



PATHWAY MONTESSORI Trailblazer



Pathway's Evergreen Fall Update

As the children are settling into their school routines we are already seeing some favorite games happening on a regular basis and children asking for particular songs and activities to be repeated. New friendships are blossoming and we are encouraging children to listen to each other and use their words to express their feelings. Parent contact lists have gone out so children can continue their friendships outside of school.

In the month of October, the children are drawn to the Practical Life area with lots of new activities for spooning, pouring, and sorting by size, shape, and colour. These activities help build their concentration skills, coordination skills, and

helps build the muscles in their hands for holding a pencil for writing. Sensorial exercises refine their visual and tactile discrimination skills, sense of order, concentration, and independence skills. The children enjoyed learning about shapes and colours during our circle time. They also enjoyed making lots of crafts for Thanksgiving and Halloween.

Our field trip to Kayben Farms in Okotoks was very educational. The children learned about how pumpkins grow; how the native people used corn, beans, and squash; tasted pumpkin seeds and pumpkin butter; and weighed some different sized pumpkins and gourds. In the end, we painted our pumpkins that we were able to take

home. Though it was a cold day, some of us stayed and enjoyed playing in the park.

In November, we will be talking about the importance of Remembrance Day and Hibernation. Children will learn which animals stay here for the winter, and those that leave for warmer climates, and what happens to those that we do not see in the winter time. If there is a particular celebration that your family celebrates, we invite you to share your celebration with us. You are welcome to come into our classroom to discuss or share anything you may have at home that relates to your celebration. Please let us know if you are interested.

New Face at Pathway

We wish to welcome Mrs. Kizhakke Shahanas as a new member of our staff. She has had experience in some administration and director duties as well as a classroom teacher at another Montessori school and will be working with Mrs. Sonika at our school. Ms. Nancy Carranza was offered another opportunity at a non-Montessori preschool and

has left Pathway. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

The shapes and colours for this month will be:

- Nov 7 - 10 "green"
- Nov. 14 - 18 "rectangle"
- Nov. 21 - 25 "blue"
- Nov. 28 - Dec. 2 "oval"

Parent Volunteers

Please hand in Volunteer forms, if you are interested and have the time, by Nov. 10th. Thanks to those that have volunteered some time to help us with materials and craft preparation, cutting and colouring, and being there when we need you!

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Dates to Remember this Month

Nov 6 - Daylight Savings Please turn your clocks **back** 1 hour

Nov 7 - Scholastic Book orders due

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day - No School

Happy Birthday!

Nov 7
Michael McHugh Age 5

Nov 17
Lilia Young Age 4



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REMINDERS:

NOVEMBER SCHOLASTIC BOOKORDERS

Due to problems with delivery of the flyers, there will not be a December order due to the short delivery time before school ends. The November order will be the last for this year, no later than **Monday, November 7th**. We will continue in January. Please hand in the book order form(s) and cheque payment made out to Scholastic Canada Ltd to your child's teacher. One cheque is sufficient for multiple orders. Your purchases help us earn FREE books for our school!

A NOTE ABOUT COLDER WEATHER

Please be sure to send your child to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Please label all outdoor clothing: hats, mitts, boots, and jackets with their name. The children are practicing daily putting on their own jackets and many are getting the hang of it! Please practice this with your child at home as they are thrilled at this independence.

WANTED FOR CRAFTS

Please bring in an empty cracker box (Ritz, Triscuit) or a smaller-sized cereal box for your child for a craft that will be done this month. Please have them in by November 20th. Thank you.

Arrival and Dismissal

Dropping your child off may be a hard task at the start, especially for the new students who may be crying, however, the best way to help this transition is to leave quickly after your goodbye. All of the teachers are prepared for this transition period and are there to comfort your child. This new routine takes a few weeks to a month to get over and is completely normal for children to have tears. PLEASE do not hang out outside or peek through the windows. It makes it worse if they happen to see you. Trust they are in

safe hands.

We welcome parents that want to talk to us. Please try and do so after class by coming into the class only when all the children are dismissed.

School hours are:

AM Program 8:30 – 11:30

9:00 – 11:30

Children can be picked up from 5 minutes before dismissal time



AM Pick-Up 11:25 – 11:30