



# Monthly Newsletter

February 2020

Well, it feels great to be back into the swing of things after the holiday break. We have many new families and children joining us all the time and the “hum” in the building is growing. It’s wonderful. Every child adds a new perspective, uniqueness and contribution to the classrooms and learning of their collective groups.

All of our classes started the new year with a change in rooms. It has gone over very well and allowed us to continue to expand our spaces and offerings in each class. We also are excited to expand our Teacher roster with 3 new Teachers who joined this month. You will find their profiles up on wall. We want to encourage you to visit when you can to get to know them, and build those long term relationships.



Preschool/Kindergarten have had an exciting month of diving into a construction and building interest. After that long cold snap we were SO excited to be able to get outside again, and February will be a fun month with new faces joining the classroom.



Our Toddler classroom has been so excited to explore Ocean animals, we added a fun new sensory table which the children love, and have really enjoyed the Calgary Library Reading Program.



Our Infant classroom joined the Toddler class for the Calgary Public Library Reading visits and they have really been enjoying all of the new materials to learn and explore in larger room (including a handmade sensory board by Don)!

## Literacy Development

In this article Melissa Taylor shares age appropriate ways for parents to incorporate reading and flexing those brain muscles! <https://www.readbrightly.com/easy-ways-to-get-your-kids-to-read-more-this-year/>



Have you heard of **calgary reads** and their lovely house in Inglewood? They are an amazing non-profit whose mission revolves around reading and literacy development for children. They have a beautiful house full of books where you take take your kids for a playdate and to read at no cost! Here is their website: <https://calgaryreads.com> Also, they host an event called the “Big Book Sale” each spring where you can get books at a fraction of the cost.

## Reminders/Special Dates

- February 17<sup>th</sup>-Closed for the Family Day stat holiday
- Thank you to the parents who have contributed to our Loose Parts Project! We appreciate it so much and the children are loving the materials!