

Special points of interest:

- Building on a student's great idea!
- Fieldtrips
- Parent's To-Do List
- Preventing lice

November 2013

Transportation Inquiry

We have practised different ways to collect data, such as crayon rubbings, graphing, and observational drawings. Now it is time to extend

our learning beyond the classroom. A vehicle used by grounds maintenance will be brought into our

yard so we can count the wheels and lights, and notice its letters and/or numbers. In addition, the children will be encouraged to look closely at the vehicle and create observational drawings.

We will also study and ride an Edmonton Transit bus and the LRT.

We are asking for seven volunteers to help us Wednesday, November 13 as we ride the LRT.

After this, it is hoped the children will take their new knowledge and understandings and create something.



I CAN Statements Fulfilled in October Included:

- I can use 'walking feet' at school.
- I can share ideas about how I get to school.
- I can add to a class graph, with an adult's help.
- I can create an observational drawing.
- I can do a crayon rubbing to collect data.
- I can contribute ideas to a class brainstorming session.
- I can identify the people in class.

- NOVEMBER LEARNING WILL INCLUDE:**
- ~COLLECTING DATA ON TRANSPORTATION
 - ~HAVING DISCUSSIONS ABOUT DIFFERENT SOCIAL SCENARIOS
 - ~LETTERS: S, A, D
 - ~MAKING WEEKLY JOURNAL ENTRIES

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Important Upcoming Dates

Mon Nov 4 Class photos can be viewed and ordered on-line (if you wish)
 Wed Nov 6 CLOSED –Jenn & Ann are attending professional development
 Thurs Nov 7 CLOSED –Ann & Jenn are attending professional development

Mon Nov 11 CLOSED FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

Tues. Nov. 12 *Ride an Edmonton Transit bus driven by James Gwinnett, Sebastian's dad.*

Tues. Nov 12 *Fieldtrip permission slips and fees are due.*

Tues. Nov 12 *Early Childhood Education student, Rebecca, from Grant MacEwan returns (Nov 12- Dec 6)*

Wed. Nov 13 *Field visit—Ride the LRT*

Thurs Nov 14 *Scholastic orders are due*

Wed. Nov 20 Special visitor to Junior Kindergarten. - Need several adult volunteers who are not parents

Thurs Nov 28 *Celebration of Learning during class time*

Seven adult helpers are needed for the LRT field visit on Wednesday, November 13. Thank you for letting Ann or Jenn know if someone from your family can come.

Preventing Lice

Some easy measures that may prevent lice entering your home include: adding Tea Tree Oil to your shampoo, and looking at your children's hair on a weekly basis.

Coutts Library Read-In

The children were delighted to visit the Coutts Library and enjoyed stories read by the Librarian Katherine (morning class) and Librarian Kim (afternoon class). Please visit

<http://blogs.library.ualberta.ca/ednews/index.php/2013/10/23/2607/>

Scholastic Book Order

November Scholastic book orders are due Thursday, November 14.

Bringing Items to Class

With the exception of special celebration days, please do not bring food or gifts to share with students in class. It takes a great deal of teacher attention to ensure no one is left out.

Class Photos

The class photos will be ready to view on Monday, November 4.

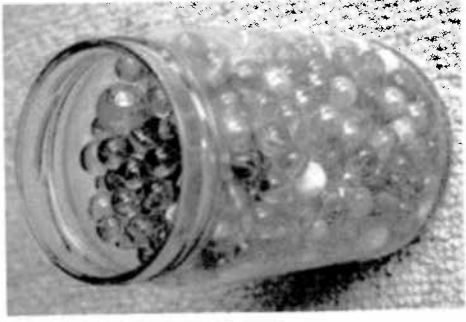
Go to www.realmoments.ca.

Any other information or instructions will be emailed when received.



Building on a Student's Great Idea

It all started with, "Can we have a pajama day?" Special themed celebrations sound like fun, and are great motivation for creating an even more positive class learning



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environment!!

A pajama day will be scheduled once the children collectively filled a jar with marbles, earned by contributing positively to our class environment. Working together to accomplish a common goal will likely encourage making good choices. For example, when someone arrives at the snack table a student may be more inclined to say, "you can sit here" and less inclined to say, "I don't want him to sit next to me." Hopeful this will also promote using walking

feet, staying away from children who need some space when frustrated, and cleaning up as a team. Marbles will be placed in the class jar at the end of each class. When the jar is full, the class will have a pajama day.

A Junior Kindergarten Parent's To-Do List:

Parents' To Do List

1. Complete the fieldtrip permission slip along with the required payment, that will be in your children's cubbie on Monday.
2. View class photos (available Mon., Nov. 4) and order on-line, you wish.

3. Encourage your children to be letter detectives! Can they find the letters: O, F, S and S?
4. Challenge your children to INDEPENDENTLY dress themselves in their winter outdoor clothing.
5. Consider being a volunteer for our LRT field visit on Wed.

Nov. 13.

6. Ask grandparents or babysitters, aunts or uncles if they could help with class on Wed. Nov. 20.

7. Sign your name on the volunteer calendar, posted in the front entry, if you plan on joining our class.

1 student + 1 backpack = ideal

Backpacks are ideal for the transport of newsletters, book orders, paintings, notes, crafts and drawings.

Thanks in advance for ensuring your children bring backpacks to school each day.



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*Child Study Centre-a
love of learning grows here*

At the Child Study Centre Junior Kindergarten the emphasis is on inquiry learning, integrating curriculum around project work, and play. The project work provides the children with opportunities to learn from first hand experiences and represent their ideas in many different ways. This approach capitalizes on the familiar experiences of the children and provides a learning environment where children learn through investigation, observation, and discussion. Children are guided to develop interests in many topics and investigate through these projects. The project work becomes more elaborate as children apply new levels of skill and knowledge.

Samples of children's project work are displayed on the walls of the classroom to provide an ongoing account of the learning. The teachers provide photographic and written documentation to accompany the work being displayed. Children have opportunities to share their learning with other children and family members at celebrations of learning.

Play is considered as an important aspect of early childhood educational experiences. It is significant for the socialization and development of children for it provides many different experiences including aesthetic expression, communication, thinking, exploration, and language development. We acknowledge the importance of play in supporting children's learning in all areas.

Kindergarten for 2014-2015 ?

Schools will be opening Kindergarten registrations early in 2014.

If you are wondering if your children are ready for Kindergarten, feel free to speak to Ann or Jenn. Classroom observations can be shared, but keep in mind parents knows their children best.

Up-date on 'Walking Feet'

The children have made astonishing progress and are walking while at school. Consequently, there are fewer collisions and our learning space is safer. Thank you for helping your children achieve success!!

Fieldtrips

Fieldtrips for this year have been arranged and a detailed package will be in your children's cubbies on Monday, November 4.

Permission slip and fieldtrip fees will be due Tuesday, Nov. 12.