

# Our Kindergarten Classroom News

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## Our Theme

•We are busy, busy bears! Our theme this month is on seasonal changes and 'Bears.'

We will explore bears during circle time through stories and songs, as well as in our centers. At the end of the month we will have a Teddy Bear Picnic/PJ Day and your child will be invited to bring their favorite stuffie to school to participate in Teddy Bear Olympics!



## Important Dates

November 1 - ATA Institute Day/No School

November 6-10 - Fall Break/No School

November 15/16 - Celebration of Learning

November 17 - No Kindergarten

November 24 - Bears Field Trip at St. Albert Museum 9AM

## Parent Teacher Interviews

You are invited to the Kindergarten **Celebration of Learning** which will take place on the evenings of Wednesday, November 15 and Thursday November 16, 2023. During the school interview time we will be having a "Celebration of Learning". These are student-led conferences where you will **come to school with your child for a 30 minute time block**. Your child will take you through centres in the classroom showing and doing special activities with you. We have learned so much since September and we wish to share our accomplishments with you! Thank you for being a part of your child's learning journey. Your involvement makes a huge difference in your child's education. Please watch for an email in early November to book a time slot to go through learning centres with your child.

## Upcoming Field Trip

We will be going to the St. Albert Heritage Museum on Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>. Both the AM and PM classes will be combined for this field trip. We will be leaving the school at 9am and returning for an 11:47am dismissal time. Please watch for the field trip permission form in your child's zippered bag.





## Our Learning

**Literacy:** We are continuing to learn the letters of the alphabet and their sounds. This month we will focus on the letters Ff, Bb, Gg, Cc, Ll, Ee, and Nn. Watch for the puppets in your child's zippered bag. Ask your child about the characters and their action. We are starting to use our letter sounds to identify the onset sounds in words and blending sounds we have learned to form words. Through stories, poems, and songs we will continue to generate rhyming words and develop new vocabulary. We are continuing to work on printing our name with one capital and the rest lower case letters. Please practice at home.

**Fine Motor Skills:** These are some the most important skills we work on. Please help them explore the use of scissors, draw shapes, print, and colour whenever possible!

**Numeracy:** We will continue our Patterns unit. We will recognize, create, and extend patterns through our Bears theme. Students will become aware of patterns in their environment. We will also continue to recognize and represent quantities in different ways.

**Personal and Social Responsibility:** We will be practicing independence by dressing ourselves in our winter wear. We will work on following the rules and routines of familiar environments. We will discuss how to respect family and friends, and how to express our personal feelings appropriately.

**Library:** Please continue the great job with returning library books on Tuesday's! Continue to read to your child daily. Ask your child questions and make comments during reading.

## Gold Weather

- The kids go outside for physical activity regularly. It creates a space wherein elementary students can rest, imagine, think, play, move, and socialize. After movement, students tend to be more attentive and better able to perform cognitively.
- Please ensure that your child is ready for the cold weather. It's getting colder outside and I'm sure we'll be seeing snow soon. Yes, I said it....**SNOW!** Send your child to school dressed for the weather everyday with winter boots, snow pants, hats, and mittens. **Please make sure all items are labelled.** It helps us keep items out of the lost and found.
- Please help your child practice their independence by allowing them to get ready on their own, whenever possible. This makes it easier for us to transition from the classroom and also for parents to get out the door on busy mornings too! Thanks for all of your hard work!