

# THEMES 2009-2010

## Including Special Days and Events

Special days, like Valentine's day, are celebrated on the actual day or the day closest to it. Each theme starts the Monday of that week, even if it is the end of the month (ex. Monday, August 31).

N.B.: Numbers, letters, colours, shapes and all educational activities continue all year round.

**Math concepts (ex. whole, half, quarter, more than, less than) are incorporated into both meal and snack times. Our Science program includes Ecosystems. Each class will be learning about one eco system throughout the year. The Living Values is a key part of the K.I.D.S. educational program. As part of this program, the children will be discussing such topics as *peace, respect, love and responsibility*.**

NOTE TO PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS: YOUR SKILLS, TALENTS AND PARTICIPATION ARE ALWAYS WELCOME; PLEASE SPEAK WITH YOUR CO-ORDINATOR OR PUT A NOTE IN THE SUGGESTION BOX.

### SEPTEMBER: GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Art Appreciation-includes a **selection** from the following:

Mary Cassat : "The Sisters"  
 Andy Warhol : "Self Portrait"  
 Blanch Bolduc: "Cornhusking"  
 Eduard Vaillard : "Les deux ecoliers"



Music Appreciation/Sleep time Symphonies: Mozart

Famous Inventors And Scientists: Alexander Graham Bell (telephone)

Special days: Friday August 21st-Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> - Ramadan

Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> make a special card for "GRANDPARENTS DAY" (on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>).

Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> "MY FAVOURITE TEDDY BEAR DAY" (Picnic during the afternoon snack - bring in your favourite teddy bear or your doll on this special day )

Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> - "EID AL-FITR" (feast celebrating end of Ramadan)

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> - "ROSH HASHANA" (Jewish new year)

September 22<sup>nd</sup> - First day of Fall



Introduction of the **LENDING LIBRARY. Parent participation is required.**

**Chocolate sale:** the middle of September, proceeds go toward Lending Library

**Annual Apple-Picking trip:** late September/early October (for older children, weather permitting) Prior to the trip the children will discuss safety and procedures during circle times.

THEMES:

August 31<sup>st</sup> \* WE ARE ALL UNIQUE

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> \*ME AND MY FAMILY

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> \*FRIENDSHIP & BUDDIES

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> \* SAFETY FIRST\* (incl. Learning about 911 and "who is a stranger")

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> \* COMMUNITY HELPERS( police, firefighters, doctors, librarians – **parents and grandparents are welcome to visit and talk about their work**)



**OCTOBER: AUTUMN CHANGES**

**Living Values: Peace**

**Art Appreciation**-includes a **selection** from the following:

- Sonia Delaunay : “Peinture No. 123-A”
- Jackson Pollock: “Autumn Rhythm”
- Piet Mondrian: “L’arbre rouge”



**Music Appreciation/Sleep time Symphonies: Mozart**

Special days:

- Friday, October 9th “THANKSGIVING LUNCH” (plan menu, shop at market)
- Friday, October 23rd Celebrate “ UNITED NATIONS’ DAY (October 24<sup>th</sup>)” with flags of your family’s country of origin.
- Friday, October 30th “HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY”



- Special events: Shop at the market for Fall Harvest (younger children tentative)  
 Photo session with professional photographer -  
 date to be announced (beginning of October).

THEMES:

- Oct. 5th \* THE HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING
- Oct. 12th \* AUTUMN LEAVES: THE FALL COLOURS
- Oct. 19th \* CAVES AND THE CREATURES WHO INHABIT THEM
- Oct. 26th \* HALLOWEEN AND THE IMAGINARY WORLD



**NOVEMBER: TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF**

**Living Values: Respect**

**Art Appreciation**-includes a **selection** from the following:

- Paul Klee: “Around the Fish”
- Leo Belle Fleur: “ Le poisson dans la ville”
- Frank Stella: “Darabjerd III”
- Jackson Pollock : “Grayed Rainbow“

