

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER . . .



THERE ARE LOTS OF NEW THINGS HAPPENING THIS MONTH. WE WILL BE BEGINNING OUR ANIMATED LITERACY AND HANDWRITING PROGRAMS. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING STRANGER DANGER AND EXPLORING OUR FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS. I MUST NOT FORGET OUR MUCH ANTICIPATED HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES. READ ON TO SEE WHAT ELSE THIS MONTH WILL BRING.

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 9TH – 13TH

NO SCHOOL – I WILL BE ATTENDING A SOCIAL THINKING CONFERENCE IN BOSTON TO IMPLEMENT A NEW IN THE PRESCHOOL.

OCTOBER 16TH AND 17TH

FALL PICTURES

OCTOBER 25TH

PRESCHOOL BOARD MEETING – 7PM

OCTOBER 30TH AND 31ST

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

NOVEMBER 9TH

FAMILY NIGHT 6:30PM – 7:30PM

NOVEMBER 10TH

SIMON SAFETY BEAR PRESENTATION – REGULAR CLASSES

FOSTERING HUMAN KINDNESS AND GENEROUSITY

TO ME, MY ROLE AS A TEACHER, BEYOND EXPOSING CHILDREN TO AS MANY NEW CONCEPTS AS POSSIBLE, IS TO FOSTER CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION, TO DEVELOP A STRONG SENSE OF SELF AND INDEPENDENCE, TO ENHANCE EACH CHILD'S PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS, AND . . . (I THINK I COULD GO ON AND ON!). ABOVE ALL, I HOPE TO HELP CREATE CHILDREN WITH KIND SOULS WHO ARE GENEROUS OUT OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL. THE PRESCHOOL IS PART OF HIPKIDS. H!PKIDS IS A PROGRAM OF HUMANITY IN PRACTICE (HIP), WHICH OFFERS FLEXIBLE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. IT IS A SIMPLE WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. EACH MONTH WE HELP OUT AN AGENCY IN CALGARY WITH INTERESTING PROJECTS. YOU MAY COMPLETE SOMETHING AT HOME WITH YOUR FAMILY AND WE WILL CREATE SOMETHING AT SCHOOL WITH THE CHILDREN

October's project: Celebrate Canada

October we recognize and celebrate all those that have made this country what it is today.

Draw a picture of something or somewhere you like and find out the origin of its name.

Tell us how the name came to be.

These cards will be collected and shared with local agencies such that support new families who have come to Canada to live and make this country their home.

If you would like to take part in this project, please submit it to me by Friday, October 20th.

CLASS FRIEND

VERY SHORTLY EACH CLASS WILL MEET THEIR CLASS PET (A SMALL STUFFED ANIMAL), WHICH BELONGS TO THEIR CLASS. EACH CHILD IN THE CLASS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THE CLASS PET HOME WITH THEM. WITH THE STUFFED ANIMAL COMES A JOURNAL WHERE STUDENTS, WITH THE HELP OF THEIR GUARDIAN, WRITE WHAT THEY DID WITH THEIR SPECIAL GUEST. THEY MAY ALSO DRAW A PICTURE OR ATTACH A PICTURE. EACH TIME YOUR CHILD RECEIVES THE CLASS PET THEY ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN IT THE NEXT CLASS FOR THE NEXT CHILD TO TAKE HOME. **IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF THE CLASS PET WAS WASHED AT THE END OF EACH HOME VISIT!!** THE WHOLE CONCEPT FOSTERS RESPONSIBILITY, PATIENCE, LOVE AND RESPECT.

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES AT HOME

3-YEAR-OLDS

1. SITTING IN ONE SPOT FOR AN EXTENDED AMOUNT OF TIME
EG. MEAL TIME WITHOUT THE USE OF ELECTRONICS
2. LOOKING INTO THE EYES OF SOMEONE WHEN SPEAKING OR



LISTENING

3. TIDYING UP AFTER PLAY
4. HOLDING WRITING UTENSIL CORRECTLY
5. SAYING "PLEASE" AND "THANK-YOU"
6. RECOGNIZING NAME
7. COUNTING FROM 1 - 20
8. WAITING TO SPEAK
9. UNDERSTANDING PERSONAL SPACE
10. PRACTICING LISTENING EARS

4-YEAR-OLDS

1. LOOKING INTO THE EYES OF SOMEONE WHEN SPEAKING OR LISTENING
2. IDENTIFY LETTERS AND SOUNDS IN BOOKS, ON SIGNS, ETC
3. IDENTIFY HOW HE/SHE IS FEELING IN TERMS OF EMOTIONS
4. USE STRATEGIES TO COPE WITH ANGER AND SADNESS
5. DRAW A BODY AND FACE WITH APPROPRIATE FACIAL FEATURES AND ARMS COMING OUT OF THE BODY.
6. IDENTIFY NUMBERS FROM ONE TO TEN.
7. SAYING PLEASE AND THANK-YOU
8. FOLLOWING THROUGH ON THE SAYING, "WE GET WHAT WE GET AND WE DON'T GET UPSET."
9. WAITING TO SPEAK WHEN SOMEONE ELSE IS TALKING.
10. WATCHING ANOTHER CHILD'S FACIAL EXPRESSIONS AND BODY ACTIONS TO UNDERSTAND HOW ANOTHER CHILD IS FEELING.