

November 2022

Message from Mrs. Lee

The children and I really enjoyed the fall activities that we did at preschool in October. We had a great time on our fall nature walks around the school grounds. The children were so excited to collect different leaves in our buckets.

Please keep an eye on the November calendar of activities that is included with this newsletter. We have some special days including: children bringing their favourite book to school, a visit to the Steinhauer School Library, field trip to the Whitemud Crossing Library, and a teddy bear picnic!

“All About Me” Bags

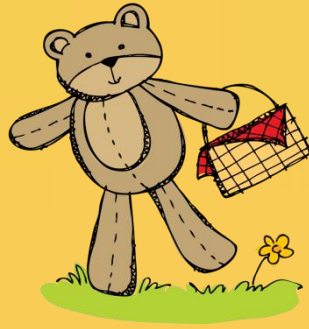
Attached to the newsletter is the November calendar of events. Some of the children have already brought their “All About Me Bags” to share in October. The remaining children will have a turn in November and December. Keep an eye on the calendar for when it is your child’s turn to bring their “All About Me Bag” back to school full of treasures about them. Possible ideas for items to put in their bag include: a favourite book, photographs of their family, things they like to do, pictures they have drawn, favourite toys, etc. The items from their bag will be set out on a table for other children to see. Thank you to all the parents that have helped their children get their “All About Me Bag” ready to bring to class.

Teddy Bear Picnic

Children can bring ONE teddy bear (or other stuffed animal) from home to preschool for our Teddy Bear Picnic.

3 Year Old Class –
Thursday November 24

4 Year Old Class –
Friday November 25



Bring Your Favourite Book to School

Each child can bring their favourite book from home to preschool to show their classmates:

3 Year Old Class –
Thursday November 3

4 Year Old Class –
Friday November 4

“Wash Your Hands” Theme

For the last week in November we will be learning about washing our hands. I will be taking most of the information from a kit from the Alberta Government called “Do Bugs Need Drugs? Daycare Project”. The kit has three main concepts: handwashing is important, bacteria and viruses are different, and use antibiotics wisely so that it does not lead to antibiotic resistance. I will mainly focus on the importance of handwashing with the children.

Professional Development Days

There will be no preschool on:

Tuesday November 15
and
Monday January 30

These days are teacher professional development days.

Steinhauer School Library Visit

The preschool will be visiting the Steinhauer Elementary School Library during our regular class time.

3 Year Old Class –
Tuesday November 8.

4 Year Old Class –
Wednesday November 9.

Musical Talents

In January we will be learning about different musical instruments.

If you, or someone you know, plays a musical instrument and is willing to come to the preschool we would love to have you share your talents with us. For example, a child’s Grandma could come to the preschool to play the flute for the child’s class. Please let Mrs. Lee know.



Scholastic Book Orders

Books make great gifts!!!

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/cc-ca/en/digital-catalogues>

Halloween Snack Note

Children may bring one piece of NUT FREE candy to school in addition to their healthy snack on the day of the Halloween parties (Oct 27 & Oct 31) and the week after Halloween (Nov 1-Nov 4). This is the only time where the children may bring candy to school because of Halloween. After this time, please do not send candy in your child's snack. Please continue to send nutritious, nut free snacks for your child.

Library Field Trip

The preschool will be going on a field trip to the Whitemud Crossing Edmonton Public Library in November. Parents are responsible for dropping off/picking their kids up from the library. If transportation is an issue, please talk to other parents in the class to arrange carpooling.

We will be having a story time and a tour of the library. The children will also be able to pick out one book each on the preschool's library card and we will take them back to preschool. The children do NOT need to bring a snack or their backpacks to the library. We will not be meeting at the preschool at all on the day of our field trips (the preschool will only have class during the field trip times stated below). The library's address is 4211 106 Street. It is located in the Whitemud Crossing Shopping Centre. Please watch for the field trip permission form to sign. We will need additional adults to help out on our field trip.

