

CES October 2022 ~ Kindergarten Newsletter

K1 = Mrs. Nielsen K3/K4 = Mrs. Ell Mr. Goutsis K2/K5 = Miss Reid



Student Goals:

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

Literacy

- We focus on having students identify (name) letters and their sounds by using stories, songs and actions. Please help your child at home by asking them to practice the sound, action and the name of each letter. You can refer to your child's Google Classroom for this resource.
- We'd like to encourage parents to help their child practice printing their first name correctly. *This means using an uppercase letter to start and lowercase letters to follow.* We remind our students that we always print our letters "starting at the top". Along with this, your child can practice saying the letters of their name.

Numeracy

- *Colors, Shapes, & Patterns* - Students will continue with learning colors and shapes and we will add in a new focus of simple patterning. AB, ABB, ABC patterns will be taught. Can your child find patterns in their environment? For instance, on clothing, on packaging, floor tiles, in nature etc.

An example of an AB pattern could be: 

Patterning Show & Share:

We ask that each child bring to school one basic AB pattern that they have made at home. For example: red, green, red, green.

Choose just one of the three ideas below:

- ~ Your child could cut out colored shapes and glue them into a pattern. ~ Your child could use items to create a pattern like Lego, pom poms, toy cars, or blocks and take a picture of what they built and print it out.
- ~ Your child could draw/color/stamp a pattern (for example: cat, dog, cat, dog).

Have fun and let your child be creative!

Monday / Wednesday classes:

Mon. Oct. 24 - only the **boys** bring their Patterning Show & Share

Wed. Oct. 26 - only the **girls** bring their Patterning Show & Share

Tuesday / Thursday classes:

Tue. Oct. 18 - only the **boys** bring their Patterning Show & Share

Thurs. Oct. 20 - only the **girls** bring their Patterning Show & Share

Fine Motor Skills

Pencil Grasp & 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 \(learn to pick up a pencil\)](#). 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.

Upcoming October Events:

- **Oct 7-** T/Th class attends
- **Oct 10** - No School - Thanksgiving Day
- **Oct 13** - Picture retake day
- **Oct 14** - M/W classes attend
- **Oct 21** - No School
- **Oct. 18, 20, 24, 26** - AB pattern Show & Share
- **Oct 27** - Tu/Th classes - Halloween happenings
- **Oct 28** - M/W classes attend
- **Oct 31** - M/W classes - Halloween happenings
- **Halloween Happenings to be announced!**
- **Nov 4** - M/W classes attend

Other information:

- *Eye See, I Learn* - If you haven't done so yet, we encourage you to have your child's vision tested. 80% of learning is visual, which makes having a comprehensive eye exam an important start to a child's learning journey. If your child does require glasses, this program covers the cost of their first pair! Here is a link to the website for more information.
https://www.optometrists.ab.ca/web/AAO/ESEL/Parent_Information/AAO/ESEL/ESEL_Parent_Information/Eye_See...Eye_Learn_Parent_Information.aspx?hkey=473cfbed-2d6c-48f5-8aba-d6716d5f4ec0
- *School Messenger* - 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.

- Contact information - If your contact information happens to change at any time during the school year, please inform our office staff. As well, if your child has any medical information that teachers need to be aware of, please let the office staff know.
- Illness - If your child is showing signs of illness, please have your child stay home. Make a phone call to our school office staff to let them know your child will be absent. If your child rides a school bus, make sure you inform the driver of your child's absence.
- Pick up and drop off changes - If you need to pick up your child early from school, please contact the school office staff or contact his/her teacher beforehand. Parents/guardians are asked to make their way to the office to sign their child out of school. Also, if after school plans change for your child, please contact the school office prior to 2pm as teachers are most likely not available to check their emails. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Google Classroom - Thank you for signing up for Google Classroom! Please continue to check it at least twice a week for updates and information. If your child is away for an extended period of time, activities are already posted for them to do at home.