



PATHWAY MONTESSORI



Thankfulness for the Fall

Parents, we hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

This month we celebrated both Thanksgiving and Halloween. Thank you to those who disguised the turkeys, we had great fun during circle time trying to guess what the turkeys were disguised as. We also had two days of Halloween excitement where we were super busy with crafts, read spooky story books, did some scary dancing and listened to some cool stories too. We also saw our group grow this month with 3 new friends. They are Marc, River and Torren ~ Welcome! We are glad to have you with us.

This month the children

have been exploring our Sensorial Area, this area focuses on lessons and activities that help develop the five senses. A popular work in the classroom has been the pink tower. This is where pink cubes are built up from the largest at the bottom to the smallest at the top. Our Pin Poking activity increases focus, concentration, and fine motor skills in students. They have mostly been pin poking leaf shapes since we have been talking a lot about fall. Other children have been improving their scissor skills while younger ones are learning how to hold and use scissors correctly.

As we entered a new season, we have been blessed with some beautiful fall days

where the children have enjoyed throwing the leaves up in the air and listening to the rustling sound they make when walking on them. We have also seen a few too many days of snow.

During November we will be learning about the importance of Remembrance Day. We will be discussing special ceremonies that are held all around the world for this and how we honour all who have served in the military and those who gave their life for our freedom. We will also study seasons and the effect they have on our weather. We're also discussing cultures in different countries, languages, clothing and holidays— such as Diwali, the festival of light and holiday traditions.

Sound Basket this Month

As we continue to follow Covid protocols and keep items coming into our class to a minimum we will explore our sound cabinet every day instead of having a sound basket. These items introduce and help reinforce the phonetic sounds of the letters for young learners.

Oct 5th – “g” as in girl

Oct 12th – “r” as in radio

Oct 19th – “i” as in igloo

Oct 26th - “f” as in fish



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Dates this Month

Nov 11th Remembrance Day
School Closed

Happy Birthday!

Nov 12th
Torren Stephens Age 4



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REMINDERS:

Clothing for the Classroom

Please bring a pair of indoor shoes to be kept at school, that are easy for your child to manage on their own. Also send them in appropriate clothing to be outside in and everything should be labeled with their name .

Outside Clothing

As a class we go outside every day, weather permitting. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing now that the weather is changing. All children require a coat, toque, snow pants winter boots and gloves. Gloves should be waterproof; the children love to play in the snow and when woollen gloves get wet the children's hands get very cold.

School Safety

Thank you to those families who have kept their children at home when feeling unwell during this time to ensure the safe and well being of our school ~

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

Fire Drill

We have had 2 fire drills since the start of the new semester, and I am pleased to write that the children have responded very well.

Kindergarten News

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

During the month of October we collected leaves, made a handprint tree craft, did leaf rubbing and leaf painting. Children made Thanksgiving cards for their families and enjoyed making a Thankful Turkey craft. We even discussed about gratitude and what it means to be thankful. The last week of October was filled with fun Halloween activities. We enjoyed doing some spooky crafts as well. We also learned about the community helpers and the wonderful work they do for our community. We talked about the tools they use to do their job. We also brought in role play to practice some community helper scenarios.

Also, the children learned the letters and the letter sounds of the alphabet and have been working really

hard practicing printing letters. In Math, the children have continued to make patterns using hands-on activities. Children also learned about 2D shapes and participated in different activities exploring shapes. In November, we will continue working on



counting and writing numbers 1-10. We also talked about living and non-living things and the differences between them. .

In November, they will be introduced to sight words to help them with their reading. I will be sending home the list of sight words that we are adding to our word wall. Please review the sight words with your child every night.

We will be starting our home reading program in November. Children will bring their first books to read with their parents. Please spend 10-15 minutes every evening reading to your child. We will be sending a letter with more details with their first home reading book.

"The more that you read, the more things you'll know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss