



St. Albert Public  
Preschool

# How We Grow

PLANTING SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE THAT LAST A LIFETIME

## September 2017

### CONTACT INFO

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### IMPORTANT DATES

September 7<sup>th</sup> New Parent Meeting

September 15<sup>th</sup> New Parent Meeting for children receiving PUF.

October 4<sup>th</sup> Staff Meeting

October 11<sup>th</sup> Picture Day

### BIRTHDAYS

Daxton: September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Marco: September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Toryn: September 21<sup>st</sup>

Korban: September 26<sup>th</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

Welcome to Preschool! So excited to get this year started! This month we be all about getting to know each other and settling into our classroom routine. We will be exploring some of my favorite books and learning some finger plays and songs.

#### Parent Information Sessions:

If you are a new family to our preschool please join us at our parent information evening. This session will be held at District Office on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30. If your child is receiving supports and services through PUF there will an information session held at District Office on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The session will be held from 9:00- 10:00 OR 12:45- 1:45. We encourage parents to attend while their child is at preschool.

#### Music Class:

This year we will have a music program offered by our musical therapy team. Music will occur every Tuesday for half an hour session starting September 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Special Helpers/Show and Share:

Starting in October we will have one child a week designated as the special helper. This child will have the opportunity to help out at circle time, have special jobs and most importantly bring a small item from home to show and share with the class on the Wednesday of their week. On staff meeting weeks the children can bring their show and share on the Thursday. It is a very exciting opportunity for the children so keep an eye out in the newsletter for your child's special week.

#### 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 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.

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## Parent Volunteers:

We ask that there are no parent volunteers for the month of September so that the children are able to get comfortable and feel confident in their new environment.

In the October newsletter I will provide more information about volunteering in the classroom and what you can do to help out.

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>. This month will be the only month that we will be sending home a paper copy of our newsletter so be sure to check online every month so you can stay updated. 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

Each year in our preschool program we choose a book that we will focus on for the school year. This year we have chosen the book "Strictly No Elephants" by Lisa Mantchev. The message of the book is being inclusive of all people and being a good friend. Throughout the year we will re-read this book and will create a special craft for the end of the year that will be included in this year end scrapbook. We hope that you enjoy this book as much as we do.

## Try this at home

It is that time of the year when children are starting school, or returning after the summer holiday. It is easy to ask your child "what did you learn today?" For many children, and in particular preschool age children, this is a difficult question for them to answer. Here are a few more directed questions you could ask your child to find out about their school day.

- What did you like best about your day?
- What was the most interesting thing that you learned in school today?
- What is the silliest thing that happened today?
- What book did you read at circle time?
- What song did you sing today?
- What is one fun thing that happened to you today?

## Looking ahead

Later in this month and next month we will be exploring the themes farm and fall leaves.

## 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>

### Things to bring to school:

- A pair of inside shoes.
- A zip lock bag with an extra pair of clothes, socks, underwear etc.
- If your child is still potty training, a zip lock bag full of diapers or pull ups to keep at school. The staff will place the empty bag back into their backpack when it needs to be refilled.
- A healthy nut free snack and drink.

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 to contact me.

Gillian Demery ☺