

November News!



Time is flying by! We have been busy in class preparing for Halloween. These are some of the classroom activities we have been engaged in working on together!

October saw us beginning our autumn activities and starting to learn the traditions of **Thanksgiving**. We have learned about autumn's seasonal changes by using our 5 senses and we continue to learn how animals prepare for winter. Our focus on Thanksgiving was that we should take time to say thank you to God for all of our gifts particularly our parents and families. We went on a fall walk and searched for many coloured leaves. We made autumn leaf rubbings and amazing leaf creations inspired by the story—Leaf Man! We tried our first watercolour painting activity with our lovely Autumn leaves!



Alphabet Letters!

During October we also began learning about letters. Our letters of the week have included Aa, Ll, Ff, Tt and Hh. Each week, we read a book to highlight the letter sound, we sang and danced to songs emphasizing the letter sound and printing formation and we brainstormed many words that begin with these letters. We hope everyone can recognize these letters and hear the sound they say.



As part of our math program, we have been working on sorting objects in the classroom. We have sorted a variety of things based on one attribute such as shape, colour and size. We are also making patterns, which is another part of the math program. Leading up to Halloween, we have read the story and sang the song about the “5 Little Pumpkins”. We also enjoyed the story “Go Away Big Green Monster” and created a monster of our own! We baked twice this month and have attached with this newsletter, the recipes for the pumpkin cookies and carrot/orange cookies. Many other activities have been taking place and I hope your child has been sharing these with you! Some tips for asking about their day may include some specific questions such as: What did you talk about in carpet time? What center did you choose to play at? What activity did you make? Sometimes children will suddenly remember something about the day when you ask more specific questions that remind them of something special that happened!



November plans are underway! We will have some Remembrance Day activities. The majority of November will be spent working on a large "Not a Box" project. I am asking that each student bring a cardboard box to school by Wednesday, November 7th. This box should be large enough for the child to sit inside! This box will be transformed into a car or vehicle by the students with some parent support. To help with

that, I am also asking for parents to send cardboard or paper plates to become wheels or the steering wheel and any other items that you and your child think would be useful to decorate the inside or outside of the vehicle. Please remember that I have many students to help and the more the students do for themselves, the more they will feel responsible for the project and proud of it! We will wrap up this fun project with a "Drive-In" movie day on November 30.

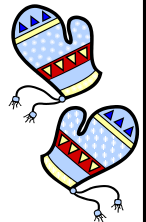
Our letters for November will include **Ee, Pp, Ii, Rr**.



Movement Day!

Tuesday, November 20th will be a special day for all the kindergarten students! They will all come to school at 8:10a.m. and stay until 1:00p.m. This is an in school field trip so parent help will be required! We will be having a special instructor work with the children in groups while Mrs. Harback and myself work on other activities within the classrooms. We will rotate groups every 45 minutes. The Children are to bring a healthy lunch to school. We will also spend some time outside! More information will follow. The cost will be \$4.50 per child payable online through Powerschool!

Just a reminder with winter around the corner - the children do sometimes go outside for gym. Please ensure that they have **warm clothes** to wear. We would be outside for 15 minutes and it is far more enjoyable if you are dressed for the weather. Boots that are easy for the child to put on themselves are much appreciated by the children and myself!



Please send a cardboard box to school by November 7th! It should be large enough for your child to sit inside! Please have their name on the box! (Boxes could be dropped off in the evening on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday as our school is open on those evenings for gym rentals. Just leave the boxes outside our classroom! Make sure it is labelled with you child's name!)

Thanks to all our helpers at Prairie Gardens! We enjoyed a beautiful fall day filled with many fun activities!

Thanks to the many that came out to Halloween Craft Night!
FUN! FUN! FUN!

Thanks for the support you have given your children in learning how to do things for themselves! They feel so good when they know that they can take care of their own tasks and needs!

For all your help! Thanks!



Demonstration of Learning!



On Thursday, November 29th, I will be having a Demonstration of Learning for our Kindergarten students! This will mean that you can bring your child to school and spend time going through some activities together. Your child will show you some of the concepts we have been learning so far this year. This will also be an opportunity for us to meet to discuss the progress of your child in Kindergarten and address any concerns you may have for your child. Please plan to spend about an hour with your child in the Classroom. You can attend anytime between 1:00—4:30 p.m. and 5:30p.m. till 7:00p.m. Closer to this date, I will be sending out a form for families to sign up for a specific time. This will allow me to meet with each family for 15 minutes and then your child will lead you through a variety of activities that will demonstrate all of the learning that has taken place in our Classroom!

Memory



Books! We

have started the memory books for all of the students. This book contains a collection of student work as well as photos that will capture many special days and events that take place this year. The online payment option is now available. Thank you!

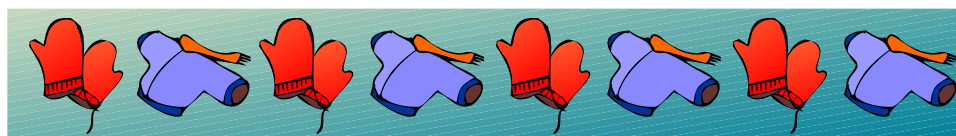
SAB Meet the MDT and Nutrition Evening: Nov. 15th from 5:30-7:00p.m.

All SAB families are invited to attend this informational evening. You will have a chance to meet our Multi-disciplinary team and learn about good nutritional habits for your family.

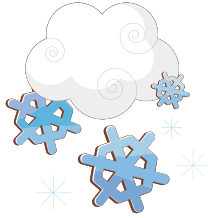


Helping From Home

All children love to feel successful! Help build this feeling with your child by showing them how to do things for themselves and then allowing them the time to practice! This could begin with dressing themselves for winter! When we do everything for our children, they don't think they are able to do it for themselves.



Inclement Weather



During severe weather, students will come inside before school begins and remain inside the school at recess. This will only occur on days that are -20 degrees or colder or when there is continual rain-fall. Other than those days, children are expected to go outside and get fresh air to rejuvenate their mind and body.



Skating Lessons!



During November and December we will be attending 5 skating lessons. These dates are regular school days and your child is expected to attend. There is a minimal cost for the bus and lessons! For our skating lessons to run smoothly, we need parent volunteers to assist with the tying of skates and helping students on and off the ice. Parents will not be allowed on the ice. Parents who are willing to help should meet us at the rink! Please send a large snack for your child on each of the skating dates! As well as needing their skates, a CSA approved helmet and mittens for each skating lesson, please have your child wear snow pants for the on ice time. They get very cold and wet without them and the extra thickness helps cushion the falls! The skates must be carried inside a sports bag or backpack for bus safety rules! Thanks! Here are the dates and locations of the lessons:



November 7—At Callingwood Arena! AM skate from 9:45a.m. till 10:30a.m. PM skate from 12:30p.m. till 1:15p.m. Regular program hours for each day!

November 14—Skating Lessons at Callingwood Arena!

November 21 - Skating Lessons at Callingwood Arena!

December 28 - Skating Lessons at Callingwood Arena!

December 5- Skating Lessons at Callingwood Arena!