



St. Albert Public  
Preschool

# How We Grow

PLANTING SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE THAT LAST A LIFETIME

## October 2017

### CONTACT INFO

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- October 4<sup>th</sup> Staff Meeting
- October 9<sup>th</sup> PD Day (No school)
- October 11<sup>th</sup> Picture Day
- October 19<sup>th</sup> Library Field trip
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Party

### BIRTHDAYS

- Zakery: October 8<sup>th</sup>
- Layla: October 19<sup>th</sup>
- Katelyn: October 21<sup>st</sup>
- Anderson: October 21<sup>st</sup>
- Sachi: October 31<sup>st</sup>

### Our Team:

- Miss Gillian: Teacher
- Miss Keri: T.A.
- Miss Shelly: T.A.
- Miss Jenn: Speech Pathologist
- Miss Lea: Speech Assistant
- Miss Kirsten: Occupational Therapist
- Miss Erin: Occupational Therapy Assistant

## September News

Wow! It's hard to believe that our first month of school is finished. The children have settled in very nicely! We have spent the first month of school getting to know each other and playing with apples! We measured with them, raced them, tasted them and painted with them. The children really enjoyed making apple boats and even balancing them on our heads! We also began to explore the theme of farm we talked about animals we might find on a farm and the sounds they make.

### Library Field Trip:

On Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> we will be taking a field trip to the St. Albert Public Library. We will be going on a little tour of the library and learn how to take out books. We will also have a little circle of songs and stories. Just a reminder if your child in not yet three they will be unable to ride the bus with us. Parents of these little ones are encouraged to transport their children and meet us there.

### Picture Day:

On Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> we will be having picture day at our preschool location. Parents will have the option to order individuals and a class picture. Unfortunately there will be no opportunity for retakes.

### Halloween Parade:

On Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> we will be having our Halloween parade. We encourage the children to wear costumes on that day and we will be doing a little parade and some trick or treating around the office building.

### Special Helpers/Show and Share:

I have decided to postpone special helper and show and share until November to give the children a few more weeks to feel comfortable with our circle time routine and getting up to talk in front of their peers. Keep an eye out in the newsletter next month for your child's special day.

### Book Orders:

I will be sending home Scholastic Book Club 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

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our classroom. You are invited to participate in this program; however, there is no obligation to place orders. Order deadlines will be stamped on the front of the flyers and posted on the bulletin board outside of the classroom. If you would like to place an order, complete the form at the back of the flyer, include a cheque payable to Scholastics Canada Ltd., and return the form to school before the deadline.

## Parent Volunteers:

If you would like to volunteer in our classroom please let me know. Field trips are a great time to volunteer because we can always use the extra hands. However you are always welcome in our classroom at anytime. In preparation, all volunteers must have an updated criminal record check on file at the school. Please see me if you would like a criminal record check form.

## Preschool Website:

For preschool information including classroom newsletters, calendars, upcoming events and parent resources please visit our preschool website at <http://preschool.spschools.org>.. 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

This month our book focus has been 10 apples up on top and I went walking. The children loved balancing apples up on top of their heads and making hats to pretend they were in the book. In the I went walking book the children did a wonderful job predicting from the pictures which animal is coming next.

## 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

Later in this month we will be exploring the themes leaves and Halloween.

## Reminders

- Our school days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Children receiving programming through program unit funding or mild/moderate also attend on Fridays.
- The first Wednesday of every month there is NO SCHOOL due to staff meeting. (Exception: September 6th will be a regular day)
- Please ensure we have all of your updated contact information including email addresses and monthly payments.
- The September newsletter is the only newsletter that we send a paper copy home. For monthly newsletters please visit our website at <http://preschool.spschools.org>

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