



# September News

241-6232

[www.childsplace.ca](http://www.childsplace.ca)

## Welcome to preschool!

**Welcome!** To Childsplace Learning Centres Ltd. We are glad that you chose us for your child's preschool experience- we pride ourselves on offering Calgary's highest quality preschool programming. We feel that we work harder than all the others to ensure your child's experience (and yours) is the best it can possibly be.

**Learning through play** is the philosophy at Childsplace, and we provide many different opportunities throughout the day for children to explore, create and discover- all while having fun! That's what childhood is about- we focus on learning activities that encourage social interaction, development of relationships and problem solving in appropriate ways.

We expand our program when it's age appropriate, with in-class visitors or field trips. Parent volunteers will be required for field trips- a list will be posted prior to the trip, and it will be based on a first-come basis. Siblings are not allowed on field trips- the focus is to be on your preschool age child, with no distractions.

I would personally like to welcome all the children enrolled in Childsplace and their parents for choosing this to be a platform for your child. I would like to ensure all the parents that together me and my staff would provide a caring, safe and educational place for your little world.

**PLEASE** always feel free to contact us by telephone 241-6232 or by email [childsplace@shaw.ca](mailto:childsplace@shaw.ca) if you have any comments, questions or concerns! We're always available to chat!

Tammy Will-Vargyas

**A child is not a vessel to be filled,  
but a lamp to be lit.**



## DO WE HAVE YOUR NUMBER?

Often business, home or cell numbers change, and parents forget to inform us. When we really need to contact you, make sure we can please. Fill out the following if there have been any changes:

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Work # \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

### SNACK INFORMATION:

#### Monday & Tuesday

Fresh fruit or fruit salad with sugar free cereal (eg: Cheerios)

#### Wednesday & Thursday

Sliced fresh vegetables & dip, or salad & dressing, crackers

#### Fridays

Nutritious sandwiches or wrap, or a slice of pizza

DRINKS: Water, juice or milk

NO NUTS or Peanut butter

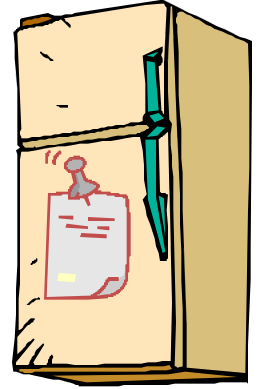
Reusable containers ONLY in a ziplock bag.

### PLEASE...

Ensure you pick your child up on time to avoid late fees!

Late fees are \$5 for every 5 minutes, payable immediately.

# IMPORTANT Dates for the school year



## 2011-12 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please keep for your records!

### September:

- 6 First day of school, half hour only, meet and greet! PS1- 9:00am,3&4yr Mixed- 10:00am & PS2- 11:00
- 7 First day of school, half hour only, meet and greet! JK1-9:00am, JK2- 10:00am  
School bags and Parent Manuals will be handed out on the first day.
- 8 & 9 Regular classes begin

### October:

- 10 CLOSED Thanksgiving Day
- 13&14 Class photos during regular school times.
- 27 Halloween Dress Up parties for PS and 3&4yr mixed classes.
- 28 Halloween Dress Up parties for JK classes - no weapons or wands please!

### November:

- 10 CLOSED Teachers Professional Day
- 11 CLOSED Remembrance Day

### December:

- 17 CLOSED for Winter Break. Enjoy your holiday!

### January 2012:

- 3 Preschool reopens. Happy New Year!

### February:

- 13&14 Valentine's Day parties during class time. NO candy or cupcakes please!
- 16&17 CLOSED Teachers Convention
- 20 CLOSED Alberta Family Day

### March:

- 16 CLOSED- Teachers Professional Day

### April:

- 6-13 CLOSED Spring Break
- 16 Classes resume

### May:

- 18 CLOSED Teachers Professional Day
- 21 CLOSED Victoria Day

### June:

- 15 Last day of Preschool
- 18 Family Picnic at the Zoo 10:00am-12:00pm.Meet at the Zoo, bring the whole family!

ALL DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.  
PLEASE WATCH YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR

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# Preschool Stuff!

