

January

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Upcoming Events

- ★ Virtual School begins Jan 5th -Jan 17th
- ★ January 19th, Tamil Heritage Month Virtual Dance presentation

Learning Expectations for December

- Literacy - Shared book study and report writing, journal, Poem of the week and word study (spelling and decoding), keyboarding

read aloud: Dr. Wangari Maathai Plants a Forest by: Rebel Girls (students use Google Forms to respond to questions based on each chapter to support and demonstrate comprehension) and start to make connections to our science unit

Read aloud: The Boy, the mole, the fox and the Horse By: Charlie Mackesy
We will use this resources to explore one of our Lambton Park Big Ideas. To learn about **Me and the World Beyond Me**, through the lens of kindness and teamwork.

- Numeracy - Introduce Knowledgehook (online math site), Coding (Tinker, Scratch), Division of whole numbers up to 50,
- Science/Technology- Start Habitats and Communities, Use Jamboard and creating a Google Site to tell about 1 animal they chose to study
- Social Skills- New Year's Resolutions, Goal Setting, Self-Regulation
- Social Studies- Start studying the regional areas of Canada
- P.E.- Skills: Flexibility and coordination example activities are yoga and Brain Gym
- Arts: Starting Dance and Drama units
- French -Continue Ma Famille, starting the We verbs and adjectives

Surrey Place Offerings for Parents and Families:

Foundational Family Services are available at no cost for families who are registered with the Ontario Autism Program (OAP):

<https://www.surreyplace.ca/directory/autism-services/foundational-family-services/>

Foundational family services include:

- **Caregiver supports – such as Caregiver Connect: Autism Support Group**

<https://www.surreyplace.ca/wellness-events/caregiver-connect-autism-support-group-3/?occurrence=2021-12-07>

The focus of this weekly support group is to connect caregivers of children with ASD with other caregivers. Sessions will include discussions on topics such as: managing stress, providing engaging activities at home, supporting changes in routines, and advocating for your child. Participants will have the opportunity to provide input on the focus of each session's discussion topic.

- **Workshops on topics such as emotional regulation - Dealing with Challenging Behaviour**

<https://www.surreyplace.ca/wellness-events/dealing-with-challenging-behaviour-3/?occurrence=2021-12-07>

This workshop will help caregivers develop an understanding of behaviour and the underlying reasons why their child may engage in challenging behaviour. Common strategies for addressing behaviours will be discussed, and case studies will be examined. Participants will begin planning to prevent or redirect the challenging behaviour displayed by their children at home and in the community.

- **Parenting Programs like Triple P Group Stepping Stones**

<https://www.surreyplace.ca/wellness-events/triple-p-group-stepping-stones-group-b-2/?occurrence=2021-12-13&time=1639389600>

Stepping Stones is based on Triple P's positive parenting strategies. It helps you manage problem behaviour and developmental issues common in children with a disability. It also helps develop a close relationship with your child, cope with stress, encourage behaviour you like, and teach your child new skills. This 9 week program includes 7 group webinars and 2 one-on-one consultations.

This is the link to Autism Ontario Service Navigation, for supports in finding providers (home based/center based):

<https://www.autismontario.com/programs-services/under-18/service-navigation>

Educational Websites to Use at Home:

NEW The students now have their own profiles on EPIC. EPIC is a book site where I can assign books and track their reading. They can also select their own books of interest. www.getepic.com

NEW The students now have profiles on Knowledgehook. Knowledgehook is a math website. I assign them Missions to complete and I can see all the results. www.joinkh.com Class Code: 704 680 Password: each student has their own

Keyboarding: <https://www.dancemattypingguide.com/>

TDSB Virtual Library: can be accessed via widget on Brightspace (books and educational videos)

Math: <https://www.mathsisfun.com/>