



October 2018 Kinderchatter

"Give thanks to the Lord because He is good; He gives food to every living creature; His love is eternal."

Psalm 136:1&25

Welcome to the beginning of October! We can't believe how fast September flew by. With the first month of school under our belts, we look forward to starting the second month with a greater familiarity of the classroom routines. We are excited to start to welcome parent volunteers in our classroom each day. I want to thank everyone for your prayers, smiles and encouragement. Please continue to hold our class community in your prayers.

The topic of study for **October** is "**God's Gift of Good Food**". Our God is the Creator, Sustainer and Ruler over all creation. He has provided for all our needs; this includes the food we eat to keep our bodies healthy. God wants us to be good caretakers of our bodies. He also wants us to discover and to enjoy the diverse gifts of food that He has given to us. Our **Bible Verse** for the month is from Psalm 136: 1 & 25, "Give thanks to the Lord because He is good; He gives food to every living creature; His love is eternal."

Since we are focusing on nutrition this month we will be tasting some healthy foods from each food group in class. We will be asking for food donations throughout the month by directing you to a Sign Up Genius page. Thank you for helping to make this learning experience possible!

In **Literacy** our letter study will focus on the letters M, T and A. In addition to learning these new letters and their sounds, we will also be starting to put the letters that we have learned together to create some easily decodable words (pop, pup, mop, map, tap). Three new sight words will be introduced in class (*like, the, see*). Watch for these new flashcards to come home in your child's Home Folder - and when they do please add them to your child's letter/word ring!

In **Math** we will be starting to explore patterns in the environment and basic shapes around us. We will also continue to expand on our understanding of collecting and

expressing first-hand data (graphing) and sorting objects by multiple attributes. We will focus on the correct printing formation for the numbers 4 & 5.

October At-A-Glance ... Important Dates

October 8th – NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Day

October 9th - PD Day

October 17th - Interim Reports (sent home via email)

October 18th & 19th – NO SCHOOL, Teacher’s Convention

A few more things....

Helping At Home

Learning is most successful when what is being taught at school is also being reinforced at home. Considerable attention has been given to establish the correct way to hold pencils and scissors. We spend a lot of time working on printing our letters starting at the top. When your child prints or colours at home, encourage them to hold their pencil as they have learned at school and remind them to print letters starting at the top. Please add new letter/word cards that come home to your child's flashcard ring and review them regularly with your child. Your child should know the name of the letter and the sound it makes.

Volunteering

Thank you to those of you that filled in and returned the Volunteer Availability form! The Volunteer Schedule is posted on my e-teacher page, so please check it out. I did my very best to give people their first choice of days indicated on the availability form; however, in several instances I had to work with people's second choices. Thank you so much for your flexibility and understanding in this regard.

PLEASE NOTE you must have your police check completed or in process to volunteer at the school. If you require a letter to begin the procedure, please email ccesoffice@pallisersd.ab.ca with your FULL LEGAL NAME (first, middle and last) and one will be sent to you within three business days.

Who's Who in our Classroom

I want to take a moment to introduce our classroom EAs! We have 2 EAs helping in our room this year - Mrs. Halford and Mrs. Russell. Mrs. Halford has worked as an EA in kindergarten for 3 years and is such an essential part of our learning community. Mrs. Halford is in our classroom full time. This is Mrs. Russell's first year in kindergarten; however, she has worked for many years in the preschool at CCS. Mrs. Russell is with us Monday and Wednesday mornings. Also on Friday afternoons we have the pleasure of having Mrs. Reitsma in our classroom. Mrs. Reitsma is a retired teacher who taught at CCS for many years. She taught several grade levels, including kindergarten, and we are so blessed to have her with us! If/when you see any of our lovely EAs, please take a moment to say "hello" and introduce yourself. :)

Thanksgiving Food Drive - Blessed by God to be a blessing.

Grade three is excited to be doing a Thanksgiving Food Drive (non perishable, dry goods only) this fall as our community service project. The goods we collect, as a school, will go to the Food Pantry operated by Emmanuel Church next door. These items will then be distributed to families needing assistance in our neighbourhood. The students suggested this idea as a way we can tangibly help shape God's world.



Please have your donation at the school by Friday, October 12.

Suggestions for food and supplies currently needed:

- pasta sauce, pasta, and noodles
- canned fruit, canned veggies
- tea, coffee, juices
- peanut butter, jam
- canned meats of any kind
- rice

Thank you again for your support in this work of love.

Interim Reports

On Wednesday, October 17th, you will receive your child's Interim Report via email.

These anecdotal reports are not intended to comment on any academic achievement, but rather to give you an idea of how your child is settling into the structure and routines of school. Some areas of success will be highlighted and also some areas for growth will be indicated.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

There will **not** be Parent/Teacher Interviews for Kindergarten in October. We look forward to meeting with parents during our Parent/Teacher Interviews which will take place in late November.

October 'Show&Tell' Sharing Schedule

It is so wonderful to see how excited the students are to "show and share" things with their classmates.

A reminder that BOYS can bring "Show and Tell" items on Mondays and GIRLS can bring "Show and Tell" items on Wednesdays.

Fridays in October

PLEASE NOTE -

M/W Kindergarten has school on Friday, October 5th & Friday October 26th.

Have a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving holiday this month. We truly have so much to be thankful for. ☺

Warmest Blessings, Nicole Bruins