



St. Albert Public
Preschool

How We Grow

PLANTING SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE THAT LAST A LIFETIME

September 2021

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IMPORTANT DATES

Sept.1- Sept. 3 – 1 on 1 meetings
Sept.7- Sept. 9 – Staggered Entry
Sept. 10 – First full day for PUF children
Sept.14- First full day for all children
Sept. 15th Picture day
Sept. 30 – No School (National day for Truth & Reconciliation)
October 6th No school (Staff meeting)

BIRTHDAYS

No Birthdays this month.



WELCOME!

Welcome to Preschool! I am so excited to get this year started! It is quite an interesting year and I appreciate all of your patience and flexibility as we navigate this new normal. This month we be all about getting to know each other and settling into our classroom routine. We will also be exploring the themes of apples and farm this month.

OUR CLASSROOM TEAM

Miss Gillian: Teacher
Miss Kim: E.A.
Miss Karly: E.A.
Miss Carla: Speech Pathologist
Miss Aislie: Speech Assistant
Miss Kirsten: Occupational Therapist
Miss Seanna: Occupational Therapy Assistant

SEPTEMBER NEWS

The focus of this month will be developing new friendships and getting settled into our new classroom routines. We will be teaching the children about hand washing and covering our coughs and sneezes. At circle time we will be exploring stories, finger plays and songs. At center time we will be measuring, playing with apples and learning how to share and interact with our new friends. We look forward to getting to know the children this month!

Please ensure that you fill out the covid screening tool each day before sending your child to school. It is important that we remain diligent this year in staying home when we are sick so that we can keep each other safe and healthy. Please call the preschool cell phone or email me if your child will be absent from school and indicate the reason so I can record it. Thank you for helping keep our classroom a safe place to learn and grow this year.

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Class Times and routines:

Class times: 8:45-11:30

All children attend Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Children receiving services and supports through PUF will also attend Fridays.

At drop off and pick up we ask that you wait outside of our preschool doors. I will come and open the doors and call the children in a few at a time. We are going to see how our start time works with the schools staggered start times in trying to keep distance from other cohorts using our door. I will be in contact if there are any changes to drop off and pick up and I appreciate your flexibility with this.

Book Orders:

I will be sending home Scholastic Book Club digital flyers each month. This is a great way to build your home library at a reasonable cost. Books purchased through this program help earn free books and resources for our classroom. You are invited to participate in this program; however, there is no obligation to place orders.

Preschool Website:

For preschool information including classroom newsletters, calendars, upcoming events and parent resources please visit our preschool website at

<http://preschool.spschools.org>. This month will be the only month that we will be sending home a paper copy of our newsletter so be sure to check online every month so you can stay updated. If you do not have access to a computer and do

require a paper copy of the newsletter sent home please let me know.

LITERACY CONNECTIONS

Literacy is a huge part of our program. The children have access to many types of books in our classroom at all times in our day. We talk a lot about the three ways that we can read and we foster a love of reading even at this early age. The three ways to read are:

1. Reading a book using pictures
2. Reading a book by remembering the story.
3. Reading the words in a book.

Children have a designated book time after snack each day to explore books on their own.



TRY THIS AT HOME

It is that time of the year when children are starting school, or returning to school after the summer holiday. It is easy to ask your child "What did you learn today?" For many children, and in particular preschool age children, this is a difficult question for them to answer. Here are a few more directed questions you could ask your child to find out about their school day.

-What did you like best about your day?

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-What was the most interesting thing that you learned in school today?

-What is the silliest thing that happened today?

-What book did you read at circle time?

-What is one fun thing that happened to you today?

LOOKING AHEAD

Later in this month and next month we will be exploring the themes farm, fall leaves, and Halloween.

October 6: No school (Staff Meeting)

October 12: No School – PD Day

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.
- Please ensure that you have filled out the permission for pick up form if someone other than yourself is picking up or dropping off your child.
- The September newsletter is the only newsletter that we send a paper copy home.

Things to bring to school

If you haven't already done so, please ensure your child has

- A pair of inside shoes.
- A zip lock bag with an extra pair of clothes, socks, underwear etc.
- If your child is still potty training, a zip lock bag full of diapers or pull ups to keep at school. The staff will place the empty bag back into their backpack when it needs to be refilled.
- A healthy nut free snack and drink.

Thank you for sharing your children with us! Our team is looking forward to a great year filled with fun and learning with the children. If you have any questions or concerns at any time please feel free to contact me. Gillian Demery ☺

