



St. Albert Public
Preschool

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PLANTING SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE THAT LAST A LIFETIME

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IMPORTANT DATES

- October 4th – No school for staff meeting
- October 9th – Thanksgiving
- October 10th – No school for PD day
- October 11th – Picture day
- October 19th – Library field trip
- October 31st – Halloween parade

BIRTHDAYS

- October 6th – Ziad
- October 21st – Adelina

October News

The month of September was a busy month with the children getting settled into the classroom and adapting to the classroom routine. It was exciting to see new friendships form, and friendships from last year continue. The children were so excited to see each other after summer holidays.

October is the month where we welcome parent volunteers into the classroom. If you would like to spend a morning with us, please chat with me to arrange a day that would work well, and ensure that we have a copy of your current criminal record check on file. If you need another copy of the volunteer form to take to the police station, please let me know and we can get you one so that you don't have to pay for the record check.

We will be going on our first field trip to the Library on October 19, and if you would like to volunteer to be a parent helper please let me know. We will be sending home permission slips later this month for you to sign.

In terms of what we will be looking at in the classroom, we will be looking at the books "Going on a bear hunt" by Michael Rosen and "Going on a leaf hunt" by Steven Metzger, as the children have shown interest in creating maps. They are also great books for looking more at prepositions such as over, under and around. We will also look at books by Chris Haughton ("Shh! We have a plan", "Oh, no George", etc) and look at the story of "The little old lady who wasn't afraid of anything" by Linda Williams as it lends itself well to the children being able to do the actions in the story.

Literacy Connections

In the classroom we spent a lot of time looking at colors using the book "Vincent paints his house." The children loved this simple story, and enjoyed "reading" sections of

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the story, and using props to retell it. It was nice to see even our less vocal children help to retell it.

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

On Monday November 20st we will be having our PUF celebration of learning. Please save this date to come into school and spend some time with us and your child. More information will follow later in the month.

Reminders

-On Wednesday October 11, we will have picture day in preschool. Parents have the option of ordering either individual or class pictures. Unfortunately, we will be not be able to do retakes if your child is away that day, or if you are not happy with the picture options you receive.

-On Tuesday, October 31st we will be having a Halloween parade in the District Office. This is a day where children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costume to school. If your child does not want to wear their costume that day, you can put it in their backpack in case they change their mind.

-Please ensure that you are arriving no more than 5 minutes before the start of class, and are on time at dismissal to meet your child.

-If you have not yet set up your account for PowerSchool, please set it up so that you can pay your monthly preschool fees.

- With the colder weather, we are hoping to get outside on Wednesdays or Thursdays. If you could dress your child a little warmer on these days, we would appreciate it.