



St. Albert Public
Preschool

How We Grow

PLANTING SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE THAT LAST A LIFETIME

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IMPORTANT DATES

January 11th Resume in class learning for all children.

January 27th Crazy Hair Day

February 2nd No School (Staff meeting)

February 7th Extra class for PUF children

February 4th & 5th Teachers convention (No School)

Our Team:

Miss Gillian: Teacher

Miss Kim: E.A.

Miss Kimberly: E.A.

Miss Carla: Speech Pathologist

Miss Ainslie: Speech Assistant

Miss Ashley: Occupational Therapist

Miss Seanna: Occupational Therapy Assistant

December News

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely break with your families. I am happy we are all back together again! Last month was a fun month full of Christmas activities. The children loved playing with their new sensory rice bins and stacking presents ten feet tall! We enjoyed making ornaments together and had a wonderful Christmas party with a surprise virtual visit from Santa himself. The children were so excited! This next month we will be learning all about winter and transportation. I look forward to another fun month of learning with the children!

Illness Policy:

Thank you once again to all parents for continuing to screen your children, keeping them home when they are sick and making use of our rapid tests. 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. I will continue to update with any new information as we receive it.

Registration for next year:

Registration is now open for returning children (both returning to preschool as well as children moving from Preschool to Kindergarten in the fall). All families will need to go into their Power School parent portal to fill out this form. In addition, if you have a younger sibling that you would like to submit a registration form for, you will need to complete the new student registration form for them. This can be found on our school division website. Please ensure that you are clicking on the 2022-2023 school year. A new registration will not be considered complete unless you submit a copy of a birth certificate or passport, and you fill out the one-page information sheet.

Crazy Hair Day:

On January 27th we will have crazy hair day/backwards day. Please send your kiddos to school looking sillier than usual! We will do lots of silly games and mixing up of our routine!

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Extra PUF day in February:

On Monday February 7th we will be having an additional day of school for our children who receive support and services through PUF. This day will be for PUF children only and will allow us to ensure we have enough teaching hours for the year.

Book Orders:



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

<https://classroomessentials.scholastic.ca/s/cec-ca/en/digital-catalogues>

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 mitten is a great winter book and we will be exploring it at length this month. We will read and re read the book. We will retell the story through a felt board, with masks like a play, and through games. The children will be able to sequence the story and make predictions about which animal will come next and strengthen their understanding of the story.

Try this at home

Family Literacy Day® is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy

Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

Here are some things that you could do with your children at home to promote early literacy skills:

1. Plan a Day Trip: Go online together to find fun (and free) places to go in your city for your next family day trip.
 2. Sing it to Me: Play a song and then pause it. Ask your family to sing the next line – do they know it?
 3. Pop-up Kitchen: Follow a recipe together – a yummy way to practice math and reading.
 4. Weekend Hike: Enjoy the great outdoors and learn about nature – why not make it a scavenger hunt!
 5. Shop Till you Drop: Shopping together can be fun if you're prepared (no really.) Write a list together of what you need and take turns finding the items on your list.
 6. Eat Your Words: Play with your food and write words with alphabet cereal and soup (we like cookie letters too!)
 7. Watch a Book: Read a book then watch the movie together. Talk about which version you liked the best.
- Visit FamilyLiteracyDay.ca for more activity ideas, free downloadable resources and to check for local Family Literacy Day events.

Reminders

If you have any questions or concerns at any time please feel free to contact me.

Gillian Demery ☺