



November News



Kindergarten A

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Welcome to November! We can't believe we're already entering our third month of school!

October Highlights

October was another fun and busy month in Kindergarten A! Our Dramatic Play centre changed from a house to an airport. Students worked cooperatively to make a list of necessities and to create a variety of items. They then took turns being the pilots, flight attendants and passengers! The excitement of the centre has gradually faded so this week we will survey the children for new ideas.

This month we introduced the Discovery Centre. The students have been very busy creating items with Magna Tiles and Magformers, and what better extension to this than a centre to further explore magnets! The most popular magnet activity was Magnet Wand Painting. We have a class full of very talented and eager artists!

Leading up to Halloween we have done a variety of related activities and challenges. The students enjoyed learning the song "5 Little Pumpkins" and creating actions to go with it. Many accepted the challenge of using classroom materials to build their own gate/fence to hold 5 pumpkins! Check out our blog post about all the pumpkin fun and learning we have been up to!

We had a busy Halloween yesterday! Our party was delicious and the treats sent in were greatly appreciated! Thank you! For the last hour of the day KA and KB had a blast playing Halloween games and doing activities together! We hope your family had a safe and fun evening trick-or-treating!

What's Happening in KA?

In Math, students have been busy making patterns with a variety of manipulatives including stackable pegs, coloured animals, and beads. We have been practicing patterns such as: AB (red, green, red, green, red, green), and ABC (clap, stomp, jump, clap, stomp, jump, clap, stomp, jump). Our knowledge about patterns will continue to grow throughout the year. We have also been learning about numbers and practising our counting. Last week we completed our number wall with the help of some interested students. The helpers assisted with writing a number, a number word and adding the correct amount of stickers to a "ten-frame". We have recently noticed some students using the concept of sorting naturally in their play (ex. Building farms with blocks and grouping animals together by type) and we will begin to focus more on this as we enter the month of November.

In Language, we have been learning one letter per week. As of the first week of November, we are at the letter Gg. We learn and practice the proper formation of the upper

and lower case letter, as well as the sound that the letter makes. The students love to play "Alligator Crunch" with our letters and sounds...ask your child to sing it for you! Everyone is responsible for written tasks for the Letter of the Week. These tasks vary from week to week and may include letter worksheets, white board printing practise, "writing around the room", cut and glue activities, etc.

Thank you very much for sending in a family photo for your child to show in October! We have been working on asking questions and giving comments that are related to the person sharing. November Fearless Leaders will be a mystery! Each morning we will provide clues such as "I am 4 years old. I have brown hair. I am in SK." We hope the students will enjoy the challenge of figuring out the Mystery Fearless Leader!

We are happy to introduce a fun reading website that Oneida subscribes to, called www.raz-kids.com. The students can read and listen to appropriately levelled books on Raz-Kids and even record themselves reading! To access your child's information, log in at www.raz-kids.com/login/jtownson0 using the "picture password" information that we will send home in your child's agenda. We are looking forward to hearing and seeing great things with Raz-Kids! It is a great addition to our Home Reading Program that the SKs have been working hard on...JKs will begin in January! ☺

Wishing you a wonderful month!

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