



PATHWAY MONTESSORI



November routines ; Printing and Reading Skills

October was a very busy month learning about the fall season, apple and pumpkin life cycles, and Thanksgiving. Children loved doing crafts for Thanksgiving and Halloween. We discussed what we were thankful for and the children mentioned their family, friends, favourite toys, going on vacation, their home and food. The concept of living and non-living was also introduced this past month. The criteria we used was: does it breathe, eat, move, reproduce, need water and grow. The pre-schoolers have been developing their practical life and sensorial skills, an introduction to pre-reading and pre-math skills, and continuing to practice the routines of the classroom.

In November the pre-schoolers will be focusing on printing their name. Uppercase for the first letter and lowercase for the rest of their names. If you have time at home, please practice this with your child. We will continue with learning letter sounds, shapes, counting, numbers 1 -10, colours, and working on fine motor skills to develop the pincer grip in preparation for writing.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our days have been very busy learning many new skills and concepts. We have completed the at, am and ug families and 17 sight words. The children are beginning to understand the way words are formed and sounded out. We also have been having fun learning poet-

ry and how to add actions to demonstrate the words in poems. Along with poetry, art and music has also supported our learning of each area of study. And let's not forget our continuing discussion regarding community helpers and how our place in our families and communities are similar and yet unique. The children really enjoyed our Scavenger Hunt and did a good job of documenting their findings on their guide.

In other news, we are trying something a little different in the language department this year. The children are all learning a bit of Spanish. They can count up to seven. Uno, dos, tres, cuatro, cinco, seis, siete. They have their first greeting conversation: Hola, como estas? Muy bien, gracias.

Sound Basket this Month

Please emphasize that we would like objects that are the **short phonetic** sounds of the letters especially for the vowels: ant instead of ape, egg instead of eagle, insect instead of ice, ostrich instead of oatmeal, and uncle instead of unicorn. The same goes for the letter "g"- words that start with the hard g sound as in girl,

grape, gift, instead of giraffe or giant.

- Nov 4 – 8 "f" as in fan
- Nov 11 – 15 "g" as in gate
- Nov 18 – 21 "h" as in hen
- Nov 25– 29 "i" as in igloo



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Dates this Month

- Nov 3rd** Daylight Savings Time – turn clocks back
- Nov 11th** Remembrance Day – no school
- Nov 15th** Scholastic Book Orders due
- Nov 22nd** PD Day – no school

Happy Birthday!

- Nov 3** Edward Siewert 5 yrs
- Nov 8** Wyatt Reynolds 5 yrs
- Nov 13** Barrett Holowachuk 4 yrs
- Nov 25** Emmett Rose 5 yrs
- Nov 25** Coleton Jones 4 yrs

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REMINDERS:

Calgary Food Bank

This year we will be participating in the Annual Christmas Food Drive to support the Calgary Food Bank. Please drop off any non-perishable food items or monetary donations. We will be collecting donations from Nov 20 – Dec 1. We will drop off the food at the Food Bank.

Scholastic Book Orders

Thank you to all who are supporting our monthly book orders. We have earned quite a few "bonus bucks" and have put them towards some resource materials for the teachers and some new storybooks for the classroom. Book order flyers will be sent out the first week of the month and we ask that you fill your orders online by the 15th of each month.

Snacks

Please ensure that your child's snacks are of the healthy variety. Please do not send cookies or junk food. As the children are beginning to learn how to clean up after themselves, finger foods are wonderful as they are easy for them to eat without assistance.

Absences

Please let us know if your child will be absent with a text message to 403 402 0901 or an email to pathwaymont@gmail.com

Cultural Studies Prepares Us for Celebration

AROUND THE WORLD

In the month of November, we will be focusing on cultural studies. We will be "traveling" around the world visiting different countries and learning about the language, clothing, traditions, songs, art, etc. Every week we will be developing different art pieces from these countries. These pieces may be done individually or as a group. Different mediums will be used. These art pieces will be displayed during our cultural celebration in December.

We will be looking for volunteers to help in the class each week leading up to the cultural celebration on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 9:30

– 10:30. If anyone would like to share their culture with the class, please talk to the teachers and they can let you know when and what would be involved. Also please speak to the teachers and share your ideas if there is a simple cultural art, music or game activity that can be done with the children during your visit.

FIELD TRIP

Our day at the Calgary Corn Maze and Fun Farm turned out great! It warmed up and despite some mud we all enjoyed our activities. We had an animal tour, mining experience, learned how plants grow and enjoyed a tractor ride through the corn maze.

