



# PATHWAY MONTESSORI Trailblazer



## Woodbine’s Month of November

The children are getting settled into their school routines and are quite enjoying getting to know one another. We are already seeing some favorite games happening on a regular basis and children asking for special songs and activities to be repeated. New friendships are blossoming and the children seem to be enjoying each other’s company. We are encouraging children to listen to each other and use their words to express their feelings. We are also practicing taking turns to speak at snack time or circle time so that we can hear everyone’s exciting

and interesting stories and comments. Parent contact lists have gone out so hopefully children can continue their friendships outside of school as well!

Our field trip to the Calgary Corn Maze was a frosty one! Thanks to all the parents who braved the chilly weather for a morning of fun.

Our theme for this month will be learning about the continents and the calendar. Learning the days of the week and months of the year through songs and activities. We will continue with our study of the 5

Senses. In October, we played “guess that sound” with many different materials in the classroom. And we did a pumpkin investigation where we used our senses to explore the giant fruit. This month, we will continue our study of the five senses by playing “What is in the bag?” (sense of touch), along with many other Montessori materials that develop the five senses such as the sound cylinders, sandpaper work, color tablets, smelling bottles and much more.

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### Dates to Remember this Month

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

**Nov 7** – Scholastic Book Orders due

**Nov 11** - Remembrance Day/No School

### Happy Birthday!

**No birthdays to celebrate this month.**

## Pathway Montessori Sound Basket and Reading Program

Children love to share. The one way that they can do this is to bring an item to school that starts with the sound of the week. The item is placed in the sound basket, and when it is circle time we look at all the items that start with that particular sound of the week. Children love bringing something, so please take some time, and find a small item

or object to bring every day your child comes to school.

The sounds for this month will be:

Nov 7 - 10 “e” as in echo

Nov. 14 -18 “f” as in frog

Nov. 21 - 25 “g” as in goat

Nov 28 – Dec 2 “h” as in hot

### Author Appreciation

Every month we will be reading books from some of our favorite authors. Doing author studies helps students develop their reading skills, build critical thinking, and develop a deeper attachment to the books and much more! This month our author of the month will be Dr. Seuss. His stories are great for learning rhyming, phrasing, and articulation.



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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!

#### DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

We ask you all to keep to school arrival and collection times for your children. We understand circumstances happen however, this should be an exception, not the norm. We have a small staff of 2 teachers and the time between 11:30 and 12:00 is their lunch AND preparing the classroom for the afternoon program. Please be considerate and give them this time to transition. Be aware that the school has a fee for late pick up.

#### 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.

## Patterns /

We began learning about patterns near the end of October. What starts out in preschool/Kindergarten as making pretty designs with pattern blocks eventually leads to skip counting, repeated addition (and therefore multiplication and division), algebraic reasoning, and beyond! So it's important that we provide them with a solid foundation. Don't be surprised to see many types of work coming home that display a variety of different patterns (AB, ABB, ABC, ABBC).

## Kindergarten Update

We had a great start to our Kindergarten Social Studies "All About Me" unit last month. Students were proud to share information about their names and take on extra responsibility in the classroom as the V.I.P. This month students will be asked to share infor-

mation about their families and make a family tree. Each family is unique, and we want students to see that there are many types of families.

