

**Our Lady of Sorrows Preschool
Four Year Old Class
November 2017 Newsletter**



October was a month filled with lots of fun talking about Halloween. The children worked hard creating lots of Halloween art such as Jack O' Lanterns, bats and spider webs.

We had a great trip to the pumpkin patch and would once again like to thank everyone for taking the time to join us on the field trip.

Our Halloween parties were great. Thank you to all our families for being so generous in providing the food for the parties and the take home treats for the children.

Besides talking about Halloween, October was filled with lots of exploring. The children worked with natural materials and loose parts. They used their imaginations and each created different scenes. We also explored with different shapes and colours. The children collaborated together and created scarecrows made out of different shapes. Documentation of the children's explorations, ideas and work is in our classroom for you to look at. We encourage you to come in with your child and have them show you what they have been doing. As teachers, we are continuously inspired by your children and have been using documentation to showcase their learning. We are always excited to see where they will take us next.

In November we will be talking about Fall. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will get the chance to go on some walks in the neighbourhood to collect leaves for our art activities. Towards the end of the month we will be exploring the book Stone Soup. There will be a class activity that we will be working on together. More information will be given to you at a closer date.

With lots coming up we look forward to November.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us or see us after class.

Mrs. Tina, Mrs. Pirillo and Miss Adria

Read-a-thon

The last day of the Read-a-thon is October 31st. Please send in your child's reading log on Wednesday November 1st. The deadline for the pledge money is **Wednesday November 15th**. Thank you for participating in this great event!

Workbooks and letter of the week

Letter of the week is going great. The children are excited to learn the new letter, it's phonetic sound and words that begin with that sound.

Playing fun sound/word games and pointing out words that start with the letter we are working on is a great way to reinforce at home what we are learning at school.

Earthquake and Fire Drills

We have been practicing our earthquake and fire drills at school. We have been talking to the children about being safe and how practicing these drills will help us to be prepared and safe in case of an emergency. **We have ensured that the children understand that preschool is a safe place and we are only practising in case of an emergency.**

We will continue to practice these drills every month. The dates will continue to be marked on your monthly calendars. (There may be some extra surprise ones if the whole school is doing a drill) Please take a few moments to talk to your child about these drills. If your child has any questions or concerns please talk to one of the teachers so we can address any questions or concerns in class all together.

Apple Tasting Day

On **Wednesday November 1st** we will having an apple tasting day. The children will be tasting different kinds of apples and we will be charting how they taste and which one the children like best!

Apple Sauce Making Day

On **Friday November 3rd** we will be making apple sauce with the children during class. We ask that you please send your child to school on this day with one apple. Please send the apple whole as the children will be cutting them in class.

Neighbourhood Walk

We will be going on a Neighbourhood walk on **Monday November 6th** to observe the changes that this season has brought upon us. **Please make sure that your child comes to school with an appropriate jacket not only on this day but everyday as we will be taking other spontaneous opportunities to be outside.** Outside is a great place to learn, explore and play!

Professional Day and Remembrance Day

The school will be closed on **Friday November 10th** and **Monday November 13th** for a Professional Day and Remembrance Day.

Stone Soup

Towards the end of this month we will be exploring the book Stone Soup with the children. As an activity we will be making Stone Soup with them in class on **Friday November 24th**. Each child will be asked to contribute one ingredient for our soup and to bring it in on **Wednesday November 22nd**. More information regarding what ingredient to bring will be sent home to you during that week.

OLS Family Mass

We invite all our families to attend the OLS Family Mass on **Sunday November 26th at 11:30am**. The OLS school choir will be singing at the mass.

We Welcome Back Mrs. Nadia Russo!

We would like to welcome back Mrs. Nadia Russo who will be joining our three year old classes after being off on maternity leave. We thank Mrs. Perna for all her hard work and dedication that she has given our preschool children, staff and program.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter!

Have a great November!!



