



Mrs. Houghton's Kindergarten (MW)

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. Our focus this month is on Fall, Thanksgiving and Halloween.

Teaching Strategies:

Early Learning within Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools is pleased to utilize live reporting using the platform of Teaching Strategies GOLD Assessment. By now, you should have your account set up and hopefully have seen some documentation of your child's growth and development. If you were unable to set up your account and/or have not seen any documentation, please let me know. Just a reminder that the invitation to sign up would have come directly from Teaching Strategies and not myself.

Halloween: A fun way to end our month! Our celebration 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. Unfortunately, at this time, we can not share food. However, please send a special treat for your child only that they can eat at the end of the day. Please remember we are a nut-free school! The treats can be put in a ziploc bag labeled with their name.



Snack/Lunch: Students are given 15 minutes for morning snack and up to 30 minutes for lunch. For snack, I recommend 1 or 2 healthy snacks. If sending a “treat” (cookies, fruit snack, chips), I tell the children to save that for the very end of lunch. They have been doing an excellent job remembering to do this. A suggestion I make for parents is to have your child help make their lunch. Discuss what is a healthy snack, what is lunch, and what is a special treat for the end! Please remember we are a nut-free school and remind your children they can not share food with their friends.

Important Reminders:

Footwear: Please ensure your child is able to put on and take off their shoes independently. Laces are not recommended unless they can tie them themselves.

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.

Labeling: Please ensure that everything is labeled with your child’s name. This includes jackets, shoes/boots, mittens, hats, snow pants, etc.

Photos: I try to send pictures as often as I can both on REMIND and through documentation on Teaching Strategies. Often I send group pictures and I ask that you do not share any pics of students other than your own, of course, on social media.

Social Media: Are you on Facebook or Instagram? Holy Family is! Please check it out to see more happenings at Holy Family School.

Happy September and October Birthdays to: Caden, Noah and Alex



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 will be sent home 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!

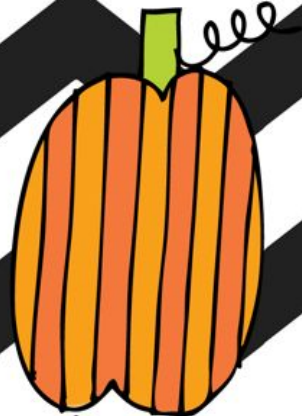
Early Numeracy: We will be focusing on sorting and sorting rules (colour, shape, and size) as well as patterning this month.

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



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Focus: 1. letter sounds i, n, c/k, e, h 2. letter formation: H, T, I, U 3. changes in Fall 4. Sorting 5. What are we thankful for? 6. printing first names | | | | 1 | 2 TT | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 PD Day No school for students | 10 |
| 11 |  Happy Thanksgiving | 13 | 14 Picture Day | 15 | 16 MW | 17 |
| 18 | 19 School Council (google meet) | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 PD Day No school for students | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Halloween Celebration |  |