

## **Classroom Volunteer** (Just for your information - Amanda won't be here in the afternoons)

Dear Parents,

I would like to inform you that I will be joining your child's junior kindergarten class as a volunteer on Thursday mornings, until the end of March. I am a student at MacEwan University, studying to become an elementary teacher. I am very excited for this opportunity to be able to participate in the classroom activities and I know that I will learn a lot from your children. Please feel free to introduce yourselves to me and ask any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Baril

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## **Friendship Focus**

As many of you know, we have been reading books about friendship and discussing how to be a good friend. The "bucket books" are a fantastic resource for teaching children about the importance of being kind to others. I have four different versions of the "bucket book" so please feel free to sign them out. I only ask that you don't keep them at home for long because they are so popular among the children right now. To continue with our friendship theme, we will be completing two different activities this month:

### **Kindness Tree:**

When your child does something kind, please write a short description on a piece of paper so that we can share it and pin it to our kindness tree. By the end of the month our tree will be full of love and kindness! It's a visual reminder to children that their kind actions are valued and remembered.

### **Stone Soup:**

Later this month, we will be reading different versions of Stone Soup. This story is about sharing what we have with others, so that we all prosper. In the stories, members of a community each contribute a food item to the communal soup being made from stones. When the soup is finished, they enjoy a feast together. We will be creating our own stone soup to enjoy together. Please send ½ cup of a washed and chopped vegetable for our soup on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Our soup will cook all of Tuesday and then on Wednesday we will eat it together at snack time.

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**February Show and Share** (please bring this with your child's book on her/his show and share day)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This is my favourite book because \_\_\_\_\_

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