



October 2017

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IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 3 – Orange Day

Oct 4 – No School (Staff Meeting)

Oct 9 – Thanksgiving

Oct 10 – No School (PD Day)

Oct 11 – Blue Day

Oct 17 – Purple Day

Oct 20 – Scholastic Orders Due

Oct 24 – Green Day

Oct 26 – Library Field Trip

Oct 31 – Halloween Party

Nov 1 – No School (Staff Meeting)

Nov 11-14 – Fall Break

Nov 20 – Celebration of Learning
(PUF only)

BIRTHDAYS

Oct 22 – Brayden (PM)

Oct 29 – Brooklyn (PM)

September Review

What a fantastic start to our year. I am so pleased with how quickly and wonderfully the students have settled into our new little classroom. Most of our focus this month has been about learning the routines of the classroom. We have also been encouraging independence and using our words when we want something. We introduced our theme book of the year, *Strictly No Elephants* and discussed the importance of including all our friends in our classroom activities.

We have practiced our fire drill and lockdown 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 will be having an Open House on Sunday Oct 15 from 1-4pm. You and your child can check out the trucks and come up with a plan for your own home. Look at the City of St Albert Website for more details.

October News

We will continue to explore colours throughout the month of October. Thank you for dressing your child in the colour of the day and sending in items to put on our colour posters. We will also explore the signs of fall and have some fun with Halloween.

Literacy Connections

Here are a few of our classroom favourites this month!

Books:

- *Can I Play Too?* by Mo Williams
- *Rocking in my School Shoes* by Eric Litwin
- *From Head to Toe* by Eric Carle

Songs:

- One Green Jelly Bean
- Head and Shoulders
- Wind the Bobbin Up
- Open, Shut them

How We Grow

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

Halloween

Preschool is an age where children play dress-up with such zest and imaginations run wild. The last 2 weeks of October we will focus on the fun aspects of Halloween. If your child would like, they are welcome to dress up in costume on Tuesday, October 31; however, please leave any weapons-related accessories at home. Thank-you!

Reminders

Communication Envelopes

Thank you for checking/returning your communication envelopes. Remember that if you

need to send anything to school, colour day items, scholastic orders, signed forms etc, please use this envelope as we will check it daily at our end.

Snack

Thank-you to everyone for being so conscientious about sending NUT-FREE snacks. This helps keep ALL of our children safe and healthy!

Field Trips/ Volunteers

We will be having our first field trip this month. Please keep in mind that all volunteers on field trips or those helping out in class need a current criminal record check on file. Please see me if you are interested in helping out in any way and we can make arrangements together. Thank-you for your support of our program!

Illness

While it is hard to be away from class, it is important to keep your child at home if they are sick. This includes an excessively runny nose, coughing, fever or vomiting in the last 24 hours. If your child will be away please call the preschool cell phone at 780-819-0762.

Parking and Sidewalk Use

Please remember to park on the street as the parking lot is reserved for Wild Rose staff and buses. Also, I have noticed many parents walking students down the center of the parking lot. Please use the sidewalks and crosswalks. The safety of our children comes first!

Drop Off and Dismissal

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 or concerns please don't hesitate to drop in, call or email me at your convenience. Contact information is on the front page.

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

Sincerely, Sheri Wedman and the Preschool Team