

**Our Lady of Sorrows Preschool
Four Year Old Class
October 2018 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 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 class is 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. The highlight of the month was learning all about the children through all our All About Me explorations.

We hope that through us documenting and posting on seesaw, you are able to connect with all that is happening at preschool. We encourage you to share the pictures that you are seeing with your child so that you can begin dialogue with your child about what they are doing at school.

As we enter October we will be starting two exciting things, letter of the week and show and tell. We will also 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, Miss. Adria 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.

Read-A-Thon

For more information please refer to the read-a-thon notice sent out with your calendar. It will run from **Monday October 1st - Wednesday October 31st**. Money raised will go towards the purchase of an iPad for our preschool. Make sure to mark down all your reading on your 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 8th** 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 10th** 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 19th** for a pro-d day.

Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

We will be going on a field trip to Richmond Country Farm on **Monday October 22nd**. ***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 per child and per adult is \$10. 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 12th**.

Halloween Bash at OLS

Save the date!! OLS will be having their very fun Halloween Bash on **Friday October 26th**. More information will be coming closer to the date.

Halloween Party

On **Wednesday October 31st** 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 and black. This year, we have had a suggestion to try something new. One of our parents, Liz Ciulla (Carlo's Mom) will be sending out an email in the next week with more information.

Show and Tell

In October 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. Please refer to your calendar for your child's turn. For the first round of Show and Tell your child will be presenting their Family Tree to the class. This is a very exciting time for every child and we are looking forward to seeing everyones Family Tree.

Workbooks

In October we will be starting with Letter Of The Week. This year we are going to try something new and we look forward to seeing how it goes. Each week we will focus on a new letter, its formation and its phonetic sound. We will have hands on activities during class time to support the learning of the letter. Every Friday (or end of the week) we will be sending home a duo-tang with a short activity for you to complete at home with your child. We ask that you please return the duo-tang to us every Monday (or first day back after the weekend). We hope this will connect families with the learning that is happening at school. Thank you for your time and effort. If you have any questions please feel free to see us.

Daily Outdoor Exploration Time/ Appropriate Jackets and Footwear

We are very fortunate to live in a city where the changes of each season are very visible and our outdoor environment allows for so many learning opportunities. We try our best to allow time everyday for some outdoor exploration which might be a trip to our playground, an outdoor circle time or even a walk around our neighbourhood might become a part of our day. In saying this, some days we will be going outside with the children even if it is raining. Please make sure that your child comes to school every day with a jacket and outdoor footwear that is appropriate for the weather. The next couple of weeks will be a great time for the children to observe the changes that this season will be bringing.

SeeSaw

Our SeeSaw is up and running and its so exciting for us to connect families with our classroom life. We are still waiting for a couple of families to sign on and we ask that you please do so as soon as possible. We would love to have everyone signed on and enjoying it by the end of next week. If you have any comments or questions about the app and what you are seeing, we ask that you please email us at preschool@myolosschool.com We would love to hear what everyone thinks about it.

Scholastics

For those of you not familiar with Scholastic, it is a book order sent our 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.**

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!

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

Happy October!