

October 2022

Message from Mrs. Lee

September has just flown by, and all the children seem to be settling into the routines at preschool. I have really enjoyed getting to know each individual child! The classes are off to a great start and we are going to have a fantastic year together!

At school in October, we will be talking about the changes that happen outside in the fall. When you are outside with your child, encourage him/her to look around to see what changes are happening in the environment.

"All About Me" Bags

Attached to the newsletter is the October calendar of events. The names that appear on the calendar are the children that need to bring their "All About Me Bag" back to school in October. Each child decorated a bag at school and will be taking it home to fill up and bring back on their assigned day. 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. This will give us an opportunity to highlight each child and learn more about them. Some of the children will have a turn this month to bring back their bags; the rest of the children will have a turn in November. Please note that their day to bring back their "All About Me Bag" will be different than their Busy Bear Day. For the children who are assigned in October, I will give their bags to them at the beginning of October. The children who are assigned in November will be given their bags at the end of October.

Fall Nature Walk

On **Tuesday Oct 11** (3 year old class) and **Wednesday Oct 12** (4 year old class) we will be going on a fall nature walk around the school yard. Hopefully the weather will cooperate, and we will have a beautiful day for our fall walks! We will be eating our snack early that day and then walking around the field and playground area to look for leaves and other signs of fall. Parents can meet us at the playground to pick up their children for home time at the regular dismissal time (11:30). We will need extra parent helpers on this day from around 10:45-11:30. Please let Mrs. Lee know if you are able to come on the fall nature walk with us.

Family Photo

Each child needs to bring to school a recent photograph of their family that includes the child, parents, and any siblings he/she may have. You can email me (melissasteed@hotmail.com) the family photo or you can bring a copy of the photo to school. Please write on the back of the photo (or in the email) the names and ages of all the children in the photo. The size of the photo should be a standard size (4 inches by 6 inches). Please ensure you have emailed or brought in your family photo to school by **Oct 17** (4 year old class) or **Oct 18** (3 year old class).

Halloween Party

The 3 year old class will be having their Halloween party on **Thursday Oct 27** and the 4 year old classes will be having their party on **Monday Oct 31**. Children can wear their costumes to school for the party. If your child's costume involves weapons (guns, swords, knives), please do NOT bring them to preschool. You can send your child's regular clothes to school in case your child does not want to wear their costume for the entire class time. We will need extra parent volunteers on the day of our party so please let Mrs. Lee know if you are able to help.

Parent Duty Day Calendar

Please remember to check your next parent duty day on the calendar posted on our preschool website. When it is your day to be the duty parent, please remember to arrive 15 minutes before class (8:45). Please bring an extra pair of "inside shoes" to wear in our classroom. On your parent duty day, your child is also a special helper in the classroom called the "Busy Bear". On your child's "Busy Bear" day, please help them choose ONE item to bring to school for show and tell.

Here is a link to the parent duty day calendars:

<http://www.ermieskincommunity.ca/calendars.html>

Fire Drills

Each month we are required to hold our own fire drill with the students. We use a little bell and walk down the hallway to the exit door while talking about how if there was a real fire we would go outside and wait for the fire fighters to come. We discuss being safe and staying together. We remind the students that it is just a practice, and we hope there never is a real fire at the school, but if there was one, we would all know what to do to be safe.

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 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.

Scholastic Book 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.

Ermieskin 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-c-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 Morning Class: Thursday
November 17 from 9:30-10:30

4 Year Old Morning 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.

Nut Free Preschool

Our preschool is NUT FREE. The snack your child brings to preschool must be nut free. One of the rules that we have at snack time is that the children only eat their own snacks and they do not share any food. Parent helpers are certainly allowed to bring snack when they are in the classroom if they would like to.

If there is ever an occasion where you would like to bring a treat into the preschool (for your child's birthday or other holiday parties) you need to always check FIRST with Mrs. Lee. Food that is brought into the classroom to share with other students must be bought from a store (not made at home) and brought to school unopened with the ingredient label on the packaging. Some of the children at the preschool have other food allergies or food restrictions including pork and any pork products (including gelatin).

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 on **Monday Dec 5** (4 year old class) and **Tuesday Dec 6** (3 year old class). There will be a waiver form 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.

Professional Development Days

There will be no preschool on Tuesday November 15 and Monday January 30, as these days are teacher professional development days.

Special Visitors

We love having special visitors come and visit our classroom. These visitors could share a talent with the children or tell us about their job, etc. Please let Mrs. Lee know if you would like to come in or if you know someone that could visit our preschool.

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.policesolutions.ca/checks/services/edmonton/register.php>

Important Dates

Monday October 10 - No School
(Thanksgiving)

Tuesday October 11 - 3 Year Old Class
Fall Nature Walk

Wednesday October 12 - 4 Year Old Class
Fall Nature Walk

Thursday October 27 - 3 Year Old Class
Halloween Party

Monday October 31 - 4 Year Old Class
Halloween Party

Friday November 11 - No School
(Remembrance Day)

Tuesday November 15 - No School
(Professional Development Day)

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

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

Monday December 5 - 4 Year Old Class
Zoo2U Animal Visit

Tuesday December 6 - 3 Year Old Class
Zoo2U Animal Visit

Thursday December 22 - 3 Year Old Class
Christmas Party

Friday December 23 - 4 Year Old Class
Christmas Party

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

Monday January 30 - No School
(Professional Development Day)

Thursday February 16 - 3 Year Old Class
School Class Photos

Friday February 17 - 4 Year Old Class
School Class Photos

October Birthdays



Adelaide - October 7
(4 year old class)

James - October 19
(4 year old class)

