



St. Albert Public
Preschool

How We Grow

PLANTING SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE THAT LAST A LIFETIME

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IMPORTANT DATES

October 4th – No School: Staff Meeting

October 9th – Thanksgiving

October 10th – No School: PD Day

October 11th – Picture Day

October 19th – Library Fieldtrip

October 31st – Halloween Parade

BIRTHDAYS

2nd – Emmett

31st – Harlow

October News

It is hard to believe that our first month of school is already behind us. I am extremely impressed by how the students have adjusted to our classroom rules and routines. We are enjoying getting to know one another and I truly feel lucky to spend each afternoon with such a great group of students.

The students enjoyed our “getting to know you” activities. We made self-portraits and decorated the first letter of our names. We have also created some colour crafts. The students are also getting to know the names of the other kids in the classroom. We are using classroom books with the student’s pictures to help them remember their new friend’s names!

Our focus for October will be Fall and Halloween activities. We will continue using literature, songs, poems, and smartboard activities to immerse the students in numeracy and literacy activities during our daily circle times.

This month, we welcome parent volunteers into the classroom. If you would like to spend the afternoon with us, please chat with me or send me an email to arrange a day that would work. If you would like to come into the classroom, we kindly request that you make arrangements for younger siblings. Please ensure that we have a copy of your current criminal record check on file. If you need a form to take to the police station, please let me know.

This month, we will be going to the library for a field trip. We will be sending home permission forms so please sign and return as soon as possible. If you would like to volunteer for this field trip, please ensure that we have a copy of your criminal record check on file.



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Literacy Connections

The students enjoyed the terrific literature that we read over the past few weeks. We shared books such as 'I like me' and 'I can be anything.' We then completed several activities based on the book 'Brown Bear Brown Bear.' We will continue to use books and poems with this repetitive format. We also spent time with some silly books such as 'The book with no pictures' and "Press Here."

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

Reminders

Scholastic Book Orders – If you would like to order books from scholastic, please return your order form to me by Friday, October 6th . CHEQUES ONLY PLEASE (No cash)

Wednesday, October 4th is the first Wednesday of the month – Staff Meeting Day. There is No School for students on this day.

On Wednesday, October 11th, we will have picture day in preschool. Parents have the option of ordering individual and/or class photos. Unfortunately, we are **not able** to do retakes. An order form will be sent home after pictures are taken.

On Tuesday, October 31st, we will have a Halloween Parade through our District Office. Your child is welcome to wear their costume to school on this day. If your child does not want to wear their costume, please send it in their backpack in case they change their mind!

Looking ahead

Wednesday, November 1st is Staff Meeting Day – No School for students (they can rest up after a busy night of trick or treating!)

On Monday, November 20th, we will be having our PUF Celebration of Learning for our PUF funded students. We invite you to save the date to come join us in the classroom with your child. More information will follow later this month!

Please feel free to come into the room at the end of the day or email me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Thanks for sending your child to school each day rested and ready to learn! We are looking forward to the exciting months to come!

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