

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



We can't believe September has already come to an end, it flew by so quickly. We had a great first month. The children have settled right into routine and have been busy. It has been nice to see all the children excited about being back at school. Throughout this first month it was great to see old friendships rekindle and new friendships blossom. We are pleased with how well the classes are doing and look forward to the months ahead. September was spent getting to know each other, getting used to the daily routine and the classroom rules. While doing so, we had some great experiences with some fun art activities. The highlight of the month was learning all about the children through their "All about me bags." It was exciting to see them talk about themselves through their favourite things. They also did a great job on their self portraits and really enjoyed looking at themselves closely in a mirror while they were drawing. Their self portraits are on display in the classroom and we invite you to come and try and guess which one is your child.

It has been great seeing the children's imaginations really come out while exploring with some natural materials and loose parts. Their creations will be documented and put on display for you to look at. We hope you will take the time to stop and look at the documentation with your child.

As we enter October we will be talking about Thanksgiving and Halloween. We have lots of fun activities planned for this next month including our very exciting field trip to the pumpkin patch and a halloween party at the end of the month.

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

Happy October!  
Mrs. Tina, Mrs. Pirillo and Miss. Adria

## **Terry Fox Mini Run**

We would like to thank all our preschool families for your donations and for supporting this very special cause.

## **Read-A-Thon**

For more information please refer to the read-a-thon notice sent out last week. It will run from **Sunday October 1st - Tuesday October 31st**. Make sure to mark down all your reading on the tracking sheet!

Happy Reading!!!

## **Earthquake and Fire Drills**

Each month we will be practicing our earthquake and fire drills at school. We will be talking to the children about being safe and how practicing these drill will help us be prepared and safe in case of an emergency. We will ensure that the children understand that preschool is a safe place and we are only practicing in case of an emergency. The dates will be marked on your calendars. Please take a few minutes 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 together.

## **Thanksgiving Day**

The school will be closed on **Monday October 9th** for Thanksgiving. We hope that everyone has a great day with their families and we wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

## **Picture Day**

On **Wednesday October 11th** Alex from Photo Franco will be coming to our school to take our individual and class photos. Please take note of this special day! We hope that everyone will be at school on this day as we would hate to have anyone missing from our class photo. Please make sure your child comes to school in their full uniform.

## **Pro-D-Day**

The school will be closed on **Friday October 20th** for a pro-d day.

## **Pumpkin Patch Field Trip**

We will be going to Richmond Country Farms with both four year old classes on **Monday October 23rd**. **We will be meeting at Richmond Country Farms at 10:00 am sharp!** We will be finished at approximately 12:00pm. Each child attending must be accompanied by an adult and be driven to and from the pumpkin patch. The cost for each child and each adult is \$9. Please see the information notice and consent form attached to your October calendar. The consent form and money must be returned to us by **Friday October 13th**.

**\*\*Please note that there will be no afternoon class on this day\*\***

## **Halloween Bash at OLS**

Save the date!! OLS will be having their very fun Halloween Bash on **Friday October 27th**. More information to follow

## **Halloween Party**

On **Monday October 30th** we will be celebrating Halloween at school with an orange and black Halloween party. On this day the children can come to school dressed in orange or black. If you would like to bring a treat for our party there will be a sign up sheet at the preschool with a list of supplies/food that we will need for our party. Please feel free to pair up with another family and sign up for something together. If our list is full please remember that there will be other opportunities throughout the year for you to bring something. Thank you in advance for your generosity. **Please note** that your child does not need to bring their individual snack to school in this day.

**\*\*Please remember our NO NUT POLICY\*\***

## **Scholastics**

For those of you not familiar with Scholastic, it is a book order sent out every month. Keep in mind that with every order placed, the preschool receives bonus coupons that can be used to purchase new supplies and books for the classroom. There will be a return date printed on each form and no orders will be accepted after that date. **Please do not send cash, cheques payable to Scholastics Canada will only be accepted.**

## **Show and Tell**

This month we will be starting show and tell. We will be going in order of the class list. Each day someone new will be our special helper. Throughout the day they will have special jobs in the classroom to help us with. The class before it is your child's turn they will come home with a special "Show and Tell Bag." We encourage you to help your child choose something that they are truly excited about (not just a toy). Some ideas may be a special rock, book, picture, etc...

Inside the bag will be a form with some questions that you can answer with your child about their show and tell. Please send the completed form back to school in their show and tell bag. Please do not send your child to school with something to share until it is their turn. This is a very exciting time for every child!

## **Workbooks**

The children will be starting their workbooks this month. Each week we will talk about a letter and its phonetic sound. The children will do a colouring/printing sheet on the lower and uppercase letter of the week. We will be focusing on their pencil grasp. We teach them to "pinch and flip" their pencil. We encourage you to ask them about this and have them show you at home. The workbooks will be kept at school. Towards the end of the month, please feel free to come in to see what your child has been working on.

## **Cold and Flu Season**

With the flu season here please keep in mind our policy for when your child is sick.

A child should not attend school if he/she has any symptoms for any communicable diseases. For example, cold, flu(fever), head lice etc.. A parent is required to inform the preschool within 24 hours of a diagnosis. If your child shows any symptoms at school you will be contacted and asked to pick up your child. Please use your discretion when your child is showing signs of not feeling well, and do not send them to school.

We are encouraging the children at school to use their "cough pockets" (their elbows) when they are sneezing or coughing. It will be good if at home the same practise is being used.

## **Self Help Skills**

At school we are working with the children on developing their self help skills. For example opening and closing their own containers, opening and closing their own backpacks, and putting on their own jackets. We encourage parents to take the time in reinforcing these skills at home. Thank you!

## **Jackets**

Please make sure that your child comes to school everyday with a jacket that is appropriate for the weather. During our time with the children we enjoy taking them outside and sometimes a walk becomes part of our day. The next couple of weeks will be a great time for the children to observe the changes that this season will be bringing.

## **Parking Safety**

Parking around the school has been very busy these last couple of weeks. For the safety of the children, we ask that you please take extra care when parking around the school. Attached to the October calendar you will find a notice regarding parking around the school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.

## **School grounds safety**

### **Please Note:**

- When dropping off and picking up your children from preschool please avoid entering the premises to seek out other siblings while school is in session. This can be a distraction to the children and can become a safety hazard.
- Please do not allow your children to climb the school fences as this can be a safety hazard as well.

**Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter!!**