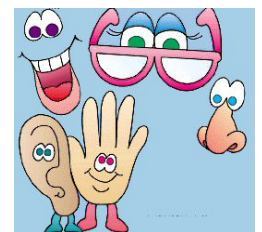


**Music Appreciation/Sleep time Symphonies: Bach**

- Special days: Wednesday, November 11th “REMEMBRANCE DAY” (School closed)  
 Friday, November 20th “NATIONAL CHILD DAY”  
 Wednesday, November 25th INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR

THEMES:

- Nov.2nd \* OUR BODY AND OUR FIVE SENSES
- Nov. 9th \* HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY (including hygiene and dental care)
- Nov.16th \* NUTRITION: THREE FOOD GROUPS
- Nov.23<sup>rd</sup> \* NUTRITION: THE FOURTH FOOD GROUP: GRAINS & BREADS OF THE WORLD
- Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> \* MULTICULTURAL HOLIDAYS (FOODS, CUSTOMS)





**DECEMBER: HOLIDAY FESTIVALS**

**Living Values: Love**

**Art Appreciation**-includes a **selection** from the following:

**Paul Klee: "Red Balloon"**

**Piet Mondrian : " L'abre argente"**

**William J. Glackens : "Central Park in Winter"**



**Music Appreciation/Sleep time Symphonies: Bach**

Special days: December 12th "CHANUKKAH"

December 16th "LAS POSADAS" Mexican pre-Christmas Festival.

December 21<sup>st</sup> First day of Winter

December 25<sup>th</sup> "CHRISTMAS"

December 26th -January 1st "KWANZAA" African-American celebration of family and community life.

December 29<sup>th</sup> -Islamic New Year

Thursday, December 31st "NEW YEAR'S EVE" PARTY

Special events: Set up in-class post office for letters to Santa and holiday cards.  
Season's Party!!!  
Food Drive

**LETTERS TO SANTA**

**THEMES:**

Dec. 7th \* MULTICULTURAL HOLIDAYS ( SONGS AND STORIES)

Dec. 14th \* GIVING, CARING & SHARING: HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Dec. 21st \*CHRISTMAS AND KWANZAA

Dec. 28th \*NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



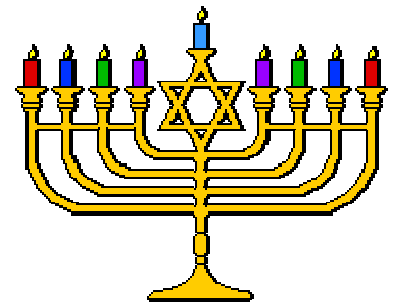
**KINARA**



**MAZAO: FRUITS,NUTS AND VEGETABLE**



**CHRISTMAS TREE**



**MENORA**

**JANUARY: WINTER WONDERLAND**

**Living Values: Responsibility**

**Art Appreciation**-includes a **selection** from the following:

Henri Masson: "Hockey"  
Monet: "La pie"  
Clarence Gagnon "Near Baie St. Paul"



**Music Appreciation/Sleep time Symphonies: Handel**

**Famous Inventors And Scientists: Thomas A. Edison**

Special days: Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> Day Time Pyjama Party  
Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> Family Literacy Day (**Animated book readings in schools**)



THEMES:

Jan.4<sup>th</sup> \*WINTER CLOTHES & WINTER SAFETY  
Jan.11<sup>th</sup> \*WINTER SPORTS  
Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> \*ANIMALS IN THE SNOW: HIBERNATION & WINTER HOUSES  
Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> \*ANIMALS OF THE POLAR REGIONS

**FEBRUARY: OURSELVES AND OTHERS**

**Living Values: Happiness**

**Art Appreciation**-includes a **selection** from the following:

Miyuki Tanobe "Washing-day"  
Juan Hirondele Miro: "Amour"  
Pablo Picasso : "La femme qui pleure "

