

March 2023

Message from Mrs. Lee

February was a fantastic month at the preschool! The children really enjoyed the classroom post office that we had in our house corner. There were many letters created and delivered in our class. It was also wonderful to have the children come to school and tell everyone about the mail they received at home from the preschool.

On our "Around the World Day" we loved learning about the different places where the children were born and also the places where the children or their families have travelled.

The house area in our classroom has turned into a hospital. The children have been busy being doctors, nurses and also being patients! A big thank you goes out to the nurse, dietician, and special baby visitors that visited the preschool classes in March. We love having special visitors come to our class! Please let me know if you have a talent, job, or anything else you would like to share with the preschool.

We are looking forward to a marvelous March with many exciting activities planned for the month!

Muttart Conservatory

We will be going on a field trip to the Muttart Conservatory in March. The address for the Muttart is 9626 96A Street. The program that we will be doing is called "Little Lady Bug". We will be going to the Muttart on the following days:

4 year old class - **Wed March 8 9:00-11:30**

3 year old class - **Thurs March 9 9:00-11:30**

A school bus will be picking the children, teachers, and parent volunteers up from the preschool and dropping us off after the field trip is over. Please ensure your child is at the preschool by 9:00 so that we can board the school bus.

We will need extra parent volunteers to help with the field trip. Parent volunteers that are helping on the field trip are not permitted to bring other siblings with them. Please let Mrs. Lee know if you are able to help on the field trip.

Children need to bring a snack and water bottle in their backpack. Please watch for the field trip permission form to sign.

Thank you to the Alberta Emerald Foundation for funding our Muttart Conservatory field trip for our preschool classes through their Emerald Youth Grant.



Sick Children

Please ensure that you keep your child at home when he/she is not feeling well. This helps from spreading the sickness to other children and the teachers at school. We want your child to rest when they are sick so they are feeling better soon. Alberta Health Services has requested that we record all the illnesses that the children at the preschool develop over the year to monitor any outbreaks. Please let Mrs. Lee know when your child gets sick and the symptoms that they have.



Extra Change of Clothes

Just a reminder that each child needs to come to school with an extra change of clothes which is kept in a plastic bag in their backpack. An extra change of clothes includes:

- a shirt
- pants
- underwear
- socks

Scholastic Orders

You will receive the link to the monthly Scholastic Reading Flyer each month. You should also receive a paper copy of the monthly flyer in your child's backpack. You click on the link to view the books, place your order online and then your books are shipped to your house. Enter our class code before you submit your order.

Ermineskin Preschool's CLASS CODE:
"RC201406".

Ordering is optional. However, the preschool benefits by receiving free books when orders are placed by parents. There are many more items (books, learning resources, etc.) that you can order from the Scholastic website, www.scholastic.ca.

When you enter in the preschool's class code you will receive free shipping on orders of \$40 or more. Orders under \$40 cost \$7.50 to ship. Happy Reading!

Here is the link to the Scholastic Reading Flyers:

<https://classroomessentials.scholastic.ca/s/c/ec-ca/en/digital-catalogues>

Change of Information

If any of your information changes throughout the year (new phone number, new address, etc.) please let Mrs. Lee know. We need to ensure that our records are kept updated.

St. Patrick's Day Party

Children are encouraged to **wear something green** to preschool on the day of their St. Patrick's Day Party (ex. green pants, green shirt, green socks, etc.).

The 3 year old class will be having their St. Patrick's Day Party on **Thursday March 16** and the 4 year old class will be having their St. Patrick's Day Party on **Friday March 17**.



Beach Day

I think most of us are ready for spring and summer! We are going to have a Beach Day at school so that we can pretend that it is summer in our classroom.

On **Thursday March 23** (3 year old classes) and **Friday March 24** (4 year old classes) and we will be having a Beach Day at preschool.

Children can wear their summer clothes (shorts, t-shirts, hats, sunglasses, etc.) to the preschool. I would suggest that the children wear pants over top of their shorts so that when they get to school they can just take their pants off and their shorts will already be on underneath.

4 Year Old Class Grocery Store Field Trip

On **Wednesday April 5** (from **9:30-10:30**) the four year old class will be going on a field trip to the Heritage Safeway Grocery Store. The address is 2304 109 Street NW.

Parents are responsible for dropping their child off at the grocery store and then picking them up at the grocery store at the end of the field trip. If transportation is an issue, please talk to other parents in the class to arrange carpooling.

We will meet just inside the grocery store, close to the floral department. We will not be coming to the preschool at all on this day (the students will only have class during the field trip time of 9:30-10:30).

The children do not need to bring a snack and they do not need to bring their backpacks on the field trip. Please watch for the fieldtrip sign-up sheet. We will need extra parent volunteers to help with the fieldtrip.

Garage Sale Fundraiser



In May, the preschool will be having our Garage Sale Fundraiser. Now would be a good time to start putting aside items to donate to our garage sale!

Here are some ideas of what to donate:

- Sports equipment (eg. Helmets, bikes, skates)
- Textiles
- Clothing
- Books
- Outdoor toys
- Tools
- Lawn maintenance equipment

The items listed above were all top selling items from last year's garage sale. We appreciate your help in making our fundraiser a success!

Contact Information

If any parent/guardian has questions or concerns, please contact Danielle Lang - our Volunteer Preschool President.

She can be reached by text, call or email. via the contact info below.

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Registration

Are you interested in sending your child to our preschool next fall?
Now is the perfect time to register!

Preschool registration for the 2023/2024 school year has begun. Registration is online via the preschool's website:

<http://www.ermineskincommunity.ca/registration-and-programs.html>

If you know anyone who might be interested in our program, please let them know about us and encourage them to register! Recommending our preschool by word of mouth would be a big help to us – thanks!



March Birthdays

Aurora – March 6
(4 year old class)

Keyeron – March 7
(4 year old class)



Important Dates

Wednesday March 8 – Muttart Conservatory Field Trip (4 Year Old Class)

Thursday March 9 – Muttart Conservatory Field Trip (3 Year old Class)

Thursday March 16 – St. Patrick's Day Party (3 Year Old Class)

Friday March 17 – St. Patrick's Day Party (4 Year Old Class)

Thursday March 23 – Beach Day (3 Year Old Class)

Friday March 24 – Beach Day (4 Year Old Class)

March 27 - March 31: No School
(Spring Break)

Wednesday April 5 – 4 Year Old Class Grocery Store Field Trip

Friday April 7 & Monday April 10: No School (Good Friday and Easter Monday)

Monday May 22: No School (Victoria Day)

Thursday May 25 – Last Day of School (3 Year Old Class)

Friday May 26 – Last Day of School (4 Year Old Class)