

Miss Kelly's

NEWS

Hello Everybody!

January 2010

Directress' Message

Greetings, and welcome back from your holidays!

December was a big fun month. On Thursday December 10th and on Monday December 14th, some of the children went for a walk down the street to the NDG Food Depot on the corner of Oxford and de Maisonneuve. We were well-received as they each placed cans and boxes and bags of food onto pallets for sorting and then for distribution to those in need. Many thanks for all the food donations!

On Dec 12th we had a splendid year-end brunch! We had a terrific turn-out, and we missed those who couldn't come. Amiable company, easy conversation, scrumptious food, and charismatic children. A convivial vibe permeated the whole house. Thank you so much to all of you!

Unfortunately here at Miss Kelly's we didn't get everything we asked for at Christmas, as it was with sadness that we learned the Miss Julie will be relocating with her husband to the Philippines. Her last day with the children will be January 22nd. Her influence on our center, on your children, and on us, has been profound and will be cherished for a long time. Please read the message below from Miss Julie.

Things we are looking forward to in the new year include the arrival of a new student named Sarah Racanelli to our school. She is 22 months old and will be with us on a part-time basis starting this month. Please say hello to her when you see her.

Our artist of the month is Andy Warhol. Musically, we will be listening to canons and rounds, and might have the children singing Row Row Row Your Boat and Frere Jacques.

We are continuing our efforts to expand Miss Kelly's out of the home, and at this point we are actively seeking an exterior location to accomodate more children and staff. If anyone knows of anything that might be suitable, please let us know. It should be large enough to serve 30 kids, be close to a park or have a substantial outdoor area. Most important of all, it must be close to our current location.

Sincerely,

Miss. Kelly

Lead Guide's Message

Dear Families,

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and extend my thanks for the wonderful holiday wishes and gifts.

It is with sadness that I inform you of my departure from Miss Kelly's daycare. My husband's work is providing us with a great opportunity to go to the Philippines for an extended period of time, an opportunity that we can't pass up.

I am deeply humbled and honoured to have worked with you and your children. Your interest, openness and attention to learning about the Montessori method is appreciated. Thank you for the trust you have given and the acknowledgment of the hard work that we do. Thank you for sharing your precious children with me. I will never forget them.

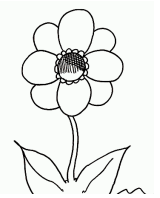
I will miss you all.

With love and best wishes,

Miss Julie

JANUARY REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Clothing. As always, please make sure we have hats, scarf and mittens, and appropriate outer wear - kids who don't have warm enough clothing will not be permitted to go outside, for safety reasons. Please also have slippers and socks for your children - floors are cold here in the winter, even when heat is on
- Lost and Found. Anything you've lost? Please ask to see the lost and found box.
- Toys. When possible it is best that children keep their treasured toys at home.
- Food Bank. We are accepting canned/dry goods for food bank. We will bring the children to give the food to the food bank. All donations welcome.
- Miss Kelly's Needs: Bookshelves! Do you have any old bookshelves or furniture to donate or **sell** at reasonable prices? Let us know. Small chairs, end-tables, lamps, and especially bookshelves are of interest. We are always interested in old calendars with art images or nature photography or books, items of interest and benefit to the kids. Many thanks for all your contributions and making Miss Kelly's a more enriched environment. It's fun to grow together.
- Colds happen. But if your child has a high fever, or is definitely unwell, please consider keeping her home for a day. If you have any doubts about coming in, don't hesitate to call and check with Miss Kelly first.
- Announcements. If you have anything you wish to announce in our newsletter let us know. We can also send out notices to all parents, so any announcements at any time can be forwarded to Miss Kelly for review.



Some new songs we learned in the month of January

<p>I am a Pizza Charlotte Diamond</p> <p>I am a pizza With extra cheese From tomatoes Sauce is squeezed Onions and mushrooms Oregano I am a pizza, ready to go</p> <p>I am a pizza Pepperoni No anchovies Or phony bologna I am a pizza Order by phone I am a pizza, please take me home</p> <p>I am a pizza Peppers on top Out of the oven Into the box</p> <p>Into the car and Upside down I am a pizza, dropped on the ground</p> <p>I was a pizza I was the best I was a pizza Now I'm a mess!</p>	<p>Two Little Hands</p> <p>Two little hands go clap, clap, clap Two little feet go tap, tap, tap Two little hands go thump, thump, thump Two little feet go jump, jump, jump One little body turns around One little child sits quietly down</p> <hr/> <p>Oats, Peas, Beans and Barley</p> <p>Oats, peas, beans and barley grow Oats, peas, beans and barley grow Do you or I or anyone know How oats, peas, beans and barley grow?</p> <p>First the farmer sows the seeds, After that she weeds and weeds Stamps her foot and claps her hands And turns around to view the land</p>
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