

Our Lady of Sorrows Preschool

October 2017 Newsletter



Fall is here and we are already off to a wonderful beginning of Preschool. We are getting to know each other and the children are becoming familiar with the routines. We're delighted to see the children build new friendships and adapt nicely to our classroom. In the month of September the children have been learning many new skills.

- Days of the week/calendar
- New songs and stories
- Taking turns and sharing with their friends
- Learning to feel comfortable to go to the bathroom
- Cleaning up after playing with a toy or activity
- Experimenting with pencils, crayons, paint, glue and scissors
- Working on the theme "All About Me"

During the month of October we will be talking about Fall, Thanksgiving and Halloween. We will also start to introduce colours and work on a special project. 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 drills 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. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us or see us after class.

Mrs. Perna and Mrs. Tomas

Terry Fox Mini Run

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

Scholastic Book Order

We will be starting Scholastic book orders. For those of you that are not familiar with Scholastic, it is a book order that is sent out every month. Please keep in mind that with every order placed, the preschool receives bonus coupons that can be purchased to buy books and supplies for our 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.**

Upcoming Special Events

Read-a-thon Begins - October 1st

Please see the Read-a-thon notice sent out last week for details. It will run from October 1st to October 31st. Happy Reading!

Fire Drill - Tuesday October 3rd

We will be doing a practice fire drill.

Fall Sharing Day - Thursday, October 5th

We ask the children to bring to school an object that represents the season of fall. An example can be a leaf, acorns, pinecones etc. The children will share their objects during circle time.

Baking Day - Tuesday, October 10th

On Tuesday, October 10th we will be making applesauce with the children during class. We ask that each child bring in one apple on this day.

Thanksgiving Day - Monday, October 9th

The staff wishes everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Picture Day - Thursday, October 12th

Alex from Photo Franco will be taking our individual and class photos. We hope that everyone will be at school on this day as we would hate to have anyone missing from our class photos. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their full uniform.

Pumpkin Patch - Thursday, October 19th

We will be setting up a pumpkin patch in our garden area for the children to enjoy! Please have children dressed in comfortable, weather appropriate clothing. If it rains, please make sure your child has a change of clothes and shoes in their backpack.

We will be exploring our pumpkin patch rain or shine.

Earthquake Drill - Tuesday, October 24th

We will be doing a practice Earthquake drill on this day.

Halloween Party - Tuesday, October 31st

We will be celebrating Halloween by having an orange and black Halloween party. On this day the children can come to school dressed in orange and black clothes. We will be having our Halloween party during snack time. If you would like to bring a treat for the party there will be a sign-up sheet in the classroom with a list of things that we would like for the party. Please feel free to pair up with another family and sign up for something together.

please note your child does not need to bring individual snacks to school on this day; remember our NO NUT POLICY.

Halloween Bash - Friday, October 27th

Save the Date! More information to follow.

Show and Tell

This month we will be starting show and tell. We will be going in order of the class list. Your child will be our special helper for an entire week. Throughout the week 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 parents to help their 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!

Flu & Cold 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 of 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 will keep you updated with reminders but if you have any questions or concerns please contact us.

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.

Please Note

When dropping off and picking up your children from preschool please enter through our preschool door from our yard and 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. Also, please do not allow your children to climb the school fences as this can also be a safety hazard. Thank you!