



St. Albert Public
Preschool

How We Grow

PLANTING SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE THAT LAST A LIFETIME

November 2021

November News

CONTACT INFO

Miss Gillian

Wild Rose Preschool
58 Grenfell Ave
St. Albert, AB, T8N2Z9

Gillian.demery@spschools.org

IMPORTANT DATES

November 3rd No School (Staff Meeting)

November 10th Wear Red day

November 11th Remembrance Day (No school)

November 12th Fall break (No School)

November 22 IPP Meetings (PUF Children only)

November 30th In class Library Field trip

BIRTHDAYS:

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 was such a great month to explore fall and Halloween. We painted fall trees, counted seeds onto pumpkins, and sang songs about scarecrows. We sorted leaves by color and went on our own leaf hunt. We also explored the theme of Halloween. The children really enjoyed reading big green monster and creating their own Frankenstein monster. We also read witches kitchen and matched the wings to colored bats. The children looked so great in their costumes on Thursday and we had such a great time trick or treating through the school. Next month we will explore the themes of farm and under the sea.

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.

How We Grow

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 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> 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>.

Online IPP Meetings:

IPP meetings for Program unit funded (PUF) Children. This year we will be doing 15 minute Google meet meeting with families to discuss your child's IPP (Individual Program Plan) I will send out an email later in November with more info and your meeting time slot. Meeting slots will be on November 22nd from 8:45-11:45. Please let me know as soon as possible if the time scheduled doesn't work for you.

Library in class:

On November 30th we will have a very special visitor from the St. Albert Public Library in our classroom. She will lead the children through a series of activities and stories. We look forward to this learning opportunity.

Literacy Connections

Our favorite book this month was Go Away Big Green Monster by Ed Emberley. This is a great book with lots of repetition and predictable text. We

have read many times in the classroom and explored it through retelling on a felt board. The children have also been reading on their own at book time! I just love to watch them enjoying re-reading books we have read together. Another favorite book this month was What's in the Witches Kitchen by Nick Sharratt. The children love the anticipation behind opening up all of the flaps in this book. The two way flaps hold one yummy food item and another not so appealing item that you might find in witches stew. It is a fun way to work on our 's' blends with words; such as, spooky, spider, snake, scary, stop, spell and smell.

Try this at home

Mealtimes

For many families, meal times can be a busy, challenging part of the day. Here are some ways that your child can be involved:

- Talk about what you are doing as you get ready to eat
- Talk about what you are eating
- Talk about colors, textures, and use descriptive words such as sweet, salty, crunchy, etc
- Talk about what you will do to clean up

Books

Eat - Roberta Grobel Intrater
Eating the alphabet – Lois Ehlert
Growing vegetable soup – Lois Ehlert
Pancakes, pancakes – Eric Carle

Looking ahead

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

Reminders

- 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 ☺