



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 9- Thanksgiving

October 10 -No School (PD Day)

October 12- Photo Day

October 31 - Halloween Party

November 1 - No School

November 20 -Celebration of Learning (PUF)

BIRTHDAYS

October 21-Paxton

September News

I can hardly believe that our first month is behind us! The children are settling into our routine and meeting new friends in our classroom. They have all done an amazing job learning the expectations of sitting at circle, taking turns, and sharing toys with friends. We have also been learning how to make good choices to make our classroom a happy place to be.

The children decided it would be fun to get a pet for the preschool. After much debate over what would be a good choice (sorry- unicorns, dragons and puppies were too messy), we called Ally at Mr. Pets to ask about a beta fish. Last week our beautiful blue and yellow fish arrived. His name is still to be determined... It is another big decision for 4 year-olds!

We have practised our fire drill procedures in class over the last few weeks. If you would like to supplement our learning with your family, Fire Station #3 on Giroux Road has an Open House on Sunday, October 15 from 1-4pm. You and your child can check out the trucks and come up with a plan for your own home. Also check out this Youtube link to the Fire Truck Song we sing in class. It's a real favorite!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emv-Yn6g1r4>



October News

Throughout October we will be investigating fall, colors and Halloween. We will also continue to build independence with self-care tasks such as shoes, coats, and zippers. Our first visit to Danco-Co takes place the last half hour of classes on Wednesday, October 11.

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Looking Ahead

Halloween

Preschool is an age where children play dress-up with such zest, and their imaginations run wild. The last 2 weeks of October we will focus on the fun aspects of Halloween by carving pumpkins, singing songs and learning about bats and spiders etc... If your child would like to dress up in costume on Tuesday, October 31 they are welcome to. Please leave any weapons-related accessories at home.



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 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

Literacy Connections

The children have learned that even at 3-5 years old, they are readers! Retelling familiar stories, or 'reading' the pictures are some of the ways preschoolers can enjoy books and feel like they are part of the reading club.

Here are a few of our classroom favorites this month!

- Pete the Cat by Eric Litwin – Children love to sing along with this repetitive and fun story
- Who Stole the Cookies Traditional song

Reminders

Drop Off and Dismissal

Thank-you for your patience as we get all of the children dismissed in a timely manner. Please be alert and cautious in the parking lot as I know it gets very busy. Thank-you also for your efforts to pick up your child on time after class.

I really do try to be approachable at drop off and after school to touch base with parents. If you're finding you have any questions please don't hesitate to drop in, call or email me at your convenience. Contact information is on the front page.

I am having so much fun with your children so far and can't wait for more adventures to come!