



October 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

September was a month of transition and making new friends! All our new children did great adjusting to the new environment thanks to the support of the families and teachers.

Topics for October

In October we are looking forward to exploring the autumn season. We will talk about the changes we see around us, weather, and rippling fruits. Thanksgiving, Diwali, and Halloween stories will be read during circle time. Songs, carving pumpkins, counting pumpkin seeds & acorns and other different activities will be also included in group time activities.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Our first Parent Teacher Conference is scheduled for **Friday October 21**, and it will be in person. The meetings are 10 minutes in length. The schedule will be posted on the school door starting October 11. Please sign up with your child's name.

Here are some questions that may be useful in preparing for our conference.

1. What are your expectations for this year at school?
2. What works, what does not work with your child in terms of expectations, limits, behavior?

Halloween

The Halloween celebration for our class will be held on **Monday, October 31**. We invite children to wear costumes on that day. It is optional for your child to be dressed up, but we look forward to this celebration and seeing all the different costumes. It is important to mention that the child's costume should be comfortable but also easy to remove for last minute washroom trips. We would also like to emphasize that your child does **not wear any masks or carry any weapons to school as this may frighten some children.** If you are planning to prepare goodie bags, please make sure everyone gets one. There will be 22 children in our AM class and 20 in our PM class.

If your child is in the 3 days program and he is not attending school on the day when we have a party/event you are welcome to switch the days on that week. Please let the teachers know about the change.

Pumpkin Patch

We will organize this event in the school proximity (walking distance park or our playground).

Show and Tell

Every Friday we encourage children to bring an item from home (something related to the theme/topic of the week/month) for the Show and Tell activity. This group activity is an opportunity to teach young children the skills of public speaking, to share their ideas, thoughts, and knowledge.

Scholastic orders

Orders are not mandatory. If you decide to place an order, you can do it online. Our class code is RC204519.

Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative

Our school has been enrolled in the CCFRI program since the beginning, and a reduction is already applied to the tuition fee you are paying (see the current rates in the below link). The government announced an increase of the fee reduction starting December 2022. Once we will receive a written approval, we will adjust the tuition fee on the invoices in accordance with the new rates provided by CCERI. Parents do not need to apply for the fee reduction.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/running-daycare-preschool/child-care-operating-funding/child-care-fee-reduction-initiative-provider-opt-in-status>

Reminders

- 1) Put your child's name on all items including disposable yogurt containers, plastic bags containing food, spoon, fork, water bottle, etc. Clothing can be labeled with your child's name on the white tags (eg. the one which has the washing instructions). If your child brings home an item that doesn't belong to him, please send an email to let us know so we can inform the other parents.
- 2) Please do not send food for your child which contains nuts. It will be sent home. We are a nut free environment and this year we have a student with severe allergy.
- 3) Dress your child accordingly to the weather. If it seems as though it may rain, please have your child come to school with rain boots and a rain jacket. Avoid sending muddy buddies. Rain pants preferred.
- 4) Just a reminder. Children should arrive by 9:00 am. School door will be closed after 9:10 am.
- 5) No school on Monday, October 10 – Thanksgiving Day
- 6) No school on Friday, October 21 – Parent-Teacher Conferences (sign-up sheet to be posted starting October 11).

Do not hesitate to approach us with any questions you may have any time of the year. We will be happy to address these questions after class hours or over the phone.

Sincerely,

Ms. Feng, Ms. Kavita, and Ms. Joy