**Music Appreciation/Sleep time Symphonies: Handel**



**Famous Inventors And Scientists: George Washington Carver**

Special days: Celebration of "Black History Month" throughout February  
Between Feb.8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> " TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK"  
Sunday, Feb.14<sup>th</sup> VALENTINE DAY Parties to be held on **Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
(please wear something RED).  
Special Event: Make Valentine's Day cards for Veterans' Hospital  
Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Chinese New Year (year of the tiger) **to be celebrated on Monday February15<sup>th</sup> with a parade, Chinese lunch and fortune cookies.**

THEMES:

Feb.1<sup>st</sup> \* EMOTIONS  
Feb.8<sup>th</sup> \* LOVE IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE, SONGS AND MOVIES  
Feb.15<sup>th</sup> \* SHOWING APPRECIATION: EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP & GRATITUDE  
Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> \*CARING FOR ANIMALS AND PETS



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**MARCH: WINTER TURNS TO SPRING**

**Living Values: Cooperation**

**Art Appreciation**-includes a **selection** from the following:

Mary Cassatt : “ Spring: Margot Standing in a Garden”

Georges Seurat; “Le cirque”

Miyuki Tanobe: “Inside the Sugar Shack”



**Music Appreciation/Sleep time Symphonies: Vivaldi**

Special days: Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. SUESS’S BIRTHDAY

Monday , March 8<sup>th</sup> “INTERNATIONAL WOMAN’S DAY

Wednesday, March 17th “ST.PATRICK’S DAY”( dress up in green )

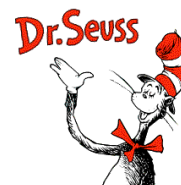
Saturday, March 20th “FIRST DAY OF SPRING”

Sunday, March 21st “PERSIAN NEW YEAR ”

Tuesday, March 30th PASSOVER

Annual sugaring off trip, weather dependent

**Vernissage and Art Auction (middle of March)**



**THEMES:**

March 1st \* ANIMAL HABITATS ( beaver’s lodge, fox’s den, nests, burrows & holes)

March 8th \* MIGRATION AND WAKING ANIMALS (birds, ground hogs, bears, whales)

March 15th \* THE SUN AND THE MOON (including the spring equinox)

March 22nd \* SPRING TIME & THE BIG THAW, TREES (maple sap)

March 29th \* APRIL FOOL’S DAY / CLOWNS, CIRCUS AND SILLINESS ( Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup> dress silly & facepainting)



**APRIL: SPRING TIME**

**Living Values: Honesty**

**Art Appreciation**-includes a **selection** from the following:

Monet: “ Bridge Over a Pool of Water Lilies“

Milton Avery: “White Rooster”

Van Gogh : ” Iris”

Jean Dallaire :“Birdy”

Wassily Kandinsky: “Blue Mountain No. 84”



**Music Appreciation/Sleep time Symphonies: Vivaldi**

Special days: Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> EASTER

Monday, April 22nd EARTH DAY

Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> MAYDAY (In class Mayday picnic on **Friday April 30th**)

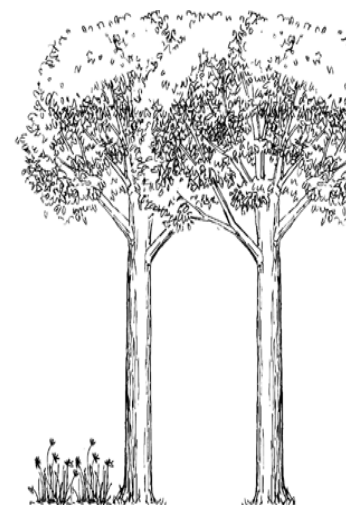
**THEMES:**

April 5th \* OUR ENVIRONMENT & RECYCLING

April 12th \* SPRINGTIME BABIES ON THE FARM (ex. Bunnies, chicks and lambs)

April 19th \* THINGS THAT GROW FROM SEEDS: TREES, FLOWERS & VEGETABLES

April 26th \* BIRDS: OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS



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**MAY: CULTURE**

**Living Values: Humility**

**Art Appreciation**-includes a **selection** from the following:

- Mary Cassatt: "Young Mother Sewing"
- Andre Derain : "London Bridge"
- Paul Klee : "Villas Florentines"
- Egyptian : " The Fields of the blest"
- Mexican: " Figure of an old man"



**Music Appreciation/Sleep time Symphonies:** Stravinsky

**Famous Inventors And Scientists:** Guttenberg (printing press)

Special days: Sunday, May 9th "MOTHER'S DAY" – PREPARE GIFTS FOR MOTHER'S DAY  
- PREPARE MOTHER'S DAY EDIBLE TREATS.