3 Year Old Class –
Thursday November 17 from 9:30-10:30

4 Year Old Class –
Friday November 18 from 9:30-10:30

If your child does not already have their OWN library card and you are interested in getting one for them, I have a form that you can fill out. I need to have the forms filled out to return to the library by Tuesday November 1 so that the library staff can have your child's library card ready for when we go on our field trip to the library.

Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties this year are on **December 22** (3 year old class) and **December 23** (4 year old class). We will need extra parent helpers these days to assist us with our party games.

ALL PARENTS are welcome to come for the entire class, but are especially invited to come at 10:45. The children will be singing a few songs, having a short sing-along with the parents and then we will be handing out presents that we have made for our families. You are also welcome to invite grandmas, grandpas, etc. on this day. Siblings are welcome to come during this time as well.

Please let me know if your child is not able to attend the Christmas party.

Animal Visit

A staff member from Zoo2U will be coming to our preschool with 8 animals. Our students will have a chance to meet, touch, learn about, and get closer to these animals. The animal visit will take place in our classroom during regular preschool class time.

4 Year Old Class –
Monday Dec 5

3 Year Old Class –
Tuesday Dec 6

There will be a waiver for parents to sign prior to this day. We will need a few extra parent volunteers to stay and help on these days. If you are able to stay and help please let Mrs. Lee know.

Fundscrip Fundraising Campaign

This year, our preschool will be fundraising with FundScrip - a company through which you purchase gift cards. The Preschool receives a percentage directly from the retailer for selling their gift cards. FundScrip order forms will be sent home in your children's backpacks soon.

"Adopt a Family" Program

Every year at Christmas time, Steinhauer Elementary School participates in the "Adopt a Family Program". This is a program where the parent board and teachers at the elementary school identify a handful of families that could use some extra cheer during the holiday season.

We, as a preschool, always help out by taking one of those families and providing that extra cheer. This usually involves cash donations, gift card purchases, or a gift purchase. Our preschool's parent board wanted to give you a heads up that we will be participating in this program again this year.

There will be more information and details in December.

Updated 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.

Cell: 780-293-5533
ermineskinpreschool@gmail.com



Police Information Check for Parent Volunteers

All parents/guardians that are performing Duty Day responsibilities need to get a Police Check with Vulnerable Sector. This is only \$15 dollars. Make sure you are looking at the Volunteer Police Information Check not the Job/Business Police Check. Once you have completed the Volunteer Police Check with Vulnerable Sector you just need to show it to us. We will not keep the document.

This is the link that takes you straight to the registration page on the Edmonton Police Website:

<https://www.policeremissions.ca/checks/services/edmonton/register.php>

November Birthdays

Pete Pete - November 9
(3 year old class)

Ella - November 12
(4 year old class)



Important Dates

Thursday November 3 – Bring a Book to School (3 Year Old Class)

Friday November 4 – Bring a Book to School (4 Year Old Class)

Friday November 11 - No School
(Remembrance Day)

Tuesday November 15 - No School
(Professional Development Day)

Thursday November 17 – Whitemud Crossing Library Field Trip (3 Year Old Class)

Friday November 18 - Whitemud Crossing Library Field Trip (4 Year Old Class)

Thursday November 24 – Teddy Bear Picnic (3 Year Old Class)

Friday November 25 – Teddy Bear Picnic (4 Year Old Class)

Monday December 5 – Zoo2U Animal Visit (4 Year Old Class)

Tuesday December 6 – Zoo2U Animal Visit (3 Year Old Class)

Thursday December 22 - Christmas Party (3 Year Old Class)

Friday December 23 - Christmas Party (4 Year Old Class)

December 24 to January 8 - No School
(Christmas Break)

Monday January 30 - No School
(Professional Development Day)

Thursday February 16 - School Class Photos (3 Year Old Class)

Friday February 17 - School Class Photos (4 Year Old Class)