

Mes Amis Preschool Newsletter

October



Bonjour Preschool Parents,

Welcome to another great month of Preschool! September has flown by and we are already in October. This past month we learned about the letters "Aa" and "Bb". We also made some crafts and did some activities centered around our "C'est Moi!/ All About Me!" theme. During the month of October, we are moving on to learning about and printing the letters "Cc", "Dd" and the letter "Ee". We will also be learning how to print our names and having fun with our new theme of the month "L'automne/Fall". The dramatic area this month is Pumpkin Patch. I am very excited to learn and explore alongside my students again this month.

We have a very exciting class trip planned for this month, "une sortie". On Thursday October 17th our T/Th classes will be going on a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch at Dutch Growers. On Friday October 18th our M/W/F classes will be going as well. We have buses booked to transport us to the venue and the bus leaves the school at 12:45pm for both trips. I'm asking for all students to be at the school by 12:30pm on the days of the field trips. The staff at the Pumpkin Patch has informed me that the tour takes on average one hour and that there is a little picnic area set up at the venue for us to sit once the tour is done and have a little snack "un petit goûter" before we return to the school. Please pack your child with a small, mess free (no pudding or fruit cups please) snack. Our bus will be picking us up at the Pumpkin Patch at 2:30pm and we should return to the school by 2:45pm at which time you may pick up your child. I will need volunteers for this trip so I will post volunteer sign up sheets in the classroom the first week of October. I want to make this fair to all the parents who wish to come along, so I will be dividing volunteer positions equally between AM and PM classes. **Please note that this trip takes the place of all classes take place during all the classes on the 17th and 18th. There are NO Morning classes on these days.**

Picture Day is on Monday, September 30th for our M/W/F sessions and again on Tuesday, October 1st for our T/Th sessions. There will be a class picture taken and individual pictures as well. Picture proofs will be returned to you in the upcoming weeks at which time you may order pictures should you wish.

Thanksgiving break will take place the weekend of the 12th/13th and October 14th; therefore there will be NO SCHOOL on the Friday 11th and Monday 14th.

At the end of this month, on Wednesday October 30th (M/W/F sessions) and Thursday October 31st (T/Th sessions) we will be having a special Halloween party! “une fête” There will be a shared snack on this day, so please feel free to send your child with a special treat “une friandise” to share with the class on this day. I will be posting a snack sign-up sheet for snacks mid-October. Please remember that there are students in our class with severe allergies to certain food products such as nuts and sesame seeds. If you plan on bringing baking products, please come see me about any allergies that may be present in your child’s class. Also I always give the option for students to dress up in costumes “se déguiser” for the party should they so choose. If your child does dress up, please make sure the costumes aren’t of the “scary” variety (ie: vampires, monsters etc.) Parents are welcome to come along when the party begins to enjoy some snacks and games as well. We will begin our day as usual with centers, circle time, library time/gym time and then the party should begin at 10:45am for the morning classes and 2:30pm for the afternoon classes.

Show and Tell calendars have been placed in your child’s mailbox this past week. For October show and tell days, please send your child with his or her favourite book. This could be a difficult choice for some of us!

I am asking parents and students to please place all outdoor shoes on the boot racks beside the front doors from now on. This will save much clutter in our lockers and come winter time when the ground becomes quite mucky, everyone will appreciate the outdoor shoes being on the boot racks as opposed to tracking up the floors in the school. Remember that on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays we will continue to have outdoor play so long as the weather remains nice. Please remind your child before they come to class that their outdoor shoes are on the bootracks in the front entrance.

I just want to remind everyone that St. Matthew is a scent sensitive school meaning strong perfumes and colognes are strongly discouraged. Please be careful to avoid wearing any highly scented products.

I would like to switch up our playdough batches for the month of October. For those of you who are able to whip up a batch of orange and black playdough for this month it would be much appreciated.

As most of you are aware there have been many germs and illness going through the school as of late. Please keep your child at home to get better if they are ill; this will save the remainder of the class from getting sick and spreading germs. You may either e-mail me or call the

classroom and leave a message if you are keeping your child home. I thank you all for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

I want to thank all those who have helped out as parent volunteers this past month. You have all been wonderful and I don't know what I would do without all your help, so thank you, thank you, THANK YOU! "Merci mille fois!!!!"

There have been some questions regarding days off from preschool and if they follow the remainder of the days off for the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. As a general rule, any days that the remainder of the school is not in session, we will not be in session either; this includes Common Dismissal days as well as all holidays. Please check your sharing calendars every month for the days that we are not in session as they will be indicated there.

If you have questions or concerns you can call me at school @ 659-7820 or e-mail me at brophyg3@gmail.com . If you call the class during class times I will not answer the phone but I will retrieve messages as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Grainne Brophy