



St. Albert Public
Preschool

How We Grow

PLANTING SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE THAT LAST A LIFETIME

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IMPORTANT DATES

October 4 – No School (Staff Meeting)

October 10 – No School (PD Day)

October 17 – Picture Retakes

October 31 – Halloween Dress Up Day

BIRTHDAYS

Elliot's – October 17

Miss Brittany's – October 22



September Review

Wow! I can't believe how quickly the first month of school flew by. We have been super busy learning our school routine, meeting our friends, teachers and staff, and working on feeling comfortable in the classroom. We also are learning so many new songs, movement breaks, crafts, and finger plays throughout our day.

October News

This month our focus will be on continuing to build relationships with the children and learning more about their personalities, likes, and interests.

Now that we are settling into preschool and have a good sense of routine, we would really like to try taking the children outside and incorporating nature and the outdoors into our day. Please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing so that we are able to make the outdoors part of our classroom ☺

Since Thanksgiving is coming up, we will be talking about what we are thankful for and what thanksgiving is all about. We have some fun stories and activities that will be our circle time focus.

Our first field trip will be this month as well! We will be going to the St. Albert Public Library on October 24th at 1:00pm. Preschool will be taking a bus there and the children must be 3 years old in order to ride. If they are not quite 3, we will be asking parents to transport them. We will learn how to take out books, the different categories, how to find books, read some stories and sing a few songs.

We will also be doing so many exciting things for Halloween. On October 31st, the children are encouraged to wear a costume to school so we can have a little party. On this day, we kindly ask that the children **do not** bring any weapons, handcuffs, swords, guns, etc. to school even if it goes with their costume. If they do have any at school, we will ask the parents/adults to take it home or the child will have to leave it in their backpacks.

I also would like to wish all families a Happy Thanksgiving and a great and safe Halloween ☺

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Literacy Connections

In September, we have focused on a few different stories. The children have been introduced to our, "Strictly No Elephants" book by Lisa Mantchev and Taeun Yoo . We have also done a few Pete the Cat books and have really been working with "Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you See?" By Eric Carle. The children made crafts related to the story like painting black sheep and making polka dot bears. We have been learning our animals and colors through this story.

The children are also going to be stars in our own class book called, "Teacher, Teacher What do You See?". This allows the children to learn their friends' names, learn repetition and patterning.

Try this at home

October is a fun month filled with family events like Thanksgiving and Halloween. Halloween is a time when children dress up and pretend. Acting like their favorite character encourages their imagination and their language skills.

Dress-up

- start a dress-up collection
- find old shirts, dresses, hats, shoes, jackets and play jewelry
- look for great dress-up clothes at thrift stores, or buy costumes after Halloween is over, when they are less expensive
- ask your child who they are, what they are doing, or where they are going.

If Halloween is not part of your family, culture or religious traditions, watch for events in your community. Often Churches, community centers, neighborhoods, or even businesses will host "Harvest Festivals" when kids can go, play games, and get candy. Think about hosting one yourself. You can start your own fun traditions.

Books

5 little pumpkins by James Dean

The legend of the great pumpkin by Charles M Schulz

The little old lady who wasn't afraid of anything by Linda Williams

Looking ahead

November 1 – No School (Staff Meeting)

November 14 – No School (Remembrance Day weekend)

November 20 – Celebration of Learning

November 24 – No School

Reminders

Absences and Illness

If your child is going to be absent, please make sure you call **in** to report their absence.

Children who have a runny nose, cough, fever and/or diarrhoea need to be kept at home to prevent the spreading of illness in the classroom. If your child arrives and is too sick to be at school, we will ask you to come pick them up.

Pull- Ups/ Diapers

Please make sure your child has **extra pull-ups or diapers** in their backpacks just in case there is any accident at school.

Snack

For snack, we strongly encourage that the children have **at least one healthy snack** in their lunch boxes.

Warm/appropriate clothing

Please have your child come to school dressed appropriately for the weather as we would really like to go outside during the school day ☺

Thank you!! ☺

