

**HOUSFIELD HEIGHTS - BRIAR HILL
COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN
JANUARY 2012**

Dear Parents:

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and that you are all ready to start the new term with renewed vim and vigor. We also hope that Santa has been good to each of our children. Our weather has cooperated well for all travellers.

January is the month we will be studying our five senses (see, smell, taste, hear and touch). There will be an in-class field trip for this unit on **Tuesday, January 24 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. Both the morning and the afternoon class will attend Kindergarten from 12:50 pm to 3:35 pm on January 24. There will be NO morning classes, on this day.

We will need 4 volunteers for this in-class field trip. Two from the morning class and two from the afternoon class. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. An in-school field trip form will be handed out. Please return by Wednesday, January 18 or sooner.

LAC Meeting

There is a LAC meeting on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Community Centre. (Please note the meeting location change if you are attending.)

Alphabet Days

We will be changing the pattern of our alphabet days beginning the third week in January. January 11 will be "Mm" day. Then the third week in January you will have to remember there will be two days for the alphabet. Tuesdays and Thursdays. January 17 will be "Nn" day and January 19 will be "Oo" day. On January 24 there will be no letter day because of the in-class field trip on the Five Senses. On Thursday, January 26 it will be "Pp" day. Tuesday, January 31 is "Qq" day and February 2 will be "Rr" day. Please make note of these important changes for our Alphabet Days.

Early Numeracy

The children will begin their patterning in math this month. They will continue learning to count to 100 by ones, fives and tens.

Student of the Week

Every Friday, we will pull a name of one of the children in the class to be “The Student of the Week”. They will receive a crown with their name on it, and come up to the front of the class and write their name on the white board. They will ask the children to give them each letter that is in their first name and when they have finished the last letter all the children will yell that child’s name out as loudly as they can. After this is done, they will interview the “Student of the Week”. The teacher always get to ask the first three questions and then the rest of the children get to ask questions about the child. When this is done, all the children will draw a picture of the “Student of Week” doing something that they learned about them from the interview. It must all be positive things. They will dictate what their picture is about. All these pages will go together to make a child’s “Student of the Week” book which is read to all the children in the class and given to the child as a keepsake. All the children really love this opportunity and are so excited to bring it home and have you read it to them too.

Show and Share

Every Friday we will have a “Show and Share” day. The children will be able to bring **ONE** thing to school that they would like to share with everyone else. It should be something that they know who or where they got it from, what they do with it and where they keep it plus any other information that will make it interesting for the children to see it. We will do this until Spring Break. Remember Fridays only and one thing only.

Home Reading Begins Monday, January 30, 2012

Beginning Monday, January 30, we will allow your child to bring home a book to read. They sign one out in the classroom and bring it home to learn to read. When they have completed the task, they get to pick a new book and so it goes.

We ask the parents to sit down with their child and read the book to them first. Then have the child read it back to you. Do this more than once. Once your child can pick it up and read it to themselves, then send it back for a new book. Please remember to point to each word when you are reading it and make sure they do the same when they are reading it back to you.

HHBH Community Kindergarten Registration and Open House Monday, January 16, 2012 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Children who will be five years old by March 1, 2013 are welcome to register for Kindergarten January 16, between 5:30 and 7:30 pm. Please bring the original birth certificate plus a copy of it for the registration form. If you know of any children meeting the criteria for enrollment please do refer them to our Kindergarten. They will also need to be prepared to pay the \$65.00 registration fee when they register.

My leg is beginning to mend and feel less painful. I sincerely hope to be back in the classroom as soon as possible. But until that time arrives, please give the sub and Pauline your continued support.

Barbara Scratch
Kindergarten Teacher

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, January 9, 2012	LAC Meeting
Letter Dates	
Wednesday, January 11, 2012	“Mm” Day
Tuesday, January 17, 2012	“Nn” Day
Thursday, January 19, 2012	“Oo” Day
Thursday, January 26, 2012	“Pp” Day
Tuesday, January 31, 2012	“Qq” Day
Thursday, February 2, 2012	“Rr” Day
Monday, January 16, 2012	Kindergarten Registration 5:30-7:30 pm Use SW Entrance Doors
Wednesday, January 18, 2012	In-school field trip Form must be back
Tuesday, January 24, 2012	“Sense” In-class field trip 1:00-3:00 pm NO am classes
Monday, January 30, 2012	Home Reading Begins