



PATHWAY MONTESSORI Trailblazer



Pathway's Fall at the Fort

We hope you had a safe and Happy Halloween! As we move into November children are continuing to settle into routines. You might even notice your child pushing in a chair at home or putting away toys. Children are caring for their environment as well as each other. Chairs are being tucked in and materials are being returned to the shelves more frequently, ready for the next person, Great job everyone!

It was precious to hear all of the things the children were thankful for at Thanksgiving circle-time. Some children said they were thankful for families, some were thankful for their toys, some were just thankful for playing and hav-

ing fun.

Fall has been fun so far with our pumpkin patch visit; pumpkin art, leaf rubbings, carving a pumpkin in class & watching it glow with the classroom lights off. We will soon be starting to practice some songs the children will sing for you at the winter celebration.

For the week of Remembrance Day, we will be talking about peace in general, some symbols of peace and of course, what peace means to us. We give them some ideas...however, each year we are quite surprised at what children come up with!

Our Remembrance Day circle will be a simple discussion on what a poppy is, the shape it is (quatrefoil), and why we wear poppies. It's always a challenging topic for this age group; we simplify it as best as we can. We wear poppies, to remember the people that help, and have helped to make Canada a safe place to live. We might go on to discuss that a long time ago there was a war with lots of fighting and hurt...but that was a long time ago. People today are still working hard to make our country a safe place to live, and wearing a poppy is our way of remembering those men and women.

Hibernation Studies

In November, we will be studying more in-depth about hibernation, what the animals do to prepare for this and the body changes that happen during this time. During the next couple of weeks, we would like each child to bring in an animal (stuffie) that typically would hibernate. We ask that each animal fit into your child's hand, and is labeled.

Examples: bear, skunk, fox, chipmunk, snake, squirrel, raccoon, etc. Please do not send an item that your child needs to have at home as we will be putting all of the animals into our small "bear cave" in class until the spring. In spring, the animals will come out of hibernation and animals will be returned to their rightful owner.



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Dates to Remember this Month

Nov 11th Remembrance Day – **No Classes**

Nov 23-25th

Parent Observations

Dec 1st Parent/Teacher Interviews. **No regular classes.**

Dec 16th Winter Celebration

Happy Birthday!

No Birthdays to celebrate this month.



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REMINDERS:

Food Bank Donations

We will be beginning our Food Bank collection the week of Monday, Nov. 28th. Please bring a non-perishable food item. The last day for collection is Dec. 16th.

Sick Policy

If your child is sick or unable to do a full school day, please keep your child at home. We do our best to keep germs away by encouraging coughing/sneezing on elbows, using tissues and washing hands after.

Dress for the Weather

With the rainy season and cooler temperatures approaching, we ask that you ensure your child is dressed for the weather and has a complete change of clothes at school. *Please label* We do go outside daily (except for torrential days).

Material Donations

We can always use paper, ribbon bits envelopes. Lavender and rose petals, coffee beans, and mint leaves can be used for a mortar and pestle activity. We also gladly accept used greeting or Christmas cards, packing peanuts, discontinued wallpaper books, and calendars. Calendars have such beautiful photos...perfect for cutting practice.

Important Upcoming Events

Parent Observations

A sign up-sheet will be posted soon. This will be a mini-glimpse to see your child in action! Parents get to sit in the class, and observe how children interact and engage with one-another and to see what kinds of activities your child likes to engage in. Parents are asked to refrain from active engaging, as some children may be trying to focus on a challenging activity. We ask that parents stick to their time-slot to allow everyone an opportunity to observe.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

A sign-up sheet will be posted. Again, it's appreciated to stick to your time slot. You will have the opportunity to speak with teachers to see where your child is at, what kinds of things they like doing in class, or ways to further support at home. If you aren't able to make it on this day, please speak to a teacher and we will gladly schedule an alternate time.

Winter Celebration

Last day before winter break - We will be hosting a special concert, you won't want to miss, so please mark it on your calendars! Please let us know your child will not be attending the concert.

