

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 including; weather, daylight changes, animals preparations for winter, hibernation and birds migration habits. 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 made autumn trees, finger puppet geese 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 our **personal monthly** calendars. Our letters of the week have included Tt for turkey, Gg for ghost, Pp for pumpkin, Ww for witch and Gg for ghost. We work on what the letter looks like and the sound the letter says.



Halloween saw us counting down the days in the classroom. We used a paper chain with the number of chains matching the number of days left. The students have been helping me count. We have done a lot of sorting, which is part of the math program. Math lessons have also focused on counting, numeral recognition, subitizing, and we are now beginning patterning. The students wrote a book about how to grow a pumpkin. We also wrote books about our special Halloween colours—black and orange. These books support our emergent reading skills! 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 group time? What center did you choose to play at? What activity did you make? Who did you sit beside today? Sometimes children will suddenly remember something about the day when you ask more specific questions.

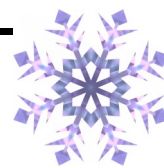
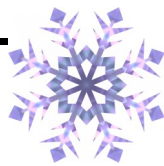
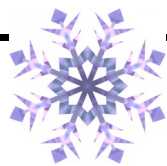
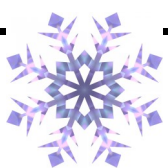


November plans are underway! We will have some Remembrance Day and friendship activities and also spend at least a week focusing on colour words!

A large portion 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 Friday, November 13th. This box should be large enough for the child to sit inside! Remember to have your child's name on the box! I am also asking that you try and cut off the flaps at the top of the box to help save us time in the classroom. Parent volunteers always helped during class with this job and as we are currently unable to ask for this support, I hope that you can complete this at home!! For parents who regularly drop off their child, the box should not pose a problem but I know that bus drivers and day cares will not take the boxes for you. In this case, please try to bring it during class hours and buzz the office to drop the box just inside the door. If this is impossible, please contact me so that we can arrange a time when I can let you in with the box! Thanks in advance! This box will be transformed into a car or vehicle by the students with some adult support. 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!



Our letters for November will include Mm for monster, Ll for letter, Xx for x-ray, Rr for race car. Check your calendars carefully so you and your child don't miss any of the fun coming up!



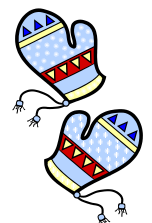
Inclement Weather

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 rainfall. Other than those days, children are expected to go outside and get fresh air to rejuvenate their mind and body.



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!



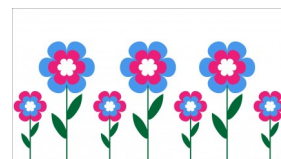
Demonstration of Learning!



Thursday, November 26th, we will be having a Demonstration of Learning! At this time, we are planning to schedule appointments for online—Team Meetings for parents during the day. This will also be an opportunity for us to meet virtually to discuss the progress of your child in Kindergarten and address any concerns you may have for your child. Please plan to spend about 10 minutes with me. This demonstration will support your understanding of what your child has been learning so far this year! Further details will follow!



Thanks to the many parents that have traced, cut, sorted and helped with preparing things at home for our use at school! Much appreciated!



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.

