



Nov. 26, 2012

Dear Parents,

We have had a good couple weeks with the children increasingly showing their growing skills in many areas.

We now have some of the Owls group participate in the Helper of Day. Those who feel they are ready and want to help will take part in our daily rota. The helper for the day assists in giving out the plates and cups at snack time and helps the teacher with small tasks. So far this has been very successful and the children who are ready to participate are very excited to do so.

The children enjoyed taking part in the bake sale fundraising event that the Marvellous Mushrooms hosted last week. The event raised money for the Wildlife Centre in Toronto. It took place after school so not all the children took part in it that day – but there will be more to come!

Our lessons focused on ‘Special Events’ where we explored, in small, some of the events that are approaching. This included seeding some new words that they may hear during this season and sharing about some of the events they know well – Christmas, Hanukkah, Eid, Duwali, Solstice . . . The children were fascinated to hear that all these celebrations involve lights during the darkest time of the year.

We also started to play some simple games and introduced the early concepts of cooperation, waiting your turn and enjoying the process.

The children had a wonderful time when each of them wore a ‘letter vest’ and the aim was to dance around to the music, when the music stopped, you stop. When the teacher called out the letter you are wearing, you go and stand in the designated spot. The older children then ‘read’ the words we formed. Simple words like ‘cat’ and ‘fan’ were a great joy to figure out together.

Wishing you all a great week and we hope to see you at the annual BEN Holiday Event coming up this Saturday from 1-3.

Sincerely,

Ilaria

Reminders:

-BEN Holiday event Sat. Dec. 1st from 1-3pm. Please rsvp

- Parent-Teacher interviews on Thurs. Dec. 6 evening and Fri. Dec. 7th morning. No classes on Friday Dec. 7th

-Please make sure your child has indoor shoes. It is getting colder and we have monthly fire drills.

-Please send appropriate cutlery with your child for their lunch. If you have any school cutlery that has come home accidentally, please send it back in your child’s lunch bag.