



October 2023 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

As we enter the beautiful season of Fall, it's a great opportunity to engage our preschoolers in learning about the changing leaves, cooler weather, and the fun festivities that come with this time of year. We can explore the colours of autumn leaves, introduce the concept of gratitude and togetherness through Thanksgiving, and share the excitement of costumes on Halloween. These experiences not only offer valuable learning moments but also create lasting memories for our little ones. For our Friday show-and-tell activity, we'd like to encourage your children to bring in items related to our Fall, Thanksgiving, and Halloween topics. This could be a colorful leaf they found, a drawing of something they're thankful for, or even a small Halloween decoration or costume piece. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to share their enthusiasm for these themes with their friends and practice their communication skills. We can't wait to see what creative and exciting things they'll bring to show and tell!

Halloween

The Halloween celebration for our class will be held on **Tuesday, 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 23 children in our AM class and 21 in our PM class.

Scholastic orders

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

<https://bookclubs.scholastic.ca/s/cec-ca/en/digital-catalogues>

Reminders

- 1) It looks like the cold & flu season started earlier this year. Please follow the school's sick policy as described in the September newsletter and keep your child home if he is displaying any symptoms. It's important to protect the other children and also teachers.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Just a reminder. Children should arrive by 9:00 am. School doors will be closed after 9:10 am.
- 6) No school on Monday, October 2 – Truth & Reconciliation Day to be observed.
- 7) No school on Monday, October 9 – Thanksgiving Day

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. Joy, and Ms. Lisa