



## Newsletter October 2022

### Dear Parents

September was a busy month and saw us once again adjusting to yet another new school year in our classroom community. For our returning children, it was a month of transition from our summer program into a more structured program. For most of our new children this became their first experience in a group situation away from their moms and dads. It was a fresh beginning with new expectations, new schedules, new clothes, new and renewed friendships.

We have enclosed a few reminders of our classroom and school procedures which would help you with this transition.

### Classroom and School Procedures.

Montessori work cycle starts at 9.00am. **So please make every effort to drop off your child latest by 9.00am.** Children who arrive late miss out on this important learning time. It is also, very disruptive to the rest of the class, as the children who are working get distracted by the late arrival of their friends. It is very inconvenient to the teachers as they must stop their lessons in order to answer the doorbell.

We are working hard to achieve certain goals with your child and punctuality sets a very good and important example for them.

Please remember, it is important to allow your child enough time to get ready for school so that he/she can feel calm on arrival. Always reassure your child of your return.

Children should wear comfortable and appropriate clothing. In order to foster independence, make sure that the clothes are easy to manage by the child.

Since the weather is unpredictable, make sure that your child is dressed appropriately. Days are getting colder, so your child should have a warm jacket, hat, mittens and boots if it is raining.

Please label all your child belongings. i.e., school bag, water bottle, jacket, hat, shoes, lunch containers.....This way it is easy for us to find items that get misplaced.

Please explain to your child that toys should be left at home.

All children should have a set of extra clothing (shirt, pants/dress, underwear, socks) which will remain in the classroom. They also need an extra pair of shoes which can be used as inside shoes.

### **Topics for October**

During this month we will be exploring the fall/autumn season and all the related topics such as changes in the weather, changing colours of leaves and the fall celebrations – Thanksgiving and Halloween.

### **Thanksgiving – Monday, October 10th**

We look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving in our environment. We will be discussing the significance of this important event and harvest time through a variety of activities, songs and books. We encourage children to bring books or any related items to share with the class. We are hoping to have a thanksgiving party on Thursday, October 6th. We request your support in helping us to celebrate by providing healthy snacks for the class. A signup sheet will be posted at the front door if you wish to contribute. Please do not send food items that contain nuts.

### **Halloween – Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

There is something about Halloween that catches the imagination of all children. Therefore, it has become one of their much-awaited favourite events. We will be making Halloween crafts, stories, songs and games during this time. In sharing the enthusiasm of the children, we will also be celebrating Halloween in our classroom community on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We encourage children to come in costumes on this day. It is optional for your child to be dressed up and it is entirely up to the child or parent. We would like to remind parents to leave masks and weapons that are part of your child's costume at home as they may frighten some children. Weapons are a means of destruction and promote fighting. We want to maintain a safe environment where children learn the value of solving

problems peacefully. Once again, we request your contribution in sharing healthy snacks with the class.

### **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 link below). 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>

### **Pumpkin Patch**

Pumpkin Patch field trip will not happen this year. Nevertheless, our playground will be converted into a pumpkin patch where children can harvest their own pumpkin and decorate it.

**Happy Birthday to Michelle, Olivia, Shathadruv and Viaan who will be celebrating their Birthdays in October.**

**Please note that school will be closed on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.**

Sincerely,

Class #1: Ms.Shvetha, Ms.Michelle, Ms.Gurjit.

Class #2: Ms.Ambreen, Ms.Simrat.