



# PATHWAY MONTESSORI



## Heading into Fall at Pathway

The first few days of our new semester have gone well. Our new students have been enjoying Practical Life. These are tasks that simulate activities in everyday life, which include spooning, pouring, sweeping, and dusting. During October we will focus on Sensorial; this area focuses on lessons and activities that help develop the five senses. We will discuss Thanksgiving and the symbols of fall. Also, fire week falls in October and to coincide with Halloween we will be learning about spiders.

The PM group will be reading the story 'Thanks for Thanksgiving'. We will be making a paper bag turkey craft. Our song is Mr. Tur-

key. In week 2, we learn about fire safety and play the fire truck game and practice stop, drop and roll. For Halloween, we will be making puffy ghosts and handprint ghosts.

### Peace Day

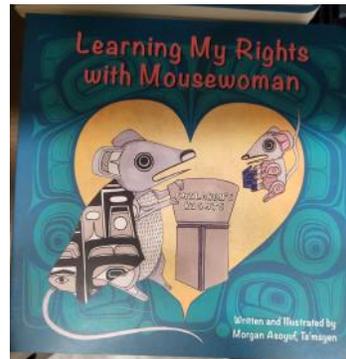
We celebrated Peace Day on September 21<sup>st</sup>. We discussed what peace means to the children and made a Peace tree craft.

### Halloween

Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> the children are welcome to dress up but please do not send your child in dress up shoes or costumes requiring masks and weapons. We will not be accepting any Halloween candy this year.

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

To honour the lost children, survivors of residential schools and their families, the teachers and the children wore orange shirts, made crafts and read Learning my Rights with Mousewoman by Morgan Asoyuf.



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## Dates this Month

**Oct 9th** Thanksgiving Day  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Oct 31st** Halloween Costume Day

## Sound of the Week

We will start our sound of the week this month. The children are taught phonetics and are encouraged to choose a small item from our sound cabinet and share it during circle time. If you have any questions about this activity please speak with a teacher. Listed below are the dates which we will be working with certain

letter sounds.

- Oct 2** "c" as in cow
- Oct 10** "m" as in mouse
- Oct 16** "a" as in apple
- Oct 23** "t" as in turkey



## Happy Birthday!

No birthdays this month



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### REMINDERS:

#### Spare Clothes/Independence

Occasionally, children have accidents at school and so we ask that each child has a named zip lock bag with spare clothes in that can be left at school, i.e.: underwear, pants, T-shirt, socks. Velcro shoes and elasticated pants are a good choice as they are less frustrating and will help your child be more independent.

#### Food Allergies an Snacks/Lunch

We have children with severe allergies requiring epi pens, so when sending food in for the children's snacks or lunches please do not send foods with **nuts, milk or eggs**.

When sending food in please prepare it so it is ready to eat portions for your child and please remove any food that has bones in and no skewers, both are a choking hazard. Please bring any food that is to be heated in microwavable containers.

#### Outside play

As we enter Fall and the weather is changing, please ensure that your child has sufficient warm clothing at school. We go outside twice a day and the children do require a jacket and long pants to avoid them from getting cold.

#### Special Classroom Number for Parents

If your child will be away from school or you will be late collecting your child, please contact us by text or voicemail at 403 402 0901. You can also use our dedicated email address: [pathwaychecklists@gmail.com](mailto:pathwaychecklists@gmail.com)

## Kindergarten News

The first month in Kindergarten seemed to fly by. It was a great month of learning; new expectations, developing routines and even some regular classroom learning! I am pleased with the progress we have seen in so many areas already.

In the first few days we worked on **All About Me** activities. We did a unique handprint craft and discussed about the things that make us unique as well as the things we have in common with one another. Children were very excited to share their 'All About Me' bag. As part of the theme we read the book 'Chrysanthemum' by Kevin Henkes and discussed about self-love and being confident. We spoke about how to be a kind friend. Children made a list of things they can do or say to help make someone's heart feel happy. We also did an exciting

name study and the students got to share the story behind their names. Children were also introduced to syllables and we counted the syllables in our names. Our Granary Road field trip was a success; children learned about crops and farms. The children enjoyed petting and feeding the farm animals.

Last month, we started our phonics lessons and did many fun activities to learn about the shapes and sounds of letters. We will continue to identify letters and sounds this month. In numeracy, we constantly practice counting, number order and will begin to write numbers 1-10 later this month.

We will also cover a unit on the changes that come with fall. We will use the tools we have been given for discovering things in the world around us – our senses.



*"The child who concentrates is immensely happy."* - Maria Montessori