


November 2019 E.C.S. Newsletter



Our themes for November will be Healthy Habits, Seasons and Bears. Remember there is **no kindergarten** on Friday, November 1, the day after Halloween. (Grades 1-12 attend school on November 1). We will be going on our second field trip to the John Janzen Nature Centre on Friday, November 8th to find out about Clever Creatures. Please note, there is **no school November 11-15** with the BRSD scheduled fall break.

We are continuing to practice consistently holding our pencils correctly and printing our names starting with a capital letter (and the rest lowercase letters). We have now started learning about letters and letter sounds. Your child should be bringing home (and back to school) his/her red Sound Friend Book daily. In early numeracy, we started exploring amounts that are more, fewer and the same. We are enjoying the *Animal Fun* physical literacy program with Candra Sexton from Alberta Health Services. Ask your child to show you how to walk like a bear, crawl like a crocodile, slide on a branch like a cockatoo or fly like an eagle (and many more animals). They can also show how you to be a pencil pine tree or a gum tree. Look for slips of paper in your child's communication journal.

Look for Scholastic Book Fair information coming home soon. We will have the opportunity to visit the Hay Lakes School Book Fair at the school library on November 6/7 as a class. Shopping at the Book Fair supports the Hay Lakes School Library. You are welcome to send money to school for your child to make a purchase from the book fair. If you send money, please write me a note letting me know that you sent money and what you prefer your child spends it on. You can visit the Book Fair with your child on your own if you wish too!

We will be having a special “**teddy bear day**” at in November. Everyone has the chance to bring a bear (or other stuffed animal) to kindergarten so they can enjoy school too. We will be doing many activities throughout “teddy bear day” with our bears. Hopefully, everyone will feel comfortable leaving their bears at school for a special sleepover **prior** to teddy bear day. Send bears/stuffed animals to school on Tuesday/Wednesday November 26/27 for the sleepover, with Teddy Bear Day being the following class day Thursday/Friday November 28/29.

With the colder weather, students should have snow boots, a winter jacket, snow pants, a toque or hood and mittens. Please label these items if possible. This makes it so much easier to return them if they are misplaced. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We want to have fun and be warm and dry at recess. At the end of the school day, when it is cold or windy outside, bus students will be wearing their snow pants and outer wear for their ride home on the bus. This is for their safety and well-being in the (rare) instance the bus breaks down or gets stuck.

Also, a quick reminder: parents, when it is snowy or wet outside, please take off your outside shoes at the boot room if you come down to the kindergarten room. All elementary students remove their outside shoes and walk down to their classrooms in socks when they come in from outside and also walk in the hallway in their socks at the end of the day. We want their socks to be dry and clean when the students put their shoes on. If you don't remove your outdoor footwear, you may inadvertently track water or snow and mud or dirt down the hallway.

Please feel free to come see me or call me anytime if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Mrs. Wrubleski ☺



Reminder: The ECS classroom is **peanut free** for the health and safety of students and parents in the school who have peanut allergies.