



# Kindergarten Newsletter—October 2020

## Drop off, Pick Up, cold weather, and inside shoes

Just a reminder that our Kindergarten day begins at 8:15/12:15. We will only be waiting a few minutes at the beginning of the day and then heading inside no later than 8:20/12:20. If you arrive later than this, you will need to ring the buzzer at the front door and the office staff will bring your child to class. Please try your best to be on time as the office is a very busy place and they don't have time for numerous late children.

Thank you so much for your cooperation in meeting your children on time at the end of the kindergarten day. If for some reason you are going to be late, your child will be waiting outside with a teacher until 11:25/3:25. After these times, they will be waiting for you in the office where you will have to ring the buzzer at the front door. **Dismissal times are 11:20am/3:20pm (We will meet you outside at 11:15/3:15)**

The season is beginning to change and we can definitely feel it. We go outside for recess every day, even if it is cold out. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. It might even be a good idea to start thinking about putting a toque and pair of mittens or gloves in their backpack. Thank you!

*If you have not yet brought your child's inside shoes, please send them to school as soon as possible. They will be kept in the boot room in their labeled spot. As the weather gets wet and/or snowy, we will be having them change their shoes before coming into class.*

## Things to Work on at Home This Month

1. Practice printing your child's name at home. At this point in the year, uppercase OR lowercase is fine. At school, we will be using an uppercase for the first letter and the remainder will be lowercase. We are also noticing children struggling with proper pencil grip. Please ask if you need some tips on how to work on a pencil grip that will help your child become a skilled printer!
2. Kindergarten children should know their **phone number** and **address**. Not only is this part of the curriculum, but also is an important part of their personal safety.

Please work on these two things at home this month. Thanks!

### Important Dates to

#### Remember

**October 12**

Thanksgiving NO  
SCHOOL

**October 13-16**

PL days—No school

**Oct 15-16—grade 1-5**  
P/T interviews.

**October 21**

Seaman Pumpkin Day

**October 22**

Speelman Pumpkin Day

**October 27**

Picture Retakes

**October 29**

Halloween Party

### **Friday Schedule**

AM—Oct 9, 30

PM—Oct 2, 23

## Scholastic Book Orders

If you are interested in ordering books, you can do so online by clicking the link and search for your teacher and their class code.

Ms. Seaman's class code is RC225616.

Mrs. Speelman's class code is RC163593



Normally there would be flyers sent home but scholastic has transitioned to strictly online shopping and the flyers can be found for all grade levels at [scholastic.ca](http://scholastic.ca). *Please do not feel obligated to place an order, but if you are interested in buying books for your child, please consider buying them through the book club.* Each order gives our classroom points, which earns us free books and classroom goodies. Thanks!

## Homework Projects

Thank you so much for your All About Me pages and Tom Turkeys! The Me pages have been so fun to look at for show and share.

Tom Turkey is wonderful and he's one of our favorite activities for the entire year!

Sorry the two are so close together, there won't be another one until Christmas!

## Show and Share

Your child's show & share day is their special day at school. This is the time they are welcome to bring something special to show the class. The first show and share will be their All About Me page.

## Halloween Party

Children can come dressed in their Halloween costumes on Thursday, October 29. We will take time to admire all the wonderful outfits. This will be followed by a fun Halloween activities such as a craft, bingo game, dance party etc.

**NOTE:** If your child is wearing a very fluffy, or very warm costume you may want to send extra clothes in case they get 'overheated'.



## Snacks



Thanks for making healthy choices when packing snacks for school. Remember that it is just a snack and the children have a limited time (no more than 10 or 15 minutes) to eat. Water bottles are appreciated since juice boxes are rarely finished in the time given to eat. Thanks for your continued support.

## Sound Packs

By now I'm sure you have noticed your child's 'Sound Pack' in his/her backpack. We will continue to add sounds (about 4 per week) to this pack. **For this reason, it is important to store the Sound Pack in your child's backpack.** Feel free to take it out to practice the sounds and make words as often as you like. Your child has been told that this pack 'lives' in their backpack. Please help them develop responsibility in this area.