



November 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parksville Parents,

October has been a month of continued growth and learning. The children continue to work with the Montessori materials at their own pace as well as growing as a community. We are seeing lots of older children helping younger friends where needed. The children really do inspire each other throughout the day.

We hope that everyone had a lovely Thanksgiving. We enjoyed hearing about all that the children are thankful for. Both classes really seemed to embrace the significance of the occasion.

Our alphabet introductions continued with the letters B and C. For the letter B we introduced all things starting with B – berries, banana, bears and boats. For the letter C we introduced colour concepts like warm vs cool colours and did some colour mixing with primary colours to create our secondary colours. The children made caterpillar crafts and letter c's with coloured tissue.

Reminder: We are a nut and peanut free facility. Please check lunches and snacks for items that may contain traces of nuts.

Classroom Success

As a general rule the teachers appreciate the children arriving before 9am on a daily basis. This allows for lessons to begin in a timely way and limits interruptions to lessons already in progress.

We understand that unforeseen events sometimes delay arrivals but would really appreciate being able to settle into our workday by 9am whenever possible.

Study Topics

In November we will be talking about the continents and specifically North America. We will continue to introduce a new letter sound on a weekly basis.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, November 11 - Remembrance Day- NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 26th - Parent Teacher Phone Conferences

A signup sheet will be posted beside the entrance door 1 week prior to conferences.

Classroom Observations and Interviews

Sadly, we are not able to have parents come into the classroom this year for observations and we will only be doing parent /teacher interviews by phone. If you would like to book a time to connect with your child's teacher a signup sheet will be posted a week prior to interviews.

Weather Appropriate Clothing

Please ensure that your child has rain gear including muddy buddies, raincoats and boots. (please ensure that everything is labelled with your child's name.)

We would also recommend dressing in layers to ensure comfort and warmth.

We also need to ensure that each child has a full change of clothes at school. (please ensure that each item is labelled with your child's name)

Plant/Flower Program

Our plant/flower program is off to a great start. We have received many interesting plants that the children are now taking care of. Thanks to all of our families for your participation.

In closing we just want to thank our families again for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Miss Linda, Miss Kate & Miss Rema
Miss Juhee, Miss Rita & Miss Lindsay

Dear Qualicum Parents,

With November ahead of us, we have some wet and cold days in our future. We ask that you dress your child for the weather as we will be heading outside daily, sunshine or rain.

We ask your child brings:

- Rain boots
- Rain pants
- Rain jacket
- Mittens

In October we learnt about the season changes, pumpkins and how they grow, button sewing, and more. We talked about things that begin with the letters **D** and **E** and did many beautiful works related to these letters such as donuts decorating and eagle eggs. We were fortunate enough to have some lovely dry fall days where we went for a walk and ended the day picking flowers in the field.

We had our costume Halloween party on Thursday Oct 28th, and it was filled with music, activities and fun. On Friday Oct 29th, we visited the outside of the Berwick nursing home where we gave the elderly a giggle by dressing up as Grandmas and Grandpas. We sang them some songs and it was so lovely to feel so connected to our community.

In November we will be celebrating Guy Fawkes (November 5th) and Remembrance Day (November 11th). Our hope is to connect the children to the holidays and deepen their relationship with the world around them.

Parent teacher interviews will be held over the phone on Friday November 26th (CLASS WILL NOT BE IN SESSION), If you wish to sign-up there will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway. Each child's interview time slot will be 15 minutes. If you have more than 1 child, please sign-up for 2 time slots.

Sincerely,

Miss Holly, Miss Michelle, and Miss Linda H.