



St. Albert Public
Preschool

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October 2021

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IMPORTANT DATES

October 6th Staff Meeting (no school)

October 11th Thanksgiving

October 12th No School (PD day)

October 28th Halloween Party

November 3rd No School (Staff Meeting)

November 10th Wear Red day

November 11th Remembrance Day (No school)

November 12th Fall break (No School)

BIRTHDAYS

October 21th Evelyn

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

October News

Wow, I cannot believe how fast this month has gone by! The children have settled in so well and we are having such a great time getting to know each other! I want to thank you all for your patience in navigating this new normal with me. We are sending this paper copy of our newsletter home because our new admin assistant is doing some training on how to navigate our website. When she completes her training our website will be updated with our newsletters and calendars. This month in the classroom we have been learning how to settle in to the classroom routine and exploring the theme of apples. We tried three different kinds of apples and graphed which ones we like the best. We did a science experiment to see if apples sink or float. Also, we made many kinds of apples with different media. The children have been really enjoying singing the apple tree song. In October we will be exploring the themes of fall and Halloween.

Illness Policy:

This year as we try to prevent the spread of Covid 19 we have implemented a strict illness policy. Please ensure that every morning you fill out your checklist and if your child presents with any symptoms keep them home and contact me. We have to record all children's reasons for absences. If your child displays any symptoms at school they will be isolated from the other children with a staff member and you will be called to come and pick them up. Whenever you report your child ill you will receive an email from me indicating steps that must be taken before they can return to school. I really appreciate all your support in keeping our classroom a safe and healthy place to learn this year.

Book Orders:



Due to Covid 19 Scholastics Canada has changed the way they do their book club. Everything is done online now and books are even shipped directly to you at home. You can still help earn free books for our classroom by using our classroom code when you check out. Each month I will send home a link to the online flyer where you can look through and pick books that your children might enjoy. There is only

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one flyer for all grade levels so if you are needing assistance is choosing books that would be great for our preschool readers please let me know. The first time you visit the website <http://www.scholastic.ca/> you will have to set up an account. Here is the link to the September Flyer: <https://editions.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=670961&ver=html5&p=1>

I will send home the link to the October flyer when it becomes available. 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>.

Halloween Party:



I am not quite sure what trick or treating is going to look like this year yet but we will still be celebrating Halloween in our classroom on **Thursday, October 28th**. We encourage the children to come dressed up in their costumes and be ready for a super fun day. We will have some spooktacular activities and treats for the kiddos. If you have any questions please let me know!

Literacy Connections

In September as we settled into the classroom we explored some of my favorite preschool books! We read "Where's Spot" by Eric Hill and we focused on the prepositions under, in, and out. We also worked on yes/no questions and identifying the animals as we read together. Another great book that we read this month is a big red apple, it is about animals who help each other reach a juicy red apple at the top of a tree. The children really enjoyed helping me retell the story with our felt board.

Try this at home

Make a spider

-use pipe cleaners and one bump from an egg carton to make a spider

-let your child draw a face on the egg carton

-help them poke the pipe cleaners through to make 8 legs

-talk about spiders. Ask...

Where do they live?

How many legs do they have?

What do they like to eat?

-sing the "itsy, bitsy spider" song together

Books

-The very busy spider by Eric Carle

-Eensy weensy spider by Mary Ann Hoberman

-The itsy bitsy spider by Iza Trapani

Looking ahead

Next month we will be exploring the themes farm and Under the Sea.

Reminders

- Our school days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Children receiving programming through program unit funding also attend on Fridays.
- The first Wednesday of every month there is NO SCHOOL due to staff meeting.
- Please ensure we have all of your updated contact information including email addresses and monthly payments.
- Preschool fees for community children are due.

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

Gillian Demery ☺