



St. Albert Public
Preschool

How We Grow

PLANTING SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE THAT LAST A LIFETIME

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IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 30-Sept.1 - Staggered
Entry

Sept. 5 – First full afternoon all
children

Sept. 7 - **New** Parent Info
Meeting 6:30-7:30

Sept.8 – PUF children only

Sept.15 -PUF Parent Info
Meeting 12:45-1:45

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 1st - Sebastian

WELCOME!

Welcome to the beginning of an exciting year in Preschool! We have just completed our first week of school and I have really enjoyed meeting you and your child! I am so fortunate to be able to spend the year with such wonderful children. We will take things slowly these first few weeks as we set our classroom routines and get to know one another.

I have been teaching with St. Albert Public Schools since 1994! I have spent most of my career teaching at SAM school but when the opportunity came up to teach at our district Preschool Program, I was so excited to make a change! I absolutely love working with young children and I can't wait to spend each afternoon with such a great team.

It feels like only a short time ago that my own daughters started school. Hannah is almost 18 and Mackenna, almost 15! Time has gone by so quickly. ☺

OUR CLASSROOM TEAM

Teacher – Miss Tammy

Educational Assistants – Miss Bonnie, Miss Natalie and Miss Loren

Speech/Language Pathologist – Miss Rachelle

Speech/Language Assistant – Miss Lea

Occupational Therapist – Miss Kirsten

Occupational Therapy Assistant – Miss Erin



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SEPTEMBER NEWS

These first few weeks will be busy as we get back into the routine of school. Some tears and tantrums are to be expected as your little ones transition to something new. We will continue working together to make this school experience a positive one! Our focus will be classroom routines-(circle, center time, gross motor room, bathroom and snack) and transitioning through our afternoon as smoothly as possible (while having tons of fun and learning lots ☺).

CLASS TIMES AND ROUTINES

Afternoon Class – 12:30-3:15 pm

All children attend Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Those children receiving services and supports through PUF will also attend Fridays.

In order to foster independence, please remain outside of the classroom when dropping off your child. We will greet them and bring them into the room.

When picking up your child, please wait in the hallway. We will send your child out when we see you.

**A reminder that if someone other than yourself will be picking up your child, we need to have that information in writing. If you have not already done so, please fill out the permission to pick up sheet that was in the welcome package mailed to you and RETURN TO ME ASAP. Thank you!

Allergies and Snack

Please note that our preschool is NUT free. No snacks that contain, or may contain traces of nuts will be allowed in the classroom.

Please keep in mind that a small snack of 1 or 2 healthy items is all that is required. A small reusable water bottle is also a great thing to pack daily.

**If your child has allergies, please see me about filling out an allergy form.

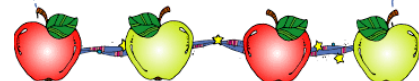
Parent Volunteers

Starting in October, volunteers are welcome in our classroom! We would love parents to assist in the classroom and to help on fieldtrips.

All volunteers will require a current criminal record check. A new one is required each school year.

Please watch for more information about volunteering in the room and on fieldtrips later this month. We will book our Oct. volunteers at the end of September.

Monthly Newsletters



Calendar and Newsletters

Please note that this will be the only PAPER copy of the newsletter that we will be sending home this year. For the remaining months, please go to <http://preschool.spschools.org> to check out our online calendar and newsletter.

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Email Communication

I find that a (private) group email is an effective way to send information and reminders. I have already sent our first group email so please let me know if you DID NOT receive it OR email me at tammy.olsson@spschools.org.

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. It is a lovely book that talks about inclusion through the eyes of a child with a pet elephant. Throughout the year we will re-read this book often in the classroom with the children and will create a special craft for the end of the year that will be included in their yearend 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

October 4 – No school (Staff Meeting)
October 9 – Thanksgiving Monday
October 10 – No School (Staff PD Day)

REMINDERS

There will be a new parent information session this **Thursday, September 7th from 6:30-7:30** at District Office. It will be a brief meeting for those parents that are new to our program and will answer any questions you may have. This meeting is designed for grown-ups only ☺.

Friday, September 15, 9:15-10:15 OR 12:45-1:45 (for afternoon students) at District Office – meeting for any **NEW parents that have a child receiving PUF unit funding.** The meeting will cover the important details regarding programming for those children receiving PUF funding this year.

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Our music classes will start on September 12th. Each Tuesday, Miss Crystal will come in to do some singing and dancing with our class!

On the first Wednesday of every month, there will be **no school** due to Staff Meeting. Our first Staff Meeting will be Wednesday, October 4th.

Birthdays

We will celebrate birthdays in Preschool by singing to the birthday child as they blow out candles on a pretend cake. They will wear a special hat and sticker on their big day. If you would like to send in a special treat on your child's birthday, please let me know a few days before the big day! Please know that this is NOT mandatory, it is something that some families choose to do. All treats sent to school MUST be peanut/nut free.

Things to bring to school

If you haven't already done so, please ensure your child has

- Indoor shoes
- Ziplock bag with an extra set of clothes (labeled with their name)
- Diapers/pull ups/wipes if your child requires
- Healthy snack each day
- Paper work (fees etc)

Please feel free to contact me through email or come see me in the classroom when any questions arise. I am looking forward to working closely with you to ensure your child has an exciting and successful year!

Tammy Olsson

