Kindercare Teachers

FUNDRAISING

★ UPDATE CHRISTMAS CHEER BOARD EVENT

While we know that 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone, for low income families in Winnipeg, it has been especially difficult. In November, we asked all of our families to donate pantry items that total about \$5 or anything they could as we were hoping to support one or two families through the Winnipeg Cheer Board. In addition to food items, we were also required to ensure that there was a gift for each child.

We were able to support a family of 5 with 3 children, and a single mother with two girls who said she didn't have a single penny to buy her girls a gift for Christmas. We had so many items donated that we were able to contact the Christmas Cheer Board and also support a single female pensioner. All three of these families live in the River East community and is a reminder that we truly never know what our neighbours are enduring.

In addition to these three hampers, we had enough extra food items to donate approximately 30 - 40 lbs of food to Manitoba Harvest, a surplus of toys to donate to Toy Mountain, as well as a monetary donation of \$66.00 to Manitoba Harvest. This is in addition to being able to provide at least 5 gifts per child in our hampers. The response is incredible and this experience has been truly humbling. When we delivered these hampers, the families were so appreciative and we knew that because of your generosity, we were able to make a difference to them.

The staff and the Board of Directors for RESNS would like to say a huge thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We could not have been more proud of our RESNS families.

JANUARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Jan 4 - 8	Jan 11 - 15	Jan 18 - 22	Jan 25 - 29
Play Dough	Robertson	Lee	Sigfusson	Strutinsky
Play Dough	Hearty	Garafalo	Perner	Demarais
Play Dough	Lancaster	Roper	Smith	Guffei
Play Dough	Thibeault	Huzejrovic- Baran	Vannus	Shyka
Play Dough	VanHelvert (Nathan)	Lafreniere	Labelle	Smuk
Play Dough	Grewal	Corrigal	Jurkowski	Abrahams
Toy Sanitizing	Best	Kuldys	Pavlica	Diboll

★ VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

The recipe for play dough and details of take-home toy sanitizing will be communicated by Miss Darcy and Miss Renee. Please note on occasion we will ask for something else instead of play dough to give the children different sensory experiences.

WHY WE PLAY... AT SCHOOL!



WHY WE PLAY

...at School!

Mr. Rogers famously said, ***“Play is often talked about as though it is a relief from serious learning. But for children, play IS serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.”***

Various researchers have put Mr. Rogers’ words to the test. In multiple formats, they’ve studied whether young children would learn best if they were directly told certain facts (teacher lecture), left alone to explore without any guidance or support (teacher omitted), or interactively supported in a playful approach to learning (guided play).

Whether the objective was to teach the attributes of shapes, the definitions of words, or how to use a toy or tool, time and again the evidence showed that **young children learn best in a playful format, guided and supported by intentional teachers.**

One researcher, Dr. Angeline Lillard, declared:

“The hands-on, child-driven educational methods sometimes referred to as ‘playful learning’ are the most positive means yet known to help young children’s development.”

In your child’s classroom, we know this to be true. **Play is not something we do in addition to learning. Play is the primary way we learn.**

Whether we’re emphasizing the symmetry of a structure built in the block area, asking questions about volume in the sensory table, or playing a matching game with rhyming words at large group, we’re using guided play as a research-backed, high-powered learning tool.

That’s why we play at school!



HOW TO CONTACT US



Text 204-690-0899

▶ If you need to send us a message in regards to your child.



Email

▶ Miss Monica at Monica@resns.fastoche.ca

▶ Miss Darcy at Darcy@resns.fastoche.ca

▶ Miss Renee at Renee@resns.fastoche.ca



Didn't receive the Covid Screening Questionnaire?

▶ Text the word "[questionnaire](#)" to [204-690-0899](tel:204-690-0899)



Attendance

▶ Please text 204-690-0899 if your child will be absent. Due to Covid we also ask you to give us the reason why your child will not be attending.



Children's Information

▶ Please contact Miss Monica for a code to update your child's information on Fastoche. (Codes for Fastoche will expire after 2 weeks.)