

# KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER  
2024



## Our Learning

We have had a busy first month of school and have learned so much already! October is a beautiful time to focus on the changing of the seasons and what the colder weather means for the animal neighbors! As October rolls along we will also be exploring gratefulness with Thanksgiving, and of course, talking all things Halloween.

In literacy, we are examining ways in which we share and receive information and stories, comparing a variety of literature (digital, non-digital, fiction, nonfiction), and exploring compound words.

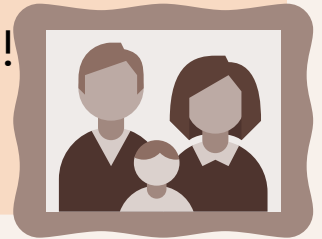
In numeracy, we are focusing on the number 10! Exploring the different ways to count and represent groups within 10, as well as putting groups of 10 together.

We have been discussing prayer and what it means to pray to God. We will continue to explore this, especially as it pertains to being thankful. We will also discuss the Rosary in preparation for our Living Rosary celebration this month.

We are still working hard on our school rules and routines and working on our friendship skills! It has been amazing to see students meet new friends and build relationships!

## Family Photo

Don't forget to send in a family photo for your child to show the class and hang on our family wall! Students have loved sharing about their family with their peers!



## Halloween

We will be celebrating Halloween on both October 30&31 this year. Students are welcome to wear their costumes to school (with regular clothing underneath). Full time students are welcome to celebrate both days or just their preferred day.

## Artwork Feature

We have been blessed with the opportunity to have our art featured in Strathcona County Library in November! We will be working on it this month, and will have a field trip early November to see it in person!



## Upcoming Events

### Early dismissal & Spirit Day-Crazy

Sock Day

Oct. 3rd

### Cultural Living Rosary

Oct. 25th

### Catholic Education Mass

Oct. 20th @8:30am

### Catholic Education Week

Oct. 21st-25th

### School Photo Retakes

October 28th-29th

### Halloween

Oct. 30th-31st

### Evidence of Learning sent home

Oct. 28th- Nov. 1st

### All Saints Day

Nov.1st

### Early dismissal & Jersey Day

Nov. 6th



## Languages

In Kindergarten we love to start our day by greeting each other in a variety of ways. So far we have explored several common English greetings as well as a few in French and Cree .

If your family speaks more than one language at home we would love to know what language/language(s) you speak and a common greetings you use as a family that we might also use in our classrooms.



## Social Learning

Working and learning at school is influenced by a child's executive functioning skills-which are currently developing and will continue to do so through childhood and adolescence. For a brief explanation of executive function see [this video](#) from the Alberta Family Wellness Initiative.

An important part of kindergarten is learning and growing in a group setting. This involves following school rules, social rules, and rules in play, as well as understanding boundaries-one's own boundaries, and the boundaries of others. All of this puts a child's executive function to work!

In our classroom and on the playground, we are working on identifying when we do not like a situation or type of play, using a strong voice to say "no" or "stop," and using their hand in front of them in a "stop" gesture. Additionally, we are working on responding to a peer when they use this language, and what the next steps would be to resolve the problem. If unsuccessful, we encourage students to get an adult to help. Emma, the Mental Health Capacity Builder working in our school, will be exploring this topic in her lessons as well.

## Notes & Reminders

Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather every day! We are getting to the point in the year where a warm jacket is usually needed, and on colder days, mittens and a toque are recommended. We are outside for a minimum of 45 minutes/day. Fall days can be wet, chilly, and even frosty! Please don't forget to label all clothing and items!

Friendly reminder that school library books are due back Monday or Tuesday each week, though students are welcome to return their books early if desired. Students can take out a new book when the previous week's books are returned. For our students who get to go to library twice a week, feel free to return your books at both library days in order to be able to pick new books each time.



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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2 Early Dismissal	3	4 <b>PD Day</b>
7	8	9	10 Bus evacuation practice	11 <b>MW</b>
14 No School	15	16	17	18 <b>TTH</b>
21	22	23	24	25 <b>MW</b>
Catholic Education Week →				
28 School Photo Retakes	29 School Photo Retakes	30 MW class celebrating Halloween	31 Halloween	All Saints Day

## Looking Ahead

3 Way Conferences (parent-teacher-student interviews) and book fair November 6&7th

Fall Break November 11-15th

Field Trip to SCL - early November