

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2020



Well it seems that we all pretty much got through our first month very well considering all the changes that we have been experiencing.

We are very proud of all the children with their eagerness to learn new things and adaptability to new routine.

October brings us the themes Thanksgiving and Halloween. The color of the month is orange, the shape of the month is the square and the number is 2. Our letters this month will be D, E, F, G and H. We will also be starting our Japanese language unit this month. This is very exciting as we will be learning how to count from 1- 10, words and songs from now until Christmas (did I just use the C word?).

Birthday greetings go out to all of the children who are celebrating their birthdays this month. Please speak to your teacher to make arrangements for your child to bring a special snack and beverage into the classroom on his/her special day.

Remember: no nut products please and everything needs to be store bought and individually wrapped.

Please take note there will be no school on Friday, October 9th and Monday, October 12th for Thanksgiving.



HALLOWEEN PARTIES:

Will be held on Friday, October 30th and will take place at 2:00pm. **Children can come to school dressed up in their costumes in the morning or the teachers can help put them on after lunch.** These are going to look very different this year. Under COVID Regs, we are very sorry however we cannot have parent volunteers in the building. The staff are planning craft and individual sensory stations for the afternoon followed by a Halloween movie (rated G of course). If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to myself, Andrea Coulombe, or your child's teacher.

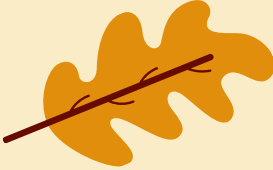







COVID UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

This is the newest information we received from Alberta Health Services:


Please note that the updated guidelines now highlight actions to be taken when children experience new or worsening symptoms of **cough, fever, runny nose, shortness of breath, and/or sore throat**. These five symptoms will require children to isolate for 10 days as per mandatory isolation requirements for all Albertans. There is additional clarification provided for instances when children may be allowed to return prior to the full 10-day isolation period so please review the guidance carefully. If children experience other symptoms listed on the screening tool, parents will still need to be notified to pick up the child and follow normal illness procedures (including regular licensing requirements).



The incidences where children can return earlier than 10 days is if your child receives a negative COVID test prior to the 10 days isolation period and your child is symptom free. If you receive the negative test result and your child is still showing symptoms, then you can take your child to the Dr to obtain a Dr's note to indicate they are clear to come back to daycare.



So if your child has any other symptom than those 5 listed above, we are back to our normal sickness policy which is children will be sent home and can come back when they are 48 hours symptom free. Please note if your child is sent home in the afternoon, it will seem that they are home for a little longer as we do not accept children after 12:00pm. Should you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to speak with myself, Andrea Coulombe, or call 811.



Please note that the 10 day isolation period and the 5 symptoms are not our rule but is mandated by law. Daycares do not have a choice but to send children home for any of these symptoms. We understand that it will be hard with work and arrangements however as you can read from Alberta Health, our hands are tied. Please also inform us if your child is experiencing symptoms when they haven't been at daycare so we can monitor and track illness to keep all parents informed.



Please remember to label all of your child's items including their backpack. This really makes things easier if items are labeled.

Please remember to bring a water bottle, which can be left in your child's back pack and used when needed.

Please remember to bring an extra change of clothes for your child.

Please be sure to initial and return your child's communication books because we cannot continue writing in them if your child does not bring it back to school.

Please make sure you are checking your child's mailbox/cubbies and parent board everyday. On a regular basis items are placed in your child's mailbox that are ready to be sent home. Also, important messages are posted on the parent board for you to read so please take the time to do so when you sign your child in.





If you enjoy making playdough and would like to make it for our school please speak to your child's teacher. Thank you for your consideration.

We hope that your child is enjoying school as much as we enjoy having them and watching them learn new things, especially our circle time songs. Sometimes it is hard for us to keep singing when these little ones are singing along!

Have a great month!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Coulombe
Director of Programs