## Junior Kindergarten Classes

Dramatic Play is a Health Clinic!  
Week of :

- 9th Getting to Know You  
Please bring a small photo of your child for the Birthday Chart. Please put child's name and date of birth on the back.  
Making friends, becoming part of a group, Welcome & Goodbye songs  
Preschool Safety  
Practice Fire Drills on 14th  
Classroom Rules
- 12th Health and Hygiene  
Food & Nutrition  
Healthy Lifestyles  
Exercise Activities
- 19th I Am Unique  
All About Me  
Feelings & Emotions
- 23rd Seasons, Fall starts, Fall Crafts
- 28th Letter of the week is "A". Bring a SMALL item (must fit in the child's hand) that starts with the letter A. Please make sure you label with your child's name!

## PS 1 & PS 2 Classes,

Dramatic Play is a Health Clinic!  
Week of :

- 8th Getting to Know You  
Please bring a small photo of your child for the Birthday Chart. Please put child's name and date of birth on the back.  
Making friends, becoming part of a group, Welcome & Goodbye songs  
Preschool Safety  
Practice Fire Drills on 15th  
Classroom Rules
- 13th Health and Hygiene  
Food & Nutrition  
Healthy Lifestyles  
Exercise Activities
- 20th I Am Unique  
All About Me  
Feelings & Emotions
- 27th Seasons, Fall starts, Fall Crafts
- 29th Letter of the week is "A". Bring a SMALL item (must fit in the child's hand) that starts with the letter A. Please make sure you label with your child's name! (3&4 yr mixed class only)

### Class and outside safety rules:

- Indoor Listen to the teacher/adult in charge.  
Use WALKING feet only in the classroom.  
Use an indoor, quiet voice.  
Keep your hands on your own body.
- Outside Listen to the teacher/adult in charge.  
Stay IN the playground.  
Rocks & gravel stay on the ground.  
Climb UP the ladder only.  
Go down the slide FEET first.  
Only ONE child on the slide at any given time.

Parents need to fill a child's bucket of self esteem so high that the rest of the world can't poke enough holes in it to drain it dry.

Alvin Price

**PARENTS-** Please help to reinforce these rules with your children!!!

# Volunteer opportunities for parents...



Parents are an integral part of their children's lives, and at Childspace we recognize that some parents would like opportunities to become involved with the program. There are a number of ways in which you can do this. We sometimes require help to needed with some artwork preparation, toy washing, field trip volunteers, fundraising. If you have any ideas of your own to share, feel free to let us know. If you would like to be on the volunteer list, please see Ms. Tammy and she will find something for you to do!

## School Bags...

PLEASE Use **ONLY** the school bag provided for your child! It should contain their snack, a **full change of clothing** and indoor shoes. Please check it daily for **communications** and **artwork!**



## Scholastic Books...

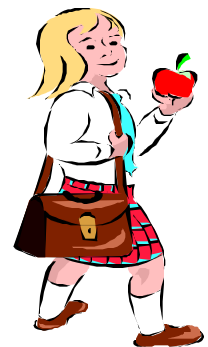


Reading books to your children is a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to spend quality time together. Children learn by osmosis sometimes! It seems that suddenly they become experts overnight on a particular subject— and often times that knowledge comes from books read to them, either at home or at school. Childspace offers parents the opportunity to order age-appropriate Scholastic Books. This is a wonderful and inexpensive way to add to your child's own book library, and helping to earn credits for the preschool that the teachers can trade in on teaching materials to benefit the children in the program!

Watch for Scholastic Book order forms each month! Ensure your orders are received by us by the due date— otherwise the order won't go in. Payment is by cheque **ONLY**, payable to Scholastic. Due dates are posted on the bulletin board, and stamped on the order form. Due dates will be posted on the bulletin board. Happy Reading!

## First Day at School

He holds on tightly to your hand, you're sure he's going to cry  
When you leave him at the nursery school, and have to say goodbye  
You tell yourself he needs a chance, to share and learn and grow  
He's not a baby any more it's time to let him go  
But even so, you find it hard to tear yourself away,  
And you wonder if he'll manage, and make it through the day.  
Back home, the house is quieter than it's ever been before,  
You keep wishing every minute he'd come scampering in the door.  
In his room there are reminders, of his presence everywhere,  
Like building blocks and picture books, his favorite teddy bear.  
You can hardly wait to pick him up, when nursery school is through  
You're sure he'll run and hug you and say he's missed you too.  
But you find him playing happily,  
with new games, new friends, new toys,  
Your precious little man is now one of the 'big boys'!  
Yes, since he has discovered a new world to explore,  
he really doesn't want to be a baby any more!



by Alice E. Chase