



St. Albert Public
Preschool

How We Grow

PLANTING SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE THAT LAST A LIFETIME

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 5 – First day of school

September 7 – New parent information session

September 12 – First day of music

September 15 – New PUF parent meeting

BIRTHDAYS

September 11 – Alice

September 22 - Xavier

September News

We are excited to see all of our returning children back at school and are looking forward to getting to know our new friends. This year I have two roles with our preschool and as a result, I will be teaching 3 mornings a week, typically Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Miss Tammy who teaches in the afternoon will teach on Tuesdays.

Who we are:

Miss Tracy –Teacher/District Coordinator,Preschool

Miss Tammy – Teacher (Tuesdays)

Miss Bonnie – Educational Assistant

Miss Natalie – Educational Assistant

Miss Rachelle – Speech Language Pathologist

Miss Lea – Speech Language Pathology Assistant

Miss Kirsten – Occupational Therapist

Miss Erin – Occupational Therapist Assistant

New parent information session:

We will be having a new parent information session on Thursday September 7 at 6:30-7:30 in our District Office.

New PUF parent information session:

If your child is receiving supports and services through PUF there will an information session held at District Office on September 15th. 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.

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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.

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

Over the course of the year, instead of focusing on themes, you will look at authors that preschool age children enjoy. For the month of September, we will look at books by Tedd Arnold, with a focus on "Vincent paints his house", and books by Eric Carle, with a focus on "Brown bear, brown bear". These books look more closely at colours and have repetitive text that lends well to children retelling the story.

Reminders

- Please ensure that your child brings inside shoes, a change of clothes, and a box of Kleenex to school
 - We will be sending home information in order to you to go online and set up an account so that you can preschool fees. If your child is in a funded spot, there are no fees required.
 - For the month of September only, we will send home a paper copy of our monthly newsletter and calendar. For all other months you will need to go online to our website at <http://preschool.spschools.org>.
- If you require a paper copy each month, please let me know.