**THEMES:**

- May 3rd \* MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD
- May 10th \* DANCE AROUND THE WORLD
- May 17th \* TRANSPORT AROUND THE WORLD (ex. Floating market in Thailand, gondolas in Venice, camels, bicycles etc.)
- May 24th \* VISIT ANOTHER COUNTRY (EACH CLASS BECOMES A COUNTRY)
- May 31<sup>st</sup> \* VISIT ANOTHER COUNTRY (cont.)

**JUNE: ART AND EXPRESSION**

**Living Values: Tolerance**

**Art Appreciation**-includes a **selection** from the following:

- Henri Matisse : " La tristesse du roi"
- Kitagawa Utamaro: "Women Playing The Shell Game"
- Jean Du Buffet : "Fiston la filoché"



**Music Appreciation/Sleep time Symphonies:** Stravinsky

Special days: Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> "FATHER'S DAY" – PREPARE GIFTS FOR FATHER'S DAY  
Face painting and dress-up day  
GRADUATION DAY & SONG FEST (date to be announced)

**THEMES:**

- June 7th\* \*MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
- June 14th \* FAIRYTALES AND FANTASIES
- June 21st \* PLAYS, THEATRE AND COSTUMES
- June 28<sup>th</sup> \* THE PLAYFUL WORLD OF PUPPETS AND PUPPET SHOWS



**JULY: SUMMER FUN**

**Living Values: Simplicity**

**Art Appreciation**-includes a **selection** from the following:

**Tom Thompson: "The Jack Pine"**

**Joan Miro: "La sieste"**

**Georges Seurat: "Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte"**



**Music Appreciation/Sleep time Symphonies: Johanne Strauss jr.**

**Famous Inventors And Scientists: Benjamin Franklin** (electricity)

Special events: A trip to one of these places; ECOMUSEUM, INSECTARIUM, BIODOME ETC.

Special days: **CANADA DAY CELEBRATION AT K.I.D.S. DAY CAMP:** Families welcome, please RSVP with your coordinator.

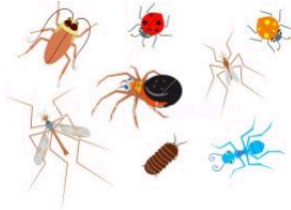
THEMES:

July 5th \* SUMMER SAFETY (Why we wear sunhats and sunscreen? pool safety, park safety)

July 12th \*SUMMER K.I.D.S. OLYMPICS

July 19th \*SPLISH SPLASH: BEACHES & ISLANDS

July 26th \*MYSTERIOUS WORLD OF INSECTS



**AUGUST: PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE**

**Living Values: Unity**

**Art Appreciation**-includes a **selection** from the following:

**Monet: "Terrace at Sainte Adresse"**

**Pablo Picasso: "Peche de nuit a Anntibes"**

**Vincent Van Gogh: "Starry Night"**

**Alfred Pellan: "Mauve Garden"**

**Wassily Kaninsky:" Several Circles no. 323"**

**Robert Delaunay: "Circular Forms"**



**Music Appreciation/Sleep time Symphonies: Johanne Strauss Jr.**

**Famous Inventors And Scientists: Jane Goodall**

Note: Transition to new classes will be completed by the last week in August

THEMES:

August 2nd \* AN ADVENTURE IN SPACE (learning about the planets and stars)

August 9th \* ANIMAL SAFARI (ex. Lions in Africa, crocodiles/pandas in Australia,tigers in India)

August 16th \* DINOSAUR DYNASTY

August 23rd \* AN ADVENTURE UNDER THE SEA

August 30<sup>th</sup> \* WE ARE ALL UNIQUE

