



October News

from Kindergarten A

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Welcome to October!

Thank you for such a great start to the new school year! We have really enjoyed our first month! We would like to thank everyone who came to visit our classroom on Meet the Teacher night. It was a pleasure to meet everyone. The students were so excited to share our classroom with you! We appreciate your help in creating our Colour Wall and most recently, our Alphabet Wall! We are so thrilled with how amazing our interactive alphabet wall looks! Thank you for helping your child find an item that started with the letter he/she randomly selected. Every student helped create our wall in two ways: he/she painted a letter and then brought in an item for that letter. With teacher assistance, the bags were hung up on our wall and will be labelled in the coming week!

October events:

PD Day on Tuesday October 2. There will be no school for students on this day.

The Saidat Show will be coming to Oneida on Friday October 6. Saidat is a motivational speaker, singer, and entertainer. Visit www.saidat.ca for more information.

Pizza lunches will begin in October. These are optional lunches. For those students who pre-ordered pizza, it will be brought to the classroom for the afternoon Nutrition Break. Don't forget a snack and drink for the morning Nutrition Break. Please remember to order pizza online through the online payment system.

October Fearless Leaders will share a family picture with us. You can send in a real photo, email us a photo (anne.snyder@granderie.ca) or help your child to draw a picture of your family. We will tape the picture to our Family Tree. All pictures will be returned to you in November. Please check the October calendar for your child's Fearless Leader day.

Picture Day will be Wednesday October 10. Retake day will be Thursday November 22.

Halloween will be on Wednesday October 31. Students in grades JK- 3 are welcome to wear costumes this year! There are some rules that must be followed: NO MASKS, NO WEAPONS, NO BLOOD/GORY costumes. There are some things to consider: students should wear their costume to school that morning as there will be a parade at 9:30; choose a costume that your child can easily remove by his/herself to use the bathroom; please leave "accessories" at home as we don't want anything lost or broken on the bus

or at school; students can change out of their costumes after the parade if they wish to do so- please send a change of clothes if your child will want to do this; if your child doesn't want to wear a costume, that is ok!!! 😊

On this day, there will be a Halloween costume parade outside starting at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to watch the parade outside. Our class will have a Halloween party with some treats in the afternoon. More information about this day will be given to you as it becomes available.

If you are interested in sending in treats for the Halloween (or another future occasion) class party, please complete the Class Celebrations form that will be sent home next week and return it by October 12. We will notify you of your treat day. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

We already have quite a large collection of items in our school Lost and Found. We have many coats and sweaters that were found outside after recesses. If your family is missing an item or two, you can write us a note with a description of the item(s) and we can check for you or you may want to stop by the school and check the bin near the gym. It is recommended that you print your child's name on jacket/sweater tags or put labels on their water bottles and lunch containers so that items can be returned to him/her if it is found. Thank you!

Thank you very much for checking and returning agendas and communication bags daily! Many of you regularly use the agenda to communicate with us and it is working very well! We really appreciate the notes about 'early pick ups' and upcoming appointments/absences. If you forget to write a note about picking your child up, please call the office by 2:30 so that we can have your child ready for you in a timely manner.

We will be sending home your child's Extra Clothes bag soon. Please update it with clothing for cooler weather. Thanks in advance!

As you know, children develop at their own pace and learn in their own ways. Our goal is to meet your child at their level and help them develop a love of learning. This month, while working one on one and in small groups, we will be exploring:

Sorting: grouping objects by colour/ size/ shape/ texture/ etc.

Patterning: blue, red, blue, red /leaf, acorn, leaf, acorn /rock, rock, stick, rock, rock, stick

Number recognition; Number formation: seeing a number from 1-10 and naming it; printing numbers

Counting: counting by ones and understanding one-to-one correspondence

Name writing; Writing words of personal significance: names of family members, pets, places, etc.

Phonemic Awareness; Alphabet: names of the letters and the sounds they make

Have a great month! Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Mrs. Alycia Thompson
and Mrs. Anne Snyder

