



Dear Parents,

Wow!! It is hard to believe it is October and we are into our second month of school. We have enjoyed such wonderful weather throughout September that it flew by.

We have been busy this past month, getting to know each other, learning the classroom routines and learning how to work and play together. Thanks to those that have labeled their children's items. It really makes getting ready for home run smoothly when coats, shoes and sweaters are clearly labeled. The cold weather will soon be here, so please check to see that warmer coats, mitts, boots etc. are labeled.

There are many exciting things happening in October. We are celebrating Thanksgiving and Halloween. We will be attending a Thanksgiving Mass on October 9 at 9:15 am, please remind your child of the need to sit quietly during mass. The school is collecting canned food items for the Mass so if you are able, please send one/ some in with your child before Friday, Oct. 9th.

To celebrate Halloween we will be wearing orange and black on the 30th and talking about pumpkins and maybe even have time for a treat! No costumes please 😊.

Our school wide Terry Fox run/walk is on October 8th. Being as KB students are not at school that day we will be having our walk on Friday the 9th. Our grade 7 /8 buddies will accompany us.

We have started our Jolly Phonics program. Each week we will have 1 or 2 focus letters. You will find sound books in your child's baggie. Each week a new letter will be added to the Sound book. Please encourage your child to practice the letter sound and the letter name. Drawing pictures or cutting out ones that start with that sound will aid in their letter/sound recall.

I am making a call out for playdough ☺. We love to use playdough everyday it provides an excellent opportunity for them to practice letter and number formation and recognition as well as develop fine motor skills. If you could help us out in this area that would be wonderful ! If you get a chance to make/buy some please send it in with your child. Thank you in advance for your help with this. *I've attached a recipe below ☺

. Our library is up and running. We have many wonderful books for the children. The students have had a chance to take out a book. They will bring home a library book each Friday and if they return it the following Friday they will be able to choose a new book for the next week.

Smile ☺ Picture day for KB is on October 14th. More information will be sent home once we receive it from the photographer.

Our KB class has been working on the word family -an. When you get a little quiet time with your child, helping them to do silly rhyming games is very beneficial. Simply asking them for other words that have the same ending as Dan, man, pan, etc. will reinforce what they are learning at school. We have also been working on clapping out the syllables (beats) to our newest song :
*sing to the tune of Farmer in the dell.

Clap the Beats

Can you clap the beats?
Can you clap the beats?
Listen to the name I say
And help clap the beats.

Say: Billy

Clap: Bill-y - 2 beats

Etc.

Thank you for helping to make September such a great beginning to our kindergarten school year. It was a pleasure to chat with so many that were able to make it out to the Open House.

If you have any concerns about your child, or any aspect of the Kindergarten program, please call me or send a note.

Sincerely, Jenny Ritsma

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!!!

No Fuss Play Dough

1 cup cold water
1 cup salt
2 teaspoons vegetable oil
2 cups flour
2 tablespoons cornstarch
Food coloring

In a large bowl, mix together water, salt, oil and a few drops of food coloring. Mix flour and cornstarch and add 1/2 cup at a time, stirring constantly (you may need a little more or a little less than 2 cups flour so make sure you stir in until it is the right consistency).

Knead for a few minutes with flour on your hands