ASASA Academy NE Calgary / Airdrie

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ECS (JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN / KINDERGARTEN)

September 2021

Theme of the month

Seasons (Autumn/Fall)



Dear ASASA Families,

It's back-to-school month and we are so happy to welcome your children back to school! We are thrilled to hear the chatter and see the movements of the students in our classrooms. We have put into place special measures and protocols to keep our students, staff, and families safe during these unprecedented times.

Safety First

Please remind your child to cover their coughs and sneezes with their arm (not hands). If your child is sick, it's always best to stay home and recover before coming back to school. This will help prevent the spread of germs to our friends and teachers.

Covering a Cough Keeps Germs from Spreading

When arriving at school to drop off your child, please maintain a distance from your child who is supposed to stay in a line by the glass walls of the adjacent building. Please allow us a few minutes to safely dismiss the previous class before we bring the next one inside. This process will not take as long as school progresses. We are still learning how to line-up and walk up the stairs safely.



This month we are learning and reviewing the routines and rules of Junior and Senior kindergarten. We are working on fine and gross motor skills every day. Children are also learning how to sort and count objects, and calendar topics. Please allow your child time to practice at home on how to put on their own jackets, shoes and backpack. As well as, how to wash their hand and open their own snack kit. We are learning how to do it themselves at school too. We are already getting to know the students and are looking forward to a fun year of learning and discovery!



Our theme for this month is Autumn in the four seasons. Autumn means different things to different people. The leaves change, the smell of cinnamon and apples, and the winding down from the busyness of summer can bring peace and reflection. Fall is a time to cherish the earth's last beautiful display for the year. During our September month, we are going to focus on common autumn ideas such as: Harvest (Apple, pumpkin, corn...), family, and color change/leaves. They will also learn through multiple hands-on activities about cutting, gluing and mixing primary colours to get a new colour. And provided with the opportunities to express themselves through the Show and Tell activities, story retelling, and making different art and crafts, etc.

Literacy: Students will learn multiple line patterns that will help them to make correct formation of letters (Aa- Zz) and numbers.

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We use **Jolly Phonics** for teaching literacy to our young learners. It has 42 sounds. Jolly phonics is a fun-filled and child centred approach to enhance student literacy skills. It helps students learn each letter sound through song and story. This multi- sensory method is very motivating for the children.

Communication:

Concern or Question: We are using Class Dojo and Google classroom as our communication tools. We have sent you the invite to join these applications already. If you have any questions or concerns, please leave a message on Class Dojo. You will be updated about all news and activities of our class here.

Please return **LEAD FOUNDATION**'s form given to your child in the first week; please ignore this note if you have already sent it.



Backpacks:

Please check and empty your child's backpack every day. You will find your child's schoolwork, art projects, and homework booklets there. Homework booklets will be given every Tuesday, and children are required to hand them in every Monday. Children are expected to spend at least 10- 15 minutes on these tasks every day. If you have anything to send to school (forms, notes, etc.), you can send it in your child's backpack and leave a message about it for the teacher on Class Dojo.

Reminders:

Label Everything! Please label your child's jackets, sweaters, shoes, backpacks and snack containers with your child's name.	**Allergy Alert**! Our school is now a nut-free zone. We have children with life threatening nut allergies at our school this year. Please make sure your snacks are **NUT FREE**!

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Healthy Snacks Please

Please send one, small and healthy snack to school with your child. Please do not send junk food like chips and cookies. Healthy foods help us stay focused at school!

Thank you for your cooperation!

Important Dates:

1. **Show and tell activity - Every Friday.**
2. **Labour Day Holiday - September 6**
3. **Culture Day September 24th:** Culture Day: Students will dress up in their cultural clothing.
4. **Orange Shirt Day is September 29, 2021:** Orange Shirt Day falls on September 30 in honor of Indigenous children, who survived residential schools. The orange shirt is an opportunity to say that "every child matters." There is no school on September 30, therefore the school is doing orange shirt day on September 29, 2021.
5. **September 30, 2021: Truth and Reconciliation Day, No School**

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