

FALL NEWSLETTER

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Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall!

It's hard to believe that Fall is here, we have been so fortunate to have great weather for lots of outside play. It seems like our

children can't get enough of the playground. As caregivers it's amazing for us to see how they have already grown so much. Thank you for sharing your child with us.

Well another busy school year has started and daycare as always is in full swing. We would like to welcome the new families who started this fall, it is our pleasure to have all of you join the MMSSCDC Family! **We look forward to making new memories with all of you! We would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and efforts in making the summer break a fun-filled one for the children. Also, to the parents who joined us in making the field trips, events in room and celebrations. THANK YOU!**

Reminder: Fee changes effective 1 Oct, 2018. Fees are due on the 1st of every month.

For any concerns or suggestion feel free to contact the Director in the Office or give us a call @ 780-758-4600 or email us at: steppingstones82st@gmail.com

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For professional development, we have an upcoming workshop on 13th Nov, 2018. Engaging Activities to Support STEM with Young Children. If you are interested in attending, please let us know by 31st Oct, 2018.

DAYCARE CLOSURE DATES

8 October, 2018 (Monday) – Thanksgiving

12 November, 2018 (Monday) - Remembrance Day

WINTER BREAK

24 December, 2018 - 1 January, 2019

Daycare reopens on 2 January, 2019 (Wednesday)

Late Pick up Policy - It is important to be familiar with all daycare policies and that includes our late pick up policy. Please be sure to pick up your child(ren) on time. The daycare hours are 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM. Any children picked up after 6:00 PM will result in late fee. The daycare recently has been having a difficult time with late pick up. We advise the parents to pick the child around 5:45 PM because if there is anything you or the staff has to discuss regarding your child, there is enough time for that discussion, as staff does not get paid after 6:00 PM.



Health: We recently received information from Alberta Health Services regarding identifying major outbreaks in Edmonton Area Childcare Facilities. Symptoms to watch for- Diarrhea, Vomiting, Fever, Cough, Rash Illness, etc., As a child care facility we are committed to protect the health and safety of the children to whom we provide care. And we have a 24- hour symptom free health policy, which says that a child can't attend daycare until he or she is 24-hour symptom free. So, we request all the parents to not to send the child to daycare if he or she is sick. And kindly inform the daycare about the symptoms of the sickness when the child stays at home.

Toys from home: Children are encouraged to bring items from home on their special "Show & Share" days only. Please note we are not responsible for the loss or damage of any toys / games that your child may bring from home.

We will be conducting our annual parent surveys on 4th Oct, 2018. Staff will handout survey forms. Please take the time to fill them out while you are at the center. Your input is very essential in making changes to improve the center. Refreshments will also be provided.

FALL/WINTER READY

Happy Fall everyone!! The cold weather has arrived we are asking parents to be mindful of the weather and the temperature as it changes and provide the suitable clothing for your child/children. Please be ensure that you provide jackets, toot and gloves, rain boots/snow shoes. Please make sure that these items are labelled so we can ensure that the items go back to the right cubbies. LAYERS ARE ALWAYS BETTER!!!

