



October 2019 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, A & C**. 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 4th - NOT a school day for KB

Harvest Supper @5:30-7:00pm

October 11th - School for KB this Friday

Interim Reports (sent home via email)

October 14th – NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Day

October 16th - Picture Retake Day

October 18th - School for KB this Friday

Crazy Hair Day!

October 24th & 25th – NO SCHOOL, PCEE 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. Most people will see their names two or three times on the schedule between now and Christmas, unless you have indicated to me otherwise.

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 EA, Mrs. Halford! Mrs. Halford has worked as an EA in kindergarten for 4 years and is such an essential part of our learning community. She is with us in our classroom full time, and we are so blessed to have her.

Also... a message from Sarah Stachiw - our KB Class Parent this year:

Hello everyone!

My name is Sarah Stachiw (but I also respond to Logan's mom!) and I will be the room parent this year for KB.

My eldest daughter is in grade 3 this year and Logan is excited to be at the big school this year after being part of the preschool program last year.

Some of you may know me already but if you don't please come over and say hi at pick ups! I run a dayhome so I'm usually with a swarm of little ones making it hard to miss me!

Hopefully I'll get to meet all of you over the year as our kids grow and learn in kindergarten!

Sarah will be helping me out with communication and organizing events, so you will receive emails from her from time to time. THANKS for your help Sarah!

Hot Lunch Program

The Hot Lunch Program is beginning on Wednesdays in October. This program includes pizza, hot dogs, and chocolate milk. These lunches are available by pre-order (minimum 1 week in advance) on the school's website (participation in this program is optional!) On Hot Lunch days, the food is delivered to our classroom at lunchtime and I will distribute it to the children.

The Hot Lunch days for October are:

October 2nd: Pizza

October 9th: Hot Dogs

October 16th: Hot Dogs

October 18th: Booster Juice

October 23rd: Hot Dogs

October 30th: Hot Dogs



Thanksgiving Food Drive

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 18.

Suggestions for food and supplies currently needed:

- pasta sauce, pasta, and noodles
- canned fruit, canned veggies
- tea, coffee, juices
- peanut butter, jam

Interim Reports

On Friday, October 11th, 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' 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 11th & Friday October 18th.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, we have 2 Fridays in a row!

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

Warmest Blessings, Nicole Bruins