

Kindergarten Newsletter

October 2018

Hello Kindergarten Families! Kindergarten is off to a great start! The children have quickly settled into classroom routines and are becoming more independent. They show positive attitudes towards learning and they are becoming more supportive, kind, and respectful towards each other. I am extremely happy to be your child's Kindergarten teacher this year and very proud of what we accomplished in September.

Important October Dates:

October 2: Orange Shirt Day- promotes awareness of the impacts of residential schools

October 5: PD Day-No School

October 8: No School: Thanksgiving!

October 12: Picture Day! Say Cheese!

October TBA: Dietician Visit

October 23: Fire Department Visit

October 29: Dental Screening

October 30: Pumpkin Carving Day and Orange Day!



Happy Birthday!

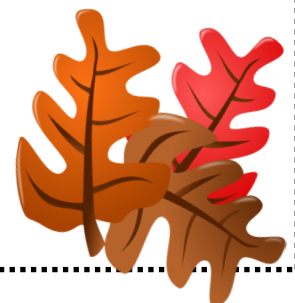
Birthdays are celebrated with a special song, pin, and gift from our classroom! **We** ask if you send a treat for your child's birthday, please be aware that we have peanut and nut allergies in our class!

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What are we learning about this month?

Fire Safety and Firefighters

Fire Safety Week is from October 6 to October 12 and it is important for us to learn about how we can prevent fires and protect ourselves. Our fire fighters are important community helpers and they are there to protect the communities we live in. Please discuss your fire safety plan at your home and create a plan with your child!



Nursery Rhymes and Folktales:

We will be reading and exploring activities centered around Nursery Rhymes and Folk Tales. The skills developed in this unit contributes to increasing reading skills like developing phonemic awareness and learning new vocabulary. A Nursery Rhyme and Folk Tale book will be sent home at the end of the unit so you can enjoy this genre at home!

Pumpkins:

We will be learning with pumpkins during our Pumpkin Study. We will be using our five senses while exploring pumpkins. We will read stories, make patterns, counting, and many pumpkin crafts. Additionally we will carve pumpkins in the classroom! I will need 4-5 parent volunteers for each class to help assist us as we carve our pumpkins! There will be a draw on who takes our group planned pumpkins home!



Letters and Letter Sounds:



We have just started learning the letters of the alphabet and their sound! This is important for literacy development as we are emerging as readers and writers. Please work on letters at home with your child by name recognition, sound, and printing!

Looking Ahead into November:

November 1: Faith Day-No School

November 2: Professional Development Day-No School

November 9: Remembrance Day

Liturgy @ 10:30 am

November 23: Progress Reports

go home!

November 29: Parent Teacher

Conferences 4:30 pm- 7:30 pm

November 30: Parent Teacher

Conferences 9:00 am- 11:30 am

12:30 pm—2:45 pm



Supporting Your Child at

Home:

Reading with your child every night for 10-15 minutes helps promote literacy interest and skills. Discuss who is the author and illustrator are, who the main character is, what their favourite part, etc. Additionally please be encouraging your child to be more independent at home (zipping up zippers, putting on shoes) this helps build on these skills that we are developing in the classroom!

Friday Folders and Poetry Folders:

Just a reminder to families to return the Friday and

Poetry Folders in a Ziploc Bag on the following Mon-

day so they can be prepared for Friday!



Seesaw:

Seesaw is off to a great start! If you are yet to be signed up and

want to be or you have any questions please contact me!

Volunteering:

I am still in need a volunteer coordinator for both AM and PM classes and if you are interested please contact me. For now if you are interested in volunteering and have an available day please contact me. I would love to have anyone in the classroom!

There are two upcoming days I will need volunteers for both classes:

October 3: Making Applesauce

October 30: Pumpkin Carving

Thank you so much for your support through September and continued support throughout the school year! I am very excited for all of your children as they will all grow and learn so much this Kindergarten year! Please email or call me if you have any questions or concerns! I hope every child is enjoying Kindergarten thus far!

Many Blessings,

Miss Shostak

