



# THE DISCOVERY MONTESSORI INC.

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December 16, 2019

Dear Parents,

What a terrific first term we have had at the Discovery Montessori! With 2019 almost behind us, this is the perfect time to reflect on the wonderful memories from the first term and to look forward to building meaningful experiences in the upcoming year.

As we move forward to our second term in 2020, there are some reminders that I would like to share with you:

1. **Snow Day Announcements:** During the winter months inclement weather may cause the disruption of school operations. The Discovery Montessori will follow the decision made by the Peel District School Board regarding the school closing. The Peel District School Board usually makes this decision by 7:00 am and will post their decision on their website [peelschools.org](http://peelschools.org). The Discovery Montessori will also post the school closure information due to a snow day on our website as well as send an email in the morning to all the parents.
2. **Children's Winter Accessories:** Please label your child's winter accessories, including boots. Please also ensure that your child comes prepared to play outdoor in the snow during the winter season. The school will continue to monitor temperatures and weather alerts and make an informed decision each day about outdoor play time.
3. **Medical Information:** Please remember to keep the school office informed of any changes or updates to your child's medical information or any changes to your home, work or cell phone number or your emergency contact information. It is extremely important to keep all this information current for the school's records.
4. **Pick-Up Timings:** For parents who have children in attendance in the full day program, please note that pick up time is 3:30 pm, unless after care has been arranged with the office. Families who continuously pick up past 3:30 pm and have not arranged for after school care will receive an invoice for the additional charge at the end of each month to reflect the late pick up days. Please ensure that your child arrives on time in the morning to benefit from the full day program. School promptly ends at 5:00 pm.
5. **Important Dates to Remember:** I would like to share a couple of upcoming dates for your records:
  - Winter Holidays: December 23, 2019 – January 05, 2020
  - March Holidays: March 16, 2020 – March 20, 2020
  - April 2020 – Trip to Garden centre – *Details and date to be announced in the new year*
  - June 12, 2020 – Mini-Golf field trip

Lastly, I hope that the holiday season provides you with the opportunity to build wonderful memories with your children and loved ones. We hope that you also take the opportunity to talk to the children about the importance of sharing and caring, as well as the importance of charity, empathy and compassion.

From all of us here at the Discovery Montessori we wish you a wonderful and safe winter holidays. We are looking forward to a great new year full of fun and new discoveries.

*Fouzia Ali*