



Kindergarten October Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

With one month of school already behind us, the year is off to a great start! Thank you for sending your children to school each day ready to learn! The students have settled in very well, made new friends and are working very hard.

English:

Every two weeks (approximately) the children are learning a new letter of the alphabet. We continue to talk about the letters of the alphabet, the sound that they make and how they come together to form words. In September, we looked at the letters S and A. In October we will be looking at T, I and P. Feel free to review these letters and their sounds with your child.

We continue to focus on making predictions before reading stories and to make connections or tell our opinions at the end of a story. In writing, our SK students are sounding out words that they would like to write in everyday activities while most of the JK students continue working on learning their letter sounds and developing the fine motor control needed to write.

Don't forget to check out the RAZ kids website (the link is on the class website) for a tool to help your child's reading progress.

French:

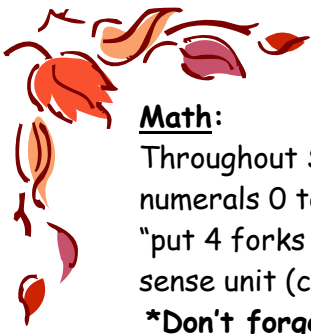
The main goal in French is to get the children excited about learning French. We sing many songs and review basic vocabulary on a daily basis. The children are encouraged to sing along and to use any vocabulary they can throughout the day. All of the songs we watch in class are posted on the class website in the resources tab. They are in the "Favourites" folder.

The story for the month is "L'Halloween." The vocabulary will focus on Halloween. Your child will be bringing home their booklet "L'école" that they worked on in September. You can read it with them and review the vocabulary. Both of these stories will be posted on the website for you to review throughout the month with your child.

In our small reading groups, we are looking at predicting what the story is about based on the cover and sharing our favourite part of the story.

Religion:

In September students were encouraged to be gentle and to notice others being gentle. In October, we will be looking at gratitude through class discussions, bible stories and songs.



Math:

Throughout September, we focused on sorting objects and recognizing and counting numerals 0 to 5. Please reinforce numbers and counting in everyday activities at home (i.e., "put 4 forks on the table," "take 2 cookies"). In October, we will continue with our number sense unit (counting objects, 1:1 correspondence, etc.) and we will introduce patterning.

Don't forget to check out the Dreambox website for a tool to help your child's math progress.

Science:

In addition to learning about the weather, we will continue to discuss and observe the seasonal changes during fall. We have been making artwork to show the change in seasons using different materials. The students will also continue learning about the scientific process through a variety of hands on activities and experiments.

Physical Education:

Expectations, rules and boundaries will be reviewed while in the gym or on the playground. Respect for others, spatial awareness, cooperative games and gross motor movement will be explored.

Other points of interest:

Just a few reminders...

- Any notes/information for the Crestway Childcare program should be given directly to Crestway staff. We don't always see or interact with the Crestway staff as they are separate organization from the school.
- Please encourage your child to practice dressing and undressing themselves at home (jackets, shoes, zippers and buttons).
- Keep sending your child's "mail bags" to school each day. They are helpful for notes!
- **THANK YOU** for sending in art supplies, Kleenex boxes, hand sanitizer, Ziploc bags, etc. It is **APPRECIATED!!!** ☺
- At the end of the month we will celebrate Halloween. A notice will be sent home closer to the day with more details.

Supervision

There is no supervision before 8:55am. Please stay outside with your child until this time if you arrive at school early.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any one of us at any time.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Mme Joanne, Ms. Tegano & Ms. Dunn



Days to note for October:

Oct 5th - Thanksgiving Mass 9:30 am (in gym)
Oct. 7th - PD Day (no school)
Oct. 10th - Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct. 13th - Picture Day
Oct. 31st - Halloween

