# FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER ...







THERE ARE LOTS OF NEW THINGS HAPPENING THIS MONTH:

- 1. BEGINNING OF OUR <u>ANIMATED LITERACY</u> PROGRAM (LETTER AND LETTER SOUND RECOGNITION THROUGH PUPPETRY
- 2. BEGINNING OF **OUR HANDWRITING WITHOUT TEARS** PROGRAM
- 3. BEGINNING OF OUR <u>WE THINKERS</u> PROGRAM (OUR SOCIAL THINKING PROGRAM)
- 4. BEGINNING OF OUR MATH PROGRAM

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING

OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 11<sup>TH</sup> YOGA STARTS

OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> FAMILY NIGHT

6:30PM - 7:30PM

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

BY SYLVIA CHAVE

OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> MAD SCIENCE

PRESENTATION - 4B ONLY

OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> HALLOWEEN PARTIES WITH

MAD SCIENCE

PRESENTATION FOR 4A

OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR 3A

AND 3B WITH MAD SCIENCE

PRESENTATION

MORNING CLASS ONLY

9AM - 11:30AM

JUST A NOTE ...

#### FOSTERING HUMAN KINDNESS AND GENEROUSITY

TO ME, MY ROLE AS A TEACHER IS VAST. BEYOND EXPOSING CHILDREN TO MANY NEW CONCEPTS, FOSTERING CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION, DEVELOPING A STRONG SENSE OF SELF AND INDEPENDENCE, ENHANCING EACH CHILD'S PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS, AND . . . (I THINK I COULD GO ON AND ON!), MY GOAL IS 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.

IN THE PAST, AGENCIES, WE HAVE DONATED TO INCLUDED: INN FROM THE COLD, SERVANTS ANONYMOUS, FRESH START, AARCS, MEOW FOUNDATION, THE ÅLEX, CUPS AND MANY MORE!

TO FIND OUT MORE, YOU CAN VISIT WWW.BEHIP.CA

This month's project: Soups On!

We help address hunger by providing healthy snacks & soup packets that are easy to carry & make for lunch! You can help by donating packets of single serving soup, pasta, or nut-free granola bars.

# IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE HAVE DONATIONS TO ME BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>.

#### **CLASS STUFFIE PET**

VERY SHORTLY EACH CLASS WILL MEET THEIR CLASS PET (A SMALL STUFFED ANIMAL), WHICH BELONGS TO HIS/HER CLASS. EACH CHILD IN THE CLASS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THE CLASS PET HOME WITH THEM. EACH TIME YOUR CHILD RECEIVES THE CLASS PET THEY ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN IT THE NEXT CLASS, WASHED AND READY TO SEND HOME WITH THE NEXT CHILD. IF YOU DO NOT GET A CHANCE TO WASH THE STUFFIE, JUST LET ME KNOW. THE WHOLE CONCEPT FOSTERS RESPONSIBILITY, PATIENCE, LOVE AND RESPECT.

#### UNITY CHRISTIAN MISSION

Unity Christian Mission is a Canadian charity helping a small Liberian school. We sponsor a child, Calvin Gibson (his picture is in the hallway as well as Bendu Thomas, which is my sponsored child) by donating monthly to his education, feeding program and medical supplies. 100% of the donations go directly to the Liberian school. We receive letters from Calvin and at Christmas time we send a gift for him. In the spring, we also participate in a walkathon at the preschool to raise money to cover administration costs. I will send updates and pictures as I receive them, so we can all feel a part of Calvin's experiences and his educational journey.

#### Most recent update:

It was decided by the UCM board and the Liberia building committee to build a mini school structure on our new land which has 3 classrooms and a room for the security personnel. This is being done for two reasons: to occupy the land and to move grades 6-7 over to the new school and begin a grade 8 class.

Below are some of the pictures of the mini school being built.

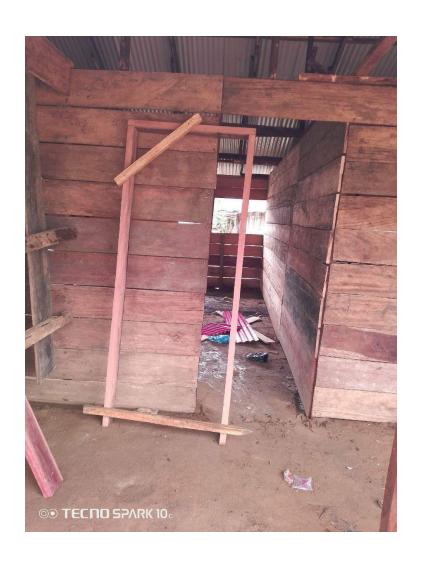
We are excited to open this building and create a quieter educational experience for all the grades at our school.













If you would like to sponsor your own child, please contact Unity Christian Mission

#### unitychristianmission.org

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# 3-YEAR-OLD CONCEPTS WE ARE WORKING ON

- 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-OLD CONCEPTS WE ARE WORKING ON

- LOOKING INTO THE EYES OF SOMEONE WHEN SPEAKING OR LISTENING
- IDENTIFYING LETTERS AND SOUNDS IN BOOKS, ON SIGNS, ETC
- IDENTIFYING HOW HE/SHE IS FEELING IN TERMS OF EMOTIONS
- USING STRATEGIES TO COPE WITH ANGER AND SADNESS
- DRAWING A BODY AND FACE WITH APPROPRIATE FACIAL FEATURES.
- IDENTIFYING NUMBERS FROM ONE TO TEN.
- SAYING PLEASE AND THANK-YOU
- FOLLOWING THROUGH ON THE SAYING, "WE GET WHAT WE GET AND WE DON'T GET UPSET."
- WAITING TO SPEAK WHEN SOMEONE ELSE IS TALKING.
- WATCHING ANOTHER CHILD'S FACIAL EXPRESSIONS AND BODY ACTIONS TO UNDERSTAND HOW ANOTHER CHILD IS FEELING.