



## Camrose & District Pre-School October, 2019 Newsletter

### Dear Parents:

### Pre-School is Having Fun:

We are very pleased with the way that the children have settled into the preschool routine so quickly and with virtually no tears this year. We've been able to get on with the business of preschool having fun while learning all about each other. We've noticed more than a few friendships begin to develop and we're sure many more will soon begin to form. We're also pleased with how well the children respond to the experiences and activities we've set out for them. They are so enthusiastic about trying everything and the enjoyment we see on their faces is wonderful.

### Farm Theme

This month we will be introducing the children to a **farm theme**. Activities for this theme will include discussions about what a farm is.

- What may be grown or raised on a farm and who takes care of it?
- How important what farms produce is to our everyday life. For some children this may be the first time they will understand that our food and textiles don't just come from a store but rather from a farm first.



- Our art activities songs, poems and dramatic play will also reflect this theme. **If your family lives on a farm we would love it if you could send a sample or pictures of what you produce on your land to display in our science area.**

Hopefully your children would be willing to tell us as much about these items as they can. They can even tell us if they have a role to play on the farm as far as helping out. Do they feed the chickens, help milk the cows etc.?

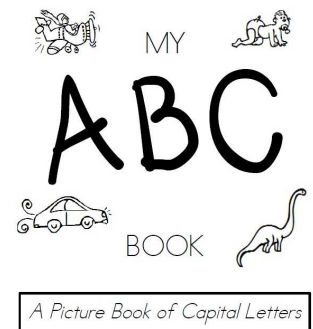


### Thanksgiving & Halloween

During this month we will briefly look at two mini themes as well, Thanksgiving and Halloween.

### ABC Mini Books

We'll also continue to work on our ABC mini books. Some of the children loved these. I think it makes them feel like big kids doing real school work. We have no expectations at this time on how well a child might do with these. For some the challenge might be as simple as being able to hold their writing tool correctly. For others it may just be tracing over the letters that are printed on the page already. Some just colour. Still others will be challenged to actually try printing the letters themselves, especially as get further into the year. We hope these simple books will encourage all the children to begin printing at the very least the letters in their own name by the end of the preschool term.



My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

## Class Pictures

**Class pictures will be taken during class time on the 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> of this month.** Please refer to the letter that will be sent out specifically outlining the details for this event. Parents you are not required to stay for pictures as we find the children cooperate much better for these when you are not present.



## Halloween Party

**To end this very busy month we will be holding a Halloween party for each class during regular class time on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of this month.** These will be costume parties however something as simple as face paint will do. Some children simply do not feel comfortable dressing up and that's fine too. We want the children to be comfortable and enjoy the special activities we have planned for them.



**Please note that our Halloween activities will stress more of a harvest, make believe, fun theme, NOT SCARY! No weapons please as**

**these would have to stay in their cubbies anyway.** The children should still bring their own snack. Preschool will provide the drink and a special treat this day.

## Snack

Just a few reminders about snack parents:

- please pack **just ONE item for snack** or items that go together like veggies and dip or cheese and crackers.
- The snack should be just enough to fill that gap between breakfast and lunch or lunch and a snack if needed after preschool.
- We recommend that your child have a good breakfast or lunch before coming to Preschool.
- **Also remember to cut up grapes, small tomatoes large carrots, etc. as these are considered choking hazards.**



This is a requirement of our licensing agent, Alberta Child and Family services and preschool too as we want your children to be safe while they are with us. Our snack time is more of social activity where we get to know each other better as we sit and relax a bit from all our busier activities and talk to one another while enjoying a healthy snack.

## Questions

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns about any of the above events please let us know. We'd love to hear from you.

Yours truly,  
Pat Walker and Kelsey Miller

## Pre-School Relocation

As noted on the calendar Pre-School will be closed on October 31 and November 1st to move into it's new location.

**Follow us on Facebook for updates on the move.**

**Camrose & District Pre-school Society**