



## **DATES AT-A-GLANCE:**

**Thursday, August 31**  
First Day of School for  
Program Children

**Tuesday, September 19th**  
Community Children begin

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Cooking

**Monday, September 25th**  
Make Up Day: Meet and  
Greet to take place at Kin  
Park

**Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday (26, 27, 28)**  
Guided Observations  
(remember to sign up prior)

**Friday, September 29th**  
No Classes – IPP meetings  
for Program Children

**Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
IPP meetings for Program  
Children

## **CHEEP INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH OF: SEPTEMBER 2017**

**THEME:** *All About Me*

**STORIES OF THE MONTH:** *'Forgetful Goes to School', 'Bobby, Bobby', 'Forgetful Bakes a Cake', 'Dirty Duds' (SLP made books)*

### **CENTRES:**

**Dramatic Play Centre:** *We will start the year off with gross motor play in this centre. For the last two weeks we have a 'house centre' for children to make believe and role play in a familiar home setting.*

**SENSORY TABLE:** *The 'touch table' will contain soothing warm water and bubbles and provide an opportunity to sooth and engage in exploration of concepts such as dirty/clean, wet/dry, up/down as well as actions such as pour, measure, wash, dry, float, and sink. At this centre children also become familiar getting a water shirt, pushing up sleeves, and putting away shirts when they are finished playing. Finally, this is a key centre teachers use to help facilitate turn taking skills.*

**FINE MOTOR FOCUS:** *This month children are exposed to a wide variety of activities to screen for fine motor strengths and challenges and provide information for programming in future weeks and months. Children will be exposed to cutting, glueing, colouring/scribbling/drawing/copying/imitating, painting etc. as well as activities that involve use of their two hands together (helper and dominant hands). A variety puzzles of different skill levels will be offered to encourage use of visual perceptual skills.*

**GROSS MOTOR FOCUS:** *During gym, music, circle time movement activities, walks and bike rides down the hall and outside time using balls, hoops and the parachute we will be attending to children's strengths and challenges to provide information for future programming. This is another opportunity*

for children to gain experience following directions and taking turns as well.

**OTHER NEWS:**

*\*During the second week of school the SLP students will be observing and interacting with the children. In following weeks they will be implementing their "small classes" outside of our main classroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays until November. This looks different for different children and either Jamie or Sandra has talked to you about how your child may be involved. Please talk to them if you have any further questions about what this will entail for your child if this is still unclear. Your child's SLP student (program children) will introduce themselves in the first few weeks of school. If your child is a "community child" you may be approached by the classroom SLP to request a pairing with another child in "small class"*

*NOTE: we refer to SLP students as "tall friends" and their pull-out classes as "small class".*

*\*PLEASE help us in keeping **consistent expectations** for the children in the hallways in regards to running. We are fortunate to have a shared space within this department, however the halls are not part of our gym. We encourage running during gym time and outside time. We do not allow running in the hallways during class time. Children practice using their "walking feet" at this time to remain safe and be respectful of those who work in the building.*

*\*Please ensure you are keeping up to date with what's posted on the CHEEP bulletin board in the parent waiting area. Soon there will be a sign-up sheet for '**guided observations**' during the last week of September.*

*\*We want to thank Jayme Kurach for volunteering to manage the SCHOLASTIC book orders! Please take advantage of what Scholastic has to offer. Our classroom gets credits for your orders, but most importantly your child is exposed to the excitement of choosing, talking about and reading some great books with you.*

**Happy New School Year!**

**CHEEP STAFF**