



# PATHWAY MONTESSORI



## Preparing for our Cultural Celebration

During the month of November, we talked about Remembrance Day and made beautiful poppies in memory of those who fought for our country. We also began our cultural studies. We have begun teaching the children songs for the Cultural Celebration on December 20. They are excited for an opportunity to perform for their families. After a short show we hope you will take time to enjoy the displays and a pot luck lunch.

### Theme- Around the World

*Our first country for the cultural studies unit is Mexi-*

*co, a country where Miss Laurie lived or 14 years, rich in Spanish heritage and one she loves very much. We coloured a picture of a child hitting a pinata, learned about the country's flag and in the Montessorian way made one from coloured tissue paper complete with an eagle in the middle of the flag. The next country we will study is the country of Kenya.*

### KINDERGARTEN NEWS

KG has been busy with our Science project. We are creating a poster board for each child. They have selected an animal and will be

displaying the habitat including the shelter, food and predators for each.

This month we have done the "it" and "ip" word families and this week are beginning the "in" family. We continue to add more and more sight words and will focus on the "question words" this week.

We use Art and Music to support the learning of each area of study. In Spanish we have added the words for colours and continue to learn numbers.

## Sound Basket this Month

We would like objects that emphasize 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.

Dec 2 - 6 "j" as in jump

Dec 9 - 13 "k" as in kite

Dec 16- 19 "l" as in lake



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## Dates this Month

**Dec 15** Scholastic Book Order due

**Dec 20** Cultural Celebration and last day of school

**Dec 21 - Jan 5** Winter Break

**Jan 6** First day of classes in the New Year

## Happy Birthday!

**Dec 19** Ryker Steinke Age 5

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### REMINDERS:

#### **Behaviour**

We would appreciate your support talking to your children about following the school rules. We will be focusing on: #1 Not running in the classroom. #2 Talking in quiet indoor voices. #3 Putting work back when completed in the same place as it was taken from. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

#### **Snacks**

Please ensure that your child's snacks are of the healthy variety. Please do not send cookies or junk food. Also, please try to send foods that children can manage to eat neatly and without a lot of additional messes. 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](mailto:pathwaymont@gmail.com)

## Cultural Celebration and Food Bank

### **CULTURAL CELEBRATION**

The Celebration and lunch will take place on December 20th at the South Gate Alliance Church **1436 James Mckevitt Rd SW (not at the school)**. We will need a few volunteers to please help with set up and take down of chairs and tables and the lunch clean up. In keeping with our multi-cultural theme, we are asking all families to bring a small sample of their own cultural finger foods or appetizers, enough for 6 – 8 people as well as a dish to share. Please do not bring dishes that require heating as we do not have the facilities for this.

### **Wishing You the Best Holidays Ever**

We wish all of you a happy, fun-filled Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you all back – rested and rejuvenated- in January!

### **CALGARY FOOD BANK**

This year we will be participating in the Annual Christmas Food Drive to support the Calgary Food Bank. This will be an example for the children to learn about community and how we can all participate to help make our world a better place. Please drop off any non-perishable food items or monetary donations. We will be collecting donations from Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will drop off the food that the classroom collects at the Food Bank that Friday.

