



Mrs. Houghton's Kindergarten (TT)

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic September we had! It has been wonderful meeting your children and getting to know them. We have a beautiful class and I am excited for the year ahead. October is a busy month so please keep the attached calendar front and centre on your fridge! I will be sure to send out reminders on the Remind app. Our focus this month is on Fire Safety, Fall and Thanksgiving.

Apple Day: On **Thursday, October 10th**, we will celebrate Apple Day. Please wear red or green this day! I'd also like students to bring *one apple peeled and chopped* in a small baggie.

Fire Station #4: On **Thursday, October 17th**, we will travel to the fire station to learn about Fire Safety. There is a sign up sheet outside the classroom or let me know if you would like to volunteer. Please remember volunteers must have their Criminal Check completed and handed in to the office.



Halloween Party: A fun way to end our month! Our party will be **October 30th** in the afternoon. Students can wear their costumes to school. Please ensure your child's costume is comfortable for indoor and outdoor activity. There will be a sign-up sheet posted for items that we need for our party.

Important Information:

Sharing: Please take note of the information on your calendar, indicating the sounds/letters we will be focusing on each month. You and your child can find something around the house that begins with that sound for our sharing time. The students are asked to place their item in a bag and think of 3 clues that they can give to the class. Avoid items that begin with blends (sh, ch, th), soft c or soft g at this time. The first clue should be what sound the item begins with.

Sharing for October are things that start with P, N, C, or K

Recess and Outdoor Play: Your child will be going out for recess twice per day in addition to outdoor education with the class. It is important for them to dress for the weather and footwear should be appropriate for play at the park. Recess will be indoors when it is raining or when the temperature dips below -25C.

Volunteers: You are always welcome in our classroom. Parents can join us for half or a full day. Anyone volunteering in the classroom must have a completed Criminal Check at the office.

Happy September & October Birthdays to:
Sloane and Ivy



Curriculum:

Early Literacy: Students are identifying and printing names using a capital at the beginning and lowercase letters. Through our literacy program, students will be illustrating and labeling words beginning with certain sounds.

Students are sent home some monthly challenges. Each activity can be checked off when completed. When the monthly challenge is completed, children can send back the sheet for a small prize. This is, of course, optional!

Early Numeracy: We will be focusing on sorting and sorting rules (colour, shape, and size) as well as patterning this month.

Religion: We are learning to recite 2 prayers: before we eat and end of day. We continue to learn the sign of the cross and how we pray. In October, we give praise and thanks for the earth's abundance and discuss what we are thankful for.



It's going to be a great month! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, contact me on the Remind app, at kristine.houghton@rdcrs.ca or by phone at (403) 341-3777.


Blessings,
Mrs. K. Houghton



October

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| October Sharing: things that begin with P, N, hard C, K | | 1 | 2 | Picture Day 3 8:30 AM | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 No School | 8 | 9 | 10 Apple Day (wear red or green) | 11 | 12 |
| 13 |  Happy Thanksgiving | 15 | 16 | 17 Firehall | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Early dismissal 2:00 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 No School | 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween Party (come in costume) | | |