

October 2018 CES Kindergarten Newsletter

K1 = Mrs. Nielsen

K2 = Miss Laczo

K3/K4 = Mrs. Ell

Monthly Goals

- ★ I can create a simple pattern
- ★ I can identify letters and sounds
- ★ I can print my name correctly and identify the letters in it

Language Arts - We will continue our Jolly Phonics program, focusing on letter sounds by using stories, songs and actions. Each week we will send the Jolly Phonics duotang home with the letters/sounds. Please help your child practice the sound, action and name of each letter then return it the next school day.

We would also ask you to help your child practice printing their first name correctly. This means using a capital letter to start and lowercase letters to follow. Also practice saying the letters of their name.

Math - We will continue with colors and shapes and a new focus on simple patterns. AB, ABB, ABC patterns will be taught.

October Patterning Show 'n' Tell: We ask that each child bring a basic AB pattern that they have made at home. For example: red, green, red, green... cut out colored shapes and glue in a pattern or food items... tomato, grape, tomato, grape. Another option is to draw it... cat, dog, cat, dog... Have fun with it and let your child be creative!

Monday / Wednesday classes:

Boys (K1 / K3) - **Mon. Oct. 15** (only the boys bring their Patterning Show & Share this day)

Girls (K1 / K3) - **Wed. Oct. 17** (only the girls bring their Patterning Show & Share this day)

Tuesday / Thursday class:

Boys (K4) - **Tue. Oct. 16** (only the boys bring their Patterning Show & Share this day)

Girls (K4) - **Thur. Oct. 18** (only the girls bring their Paterning Show & Share this day)

Upcoming Events:

- **October 1** - Author Visit
- **October 2** - Picture day (T/Th Kindergarten)
- **October 3** - Picture day (M/W Kindergarten)
- **October 12** - K2, K4 attend
- **October 19** - K1,K3 attend
- **October 5, 8, and 26** - Days off
- **October 25** - Scholastic book orders due
- **October 2,9,16,23,30** - K2,K4 Library
- **October 3,10,17,24,31** - K1,K3 Library

- **Parent /Teacher Conferences:** **October 22** during the day from 9-3 (K1 and K3/4 only). There is no school this day for Kindergarten students. **October 23/24** from 4-7 (K2 and K3/4). **October 24** from 4-7 (K1). Please book your interview time using the online link for Conference Manager that was emailed to you (<https://carstairselem.schoolsoft.com>). It opens to parents on October 1st.

- **October 30** - the Tues/Thurs classes will participate in Halloween activities and parade through the school. We ask that they bring their costumes to school on this day but only wear them during the parade. Please do not send weaponry.

- **October 31** - At 1pm the Mon/Wed classes will do a costume parade around the gym.We ask that they bring their costumes to school on this day but only wear them during the parade. Please do not send weaponry.

Information to know:

- *Volunteers* - We are ready to welcome volunteers into our classroom this month. If you are interested in volunteering please let us know or send us a reminder in the agenda! We would love to have you for an hour or two and can set something up that works for everyone!
- *School Messenger Letter* - One important aspect of this letter is to let you know how to allow the new Messenger system to send you texts. If you have a cell phone number in the “Text #1” or “Text #2” field, **you need to Opt-in by texting “Y” or “Yes” to 724665. Contact the office with questions.**

- *Pencil Grip & Scissor Skills* - When the thumb and forefinger hold the pencil the student is then exhibiting outstanding posture for fine motor activities. Regular cueing at this age is often enough to assist the students in establishing a fixed motor pattern which will carry on for the rest of their education. A wonderful resource that your child is familiar with is: YouTube video: Pencil Grasp (learn to pick up a pencil). At this time students are practicing their cutting skills as well. The proper scissor grip is fingers on the bottom, thumb on the top. The helping hand steers the paper. Practice by cutting up old magazines, cutting zig zag lines, and opening snacks.

- Please read the October 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%20Immunization%20Changes%20-%20Parent%20Letter.pdf>

- **Hot Lunch** - October hot lunch date is Thursday, October 25 for Co-op Chicken Tenders and Potato Wedges. Deadline to order is NOON, Tuesday, October 16. Order online here: <https://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/> * This is for the Tuesday / Thursday kindergarten classes only please.