

Junior Kindergarten

November Newsletter

Dear Junior Kindergarten,

Life is busy in our classroom! We would like to thank those parents who volunteered on our trip to Puddicombe Farm. The trip enriched our curriculum and we couldn't have gone without you. We also need to thank the parents who made delicious treats for our Halloween Party! They made our party extra-special!

CURRICULUM FOCUS

During the month of November, we will continue to engage with the Jolly Phonics programme. Please continue to work with your child at home (finding letters on a cereal box in the morning, sounding out letters in the storybooks you read with your child at night...). We will continue to learn our Word Wall Words. These sight words are words that often appear in emergent readers and can sometimes be difficult to phonetically sound out. The goal is to know these words just by looking at them (without sounding them out) to support reading fluency.

In math, we will continue with sorting and begin to focus on number sense. This is a great opportunity for you to work with your child at home. Keep practicing with your child. They are becoming very good at counting and recognizing their numbers.

Over the course of the month our focus in Science will be learning about the weather and noticing the changes around us. Our class will be receiving a visit from our school nurse who will teach us more about germs.

As the winter season approaches our class will be beginning to practise for our Holiday Concert in December. Definitely something to look forward to!

During physical education, students have begun to participate in hockey! We are working on our hand-eye coordination as well as learning to encourage each other.

HOME CONNECTION

Parents, you are amazing! Thank you for reading with your child at night. It is exciting when they arrive in the morning and share stories that they have read the night before. This month, please ask your child to Activate Their Schema. Ask them, when they look at a picture, what it makes them think about. Or, what they already know about what is shown or happening in the picture. This will help your child during our reading discussion in class.

JK OBSERVATIONS

Our class is excited to have visitors this month. Parents, please ensure that the dates on the November calendar are a good time for you to visit.

ART SUPPLIES

Our class is in need of art supplies for our Creative Arts Centre. If you have any extra materials that our class could use (e.g., gift wrap, extra material, stickers...), we would appreciate them!

WINTER WEATHER

As the weather becomes colder, students are bringing more clothing to school to keep themselves warm. Please try and label all of your child's clothing, so that it is easier for them to distinguish their items from other children. Also!!! Please practise putting on and taking off their warm clothes with them. It is important students learn to independently dress themselves for the outdoors at school. Thank you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child ("the Shoebox Campaign") is underway and each class has decided on an age group and gender that they will be collecting items for. Operation Christmas Child allows our students to help other children in less fortunate countries. By contributing to a class shoebox our students allow a child, somewhere else in the world, to receive a "shoebox" full of hope and items (like a Christmas present) that they otherwise would never have. A small donation to your child's class shoebox would be greatly appreciated. Our class will be creating two boxes for a girl and a boy aged 1-5. Monetary donations are also welcome and will go towards purchasing extra items for the boxes or helping pay for the shipping cost of each box. If your family would like to create a complete shoebox on their own and send it in that is welcome as well. Items and completed shoeboxes need to be sent to the school by Friday November 11th so that the boxes can be packed and ready for pick up the following week.

SNACKS

The school food and beverage policy requires us to promote healthier food choices in the school. Please do your part to send in HEALTHY snacks and lunches, for example: fresh fruit and veggies, cheese and crackers, yogurt, granola bars, etc. Most importantly, we are a NUT FREE school!!!! Please check labels carefully.

REMINDERS

- *Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes at school incase of an accident.
- *Please ensure that you have sent in your \$20.00 towards your child's memory book.

Thank you! I look forward to another wonderful month with your child! Mrs. Peters

