



# MMH Kindergarten Newsletter November 2020

## Remembrance Day

There will be no school on November 11th to pay tribute to those that served for our country and pay our respects for Remembrance Day. While we do not dwell on Remembrance Day too heavily in Kindergarten, I encourage parents to discuss the meaning and significance of the day at home.



## Under the Sea!

Kindergarten is diving down under the sea for the month of November! We will be investigating different animals and their habitats, creating crafts, and reading books all related to this theme. If you have something from the sea that you would like to share with our class, your child can bring it for their show and share on their special day. Also, if you can, make a trip to the West Side Library to enjoy some under the sea books with your child.



## Early Years Evaluations and Parent Teacher Conferences

This term, Lethbridge School District has decided to implement the Early Years Evaluation in all kindergarten classrooms. This assessment and report will replace the traditional report card. The Early Years Evaluation provides us with age appropriate developmental information and will indicate specific areas that your child may need more targeted supports. Please sign up for a parent teacher interview on either Monday November 9th or Tuesday November 10th in order to receive the assessment and discuss your child's developmental progress with me in detail. **Interviews will take place online using Microsoft TEAMS. Please use the information sent home to get logged in using your child's username and password and get familiar with this app.**

Booking conference times will take place **online**. The bookings will be open soon. Please use the [parent teacher interview link](#) at the top of the MMH homepage to book your time.

Again, please get logged into Microsoft TEAMS and get familiar with the calendar. This is where you will need to look to join the meeting for interviews.

### Important Dates to

#### Remember

Nov 9 & 10 —Parent/  
Teacher Interviews No  
school for Kindergarten

Nov 11 — Remembrance  
Day—No School

#### Friday Schedule:

AM— 13 & 27

PM—6 & 20

## MMH KINDER WEBSITE!

Be sure to check out our kinder-  
garten website at

[https://  
mmhkindergarten.weebly.com/](https://mmhkindergarten.weebly.com/)

This is where we will be posting  
the newsletter & calendar. As  
always, feel free to email me or  
text using class Dojo with any  
questions or concerns!





## **Brrrrrr! It's getting cold out here!**

Just a note about warm clothing. Since we go outside for recess everyday, the exception being really stormy weather, kids need to be bringing warm clothing to school. Toques, scarves, and mittens should be staples in a child's backpack since we all know how quickly weather can change! It doesn't hurt to throw in an extra sweater on a particularly chilly day. Please keep helping your child learn to be independent during dressing/undressing—this makes recess a whole lot easier and means less time in the classroom and more time outside playing!

### ***Just a Reminder....***

Start and End times for classes:

**Morning: 8:15am—11:20am**

**Afternoon: 12:15pm—3:20pm**

**Fridays: 8:15 - 11:30**

We will meet you outside at 8:15 and as winter weather is quickly approaching and has given us a taste, we will only wait outside for a couple minutes. Thank you for being on time to pick up everyday!

### **Snuggle up with a great book!**

Experts agree, reading with your child is one of the best things you can do at home. Not only is it a valuable bonding experience, but it promotes language development! And who doesn't love a great story? If English is not your child's first language, **DO** make sure you're reading and speaking in their first language. Research is clear, developing a love and knowledge of one's first language benefits the second!

## **Things to Work on at Home This Month**

Sounds and Letters! The letters and their sounds are something we emphasize in Kindergarten. These building blocks of language are so important for our young students to learn. It is a very cool thing when they all click together and ta-da, start reading their first words!

Students are all at very different points in their learning. For students that know their sounds and letters, give them fun opportunities at home to show you what they know. Writing cards, notes, drawing pictures and including words are all fun language building activities.

For students who are still unsure of which letters are which, or don't know their sounds, please help us by practicing with their Jolly Phonics sound cards at home. At home practice allows children to gain confidence in what they know so they feel more able to share in a group learning environment. Be sensitive that kids learn at different rates, but celebrating success with language is such a motivator to keep learning more.

