

# Seasons Greetings



School Number:  
780-352-0224

Bus Number:  
780-352-2239

## Early Education & Family Wellness Centre's Newsflash

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December is an exciting month! Santa will be coming but shh.....don't tell the children, it's a surprise! He will be arriving on Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup>. ☺



### Dates To Remember:

**December 7:** *No School*, Non Attendance Day for Students

**December 13:** Santa comes but Shhh...don't tell the children!!

**December 21:** Last Day for children before the Christmas Holidays

**December 22- January 6:** **NO SCHOOL**, Christmas Break!

**Jan.7 - NO SCHOOL/STAFF ONLY**, Staff Planning Day

**January 8:** Children return to school



**Happy  
Holidays**

### Dress Warmly:

Please remember to send appropriate outdoor clothing with your child each day to school. We like to include outside time in our day and go out whenever possible, weather permitting, of course. Also, please remember to **label** your child's clothing as so much of the clothing at this age is similar.





## Read with Me, Talk with Me: Helping Your Child Build Skills for Future Reading Success



Language skills such as vocabulary, grammar, and storytelling are important for learning to read. Some children who start school without these skills may have problems later when learning to read. How can you help your preschooler prepare for reading success? Reading and talking with your child are activities you can do to help build early reading skills.

Here are some tips that can turn supper time conversation and bedtime reading with your child into teachable moments that will help lay a foundation for reading and writing:

- **How was your day?**

Even older children can have a hard time with this question. Instead of asking the question right away, start by telling about your day, then ask a question about your child's day such as "Where did you play at recess?" , "What did you do in gym class today?"

- **Know your child's classroom routines.**

Check your child's agenda to know what happened at school that day. You can use this information to help your child to talk about his or her day.

- **First, Next, and Last.**

Use sequencing words such as *first*, *then*, *next*, *last*, *before*, and *after* when talking about your day to show the sequence in which things happened. Using sequencing words will help your child understand that order matters when talking about events.

- **Choose books of high interest to your child.**

Take a trip to the library. Librarians have lots of information about preschool level books and which ones you and your child might enjoy.

- **Read it again and again**

Children often ask for parents to read books over and over. Books that are very familiar can be "read" by children who are not readers and give them a chance to practice retelling stories.

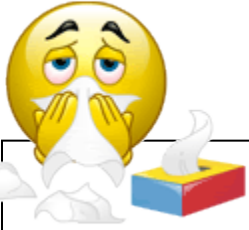
- **Talk about the pictures**

Talk about what you see in the pictures in the book before you read the words. Try talking about the pictures on one page then have your child tell you about the pictures on the next page.

- **Take Turns**

Ask your child to retell the story to you. If your child needs support, leave out parts of sentences for your child to fill in.





### Illness:

**If your child becomes sick with a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting, please keep him/her home for at least 24 hours after the last symptom has resolved.**

Several of our students have compromised immune systems and can become quite ill if exposed to viruses.

For example colds are caused by many different viruses and are common in children. Children with a cold will usually have:

- *Stuffy, runny nose*
- *Sneezing*
- *Cough*
- *Fever*
- *Sore throat*
- *Decreased appetite*



Colds are very contagious. They are spread through close contact with someone who is sick and coughing or sneezing around you.

Touching toys or sharing food with someone who is sick can spread the virus. Children do not get colds from cold air or drafts.

**Children with colds are contagious for up to five days** after they first get sick. You should keep your child at home if they have a fever or are coughing continually.

If any of these symptoms appear during school hours, we will be calling you to come and pick him/her up. If your child, or anyone your child is in regular contact with, comes down with chicken pox, measles, mumps or any other communicable illness, please contact the centre before bringing your child to school.

Thank you very much



### Absences:

- 1) If your child rides the bus and will be away, please call and inform the bus contractor before 7:30 a.m. (780-352-2239)
- 2) If absent from school please call: 780-352-0224 to report the absence. If you call after hours, you may leave a message in **the general mailbox (ext. 221)**.
- 3) If someone other than a parent will be picking your child up, please inform staff and tell the pick-up person that we will be asking to see photo identification (if it is the first time).
- 4) You can also use the agenda book to inform the teacher that your child will be away or if there are changes to the pick-up routine.



### Thank-You!

**We would like to thank everyone for their support with our bake sale! We had a lot of fun baking cookies with the children for the sale. It was a huge success with a grand total of \$631.00.**

**We would also like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all the parents who contributed to the toy donation sale. The total that we collected for that was \$100.00.**

**We really appreciate all of your support in helping us reach our goal for our Outdoor Classroom Project!!**



## WETASKIWIN SECRET SANTA



FCSS is proud to be a partner in the Wetaskiwin Secret Santa campaign. A community coming together is what Secret Santa is all about. Over the years, individuals, organizations and businesses throughout Wetaskiwin and area have always come through for those in our community that could use a helping hand during the Christmas season. Wetaskiwin Secret Santa provides families with a Christmas dinner voucher and toys for children ranging from infant to age 16.

### To receive a Christmas Hamper

Apply in person at: 5010 - 51 Avenue, Wetaskiwin (Salvation Army Church)

Applications Start: already taking applications

Applications Accepted: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays  
from 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Application Deadline: Thursday, December 6, 2018

**\*Applications must be made in person and a proof of current residential address and Alberta Health Care Cards for all children must be presented at the time of the application. Applicant must live in the City of Wetaskiwin or the County of Wetaskiwin, within the boundary from Highway 2 East to the Camrose County line.**