



St. Albert Public  
Preschool

# How We Grow

PLANTING SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE THAT LAST A LIFETIME

## December 2021

### CONTACT INFO

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### IMPORTANT DATES

December 1st Staff Meeting (no school)

December 9th PJ Christmas Movie Day

December 16th Christmas Party

December 17th - January 3rd  
Christmas Break (no school)

January 5th Staff Meeting (no school)

January 8th: Kindergarten Fair

#### Our Team:

Miss Gillian: Teacher

Miss Karly: E.A.

Miss Kim: E.A.

Miss Carla: Speech Pathologist

Miss Ainslie: Speech Assistant

Miss Ashley: Occupational Therapist

Miss Seanna: Occupational Therapy Assistant

## December News

I can hardly believe that it is December already! We have had another busy month of learning in our preschool classroom. This month we have been learning all about the farm. The children have been busy making barns in the block center to fit all of the animals. They also had a great time making their own farm animal puppets that we used in the puppet center. It was great to see how creative the children were being in their puppets shows and how much language this brought about. This next month we will be learning about Christmas and Celebrations around the world.

#### Illness Policy:

Thank you once again to all parents for continuing to screen your children, keeping them home when they are sick and getting your child tested. This is our best defence to keep our students and staff healthy and preventing a COVID outbreak in our classroom. I really appreciate all your support in keeping our classroom a safe and healthy place to learn this year.

#### Updated Screening Tool Link:

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/edc-covid-19-screening-questionnaire-english.pdf>

#### PJ Movie Day:



On Thursday December 9th we will be having a pajama movie day in our classroom. Please send your kiddos in their pajamas; unfortunately this year stuffed animals and blankets will have to stay at home. We will be having popcorn and watching a short movie.

#### Christmas Party:



On Thursday December 16th we will have a fun Christmas celebration in our classroom. We will have cookie decorating and some super fun Christmas activities we will even have a virtual visit from the big man himself! shhhh its a surprise!

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## Christmas Concert:

This month the children will be working on a couple of songs to share with you. Typically we would share these songs with you in person on the last day of school but because of Covid 19 restrictions we will be sending home the performance in a video format. We hope you enjoy!

## Book Orders:



Here is the link to the December Scholastic book order Flyer:

<https://editions.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=683597>

Please note this program is entirely optional if you do choose to order our classroom code is:

**RC183453**

## Preschool Website:

For preschool information including classroom newsletters, calendars, upcoming events and parent resources please visit our preschool website at <http://preschool.spschools.org>.

## Literacy Connections

The children's favorite book this month was the little mouse, the big ripe strawberry and the very hungry bear. They loved using the pieces to retell the story and the anticipation of the big hungry bear. We talked about reading the pictures to discover how the mouse was feeling.

## Try this at home

With Christmas fast approaching there is often an abundance of wrapping paper tubes. Here is an activity that you can try at home with your child.

## **BALLOON BATTING**

### Requirements

-Indoor space free of obstacles and valuable breakables such as lamps, pictures and plants

-Large round balloon

-Empty cardboard tube from wrapping paper

### Instructions

1. Inflate the balloon until it is relatively hard.
2. Show your toddler how to hit the balloon around the room with the cardboard tube.
3. Allow your toddler to have fun hitting the balloon around the room in any manner they like.

TIP: You don't need to "coach" any batting or hitting technique.

### Variations

-If you have two cardboard tubes, try to take turns hitting the balloon to each other while keeping the balloon in the air.

### Benefits

This activity develops hand-eye coordination and timing while using a simple bat (i.e. striking tool). These skills also transfer to striking with a racquet or stick.

## Reminders

Please make sure you have paid your December fees!

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and I hope that you all have restful break with your families! If you have any questions or concerns at any time please feel free to contact me.

Gillian Demery ☺