

November Edition of the Kindergarten Newsletter

K1 = Mrs. Nielsen K2 = Miss Laczo K3/K4 = Mrs. Ell & Mr. Goutsis

Monthly Goals

- ★ I can create and extend a simple pattern
- ★ I can identify letters and sounds
- ★ I can subitize numbers 0-5
- ★ I can recognize and print numbers 0-5

Language Arts - Please continue to help your child practice the sounds and letter we are learning with the Jolly Phonics program. To supplement with this, your child can have fun with the following websites: www.starfall.com and www.abcmouse.com. We will be implementing the use of a journal. We use our journals to practice printing of our name, copying environmental text, pencil grasp, directed drawing activities, and representing ideas.

Math - We will continue to work on recognizing, representing and extending simple AB patterns . We will use books, objects, colors, shapes, & activity pages to create a variety of patterns. When most students are successful with this, we will challenge them to learn more complex pattern types (ABB, ABC...)
Subitizing will be introduced. What is subitizing? It is being able to recognize numbers at a glance without counting. For example, recognizing how many dots are on dice (without counting them of course). Numbers 0-5 will be our starting point. We will also be working on recognizing and printing 0-5.

Science - We've had a focus on colors and color mixing and introduced the primary colors. Next, we will go over the concepts of sink and float. Every student will get a chance to explore the water table during centre times.

Social Studies - Each of us is special and unique in our own way. We will introduce this concept to our students through discussions, stories, sharing, and writing / drawing. We will talk about groups we belong to as well. For instance, school, family, teams, and organizations.

Swimming - Students need to wear their bathing suit under clothes to school on swim days. Please send a plastic bag, inside their swim bag, to hold wet items. Pack a snack, towel, and clean underwear in the swim bag. PLEASE LABEL ALL BELONGINGS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Prior to lessons, please discuss appropriate behaviour at the pool and change room with your child. If your child is anxious about lessons, perhaps a trip to the pool beforehand would ease some of these feelings. Before/After each class swims we will have a snack and an activity in the classroom and, if the weather permits, a recess on the playground.

Students will be riding a school bus to the Didsbury pool for swimming lessons. Please have your child to school on time as the bus driver will leave promptly so we are on time for lessons.

Parent volunteers will be needed to assist in the change rooms. Male parents for the boys' change room are necessary due to public use. All parents are welcome to watch swimming lessons in the visitor area. However, when we are eating snack and partaking in a learning activity in the classroom at the pool we would prefer that parents do not come in as the classroom is very small and will already be crowded. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Swimming Dates/Times:

Nov. 12 - Nov. 28

Mondays and Wednesdays

K3 (9:10 to 9:50)

K1 (9:50 to 10:30)

Nov. 13 – Nov. 29

Tuesdays and Thursdays

K4 (9:10 to 9:50)

K2 (9:50 to 10:30)

Report Cards: Report Cards will be sent home during the first week of December. Please keep in mind that they will follow the EYE Assessment format that was discussed at Parent Teacher interviews, with a personal comment attached from your child's teacher.

Books: A huge thank you goes out to the families who bought and donated books for our classrooms during the Scholastic book fair in October! We really appreciate being able to read these great stories to our students. Also, we also thank you for your support in buying books from the Scholastic book orders since teachers receive bonus points towards free books for the classroom.

Upcoming Events:

*** *There will be no library book exchange during Swimming* ***

- **November 2 - Picture retake day / Operation Christmas Child Assembly (Shoeboxes)**
- **November 7 - Wear Red / Remembrance Day assembly @ 10:30**
- **November 8,9,23 - No school**
- **November 16 - Dress Backwards Day**
- **November 6 - K2,K4 Library**
- **November 7 - K1,K3 Library**
- **November 22 - Shoebox collection assembly @2:15**
- **November 26/27 - Scholastic book orders due**

- Please read the November Message from Superintendent, Kurt Sacher by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.carstairselementary.ca/view.php?action=object&id=84481&stream=Homepage%20News>

- Also, the following link is a letter to parents from the Alberta Government, outlining changes to their school immunization program.

<http://www.carstairselementary.ca/documents/general/2018%20School%20Immun%20Changes%20-%20Parent%20Letter.pdf>

- **Hot Lunch** - <https://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/>