ASASA Academy NE Calgary / Airdrie

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September 2022

WELCOME

Theme of the month
Seasons (Autumn/Fall)





Dear ASASA Families, Message from the principal

The staff at ASASA Academy would like to extend a warm welcome to its students and their families in 2022–2023 school year! We are delighted to allow students to enter our building with fewer limitations than in previous years, and we can't wait for the AMAZING year ahead! If you have any questions after reading this newsletter, please contact us by phone or email! It is still imperative that students and staff stay home if they are unwell. Please do not send your children to school if they are sick. We will call you to pick them up immediately if they get unwell while at school

General Reminders: Please check your child's backpack every day for schoolwork, art projects, and homework booklets. **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.

Please send a **healthy snack** with them each day to help them stay focused on their work. No junk food!

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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!

Please ensure your child wears the formal uniform everyday unless the teacher specifies otherwise. Jewelry is not permitted in school. Bring coats, rain boots, hats, etc. for chilly weather and black inside shoes that may be polished.

Label Everything! Please label your child's jackets, sweaters, shoes, backpacks and snack containers with your child's name.



Field trip volunteers: Field trips provide the first-hand experience of curricular knowledge and class-related learning activities. Our students go on field trips for real-life exposure every year. We encourage parents to participate in their kids' education by taking part in school events/activities as volunteers. Parents must get a new background check if you are interested in accompanying the trips or school events. Please apply for your police check early to avoid delay at the hour of need, as it takes time to process and receive. Also, you may have a discount on the Police check fee from the Police department if you apply through our school.

Registration Forms: If you have yet to return your 2022/2023 registration forms, please do so as soon as possible.

SLP Services consent forms: For speech language therapy, we have hired Renfrew Educational services this year. They will help in developing speech and language amongst the kids. Please return the Renfrew services forms by the end of the first week.

Your child's teacher has created a **Class Dojo account** recently. It showcases class learning activities and events through photos, messages, and videos. The available information will also assist you in reinforcing these concepts at home. In addition, you may send messages and learn about school-wide activities in our Dojo School Story. We will also be posting weekly and monthly classroom news. Please visit the Class Dojo at least once a week.

Healthy Snacks 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!



Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow

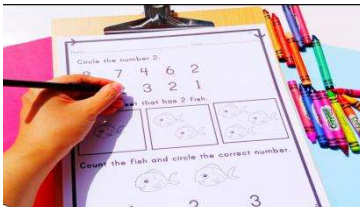
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What we are learning…



This month, we are learning and reviewing the routines and rules of kindergarten.



Numeracy**:**
Children are learning how to sort and count objects (1-10) and about the concepts in time through calendar.

1. s, a, t, i, p, n
2. c k, e, h, r, m, d
3. g, o, u, l, f, b
4. ai, j, oa, ie, ee, or
5. z, w, ng, v, oo, oo
6. y, x, ch, sh, th, th
7. qu, ou, oi, ue, er, ar

LITERACY

Students will learn multiple line patterns that will help them to make correct formation of letters (Aa- Zz) and numbers. We use **Jolly Phonics** for teaching literacy to our young learners. It has 42 sounds. Jolly phonics is a fun-filled and child centered 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.

Social and Science:
Our **theme** for the month is Autumn (Seasons). For Science and Social, we are going to focus on seasons with emphasis on autumn ideas such as 'Harvest' (Apple, pumpkin, corn...), 'family', and 'change of leaves' and how it happens. They will do related art and craft activities. Young explorers will also learn cutting, pasting and mixing primary colours through multiple hands-on activities.

In PE, Art and Craft
We are working on Gross and fine motor skills and are refining our skills each day.

Show and Tell activity: The students will express themselves through the Show and Tell activities, storytelling, etc.

Every **Friday**



9 September: My favorite toy

16 September: An interesting rock

23 September: Fruit that I like

Staff Introductions

It's a pleasure to introduce myself to the ASASA community as a teacher and team lead at the Pinetown campus. My name is Amina Arif. This is my first year with ASASA as a teacher, but I have already been working here as a substitute teacher. I am an Alberta certified teacher and have enjoyed teaching in Alberta for the past 4 years in addition to 14 years as an educationist back home. In my years of experience, I've passionately taught elementary, junior high and higher classes. I earned a master's degree both in Plant Sciences and Education. Presently, I am studying Business Administration. I love teaching kids as well as spending time with my family. I'm a big fan of learning through active engagement and participation. I believe that a child's life-long health, learning and behavior are strongly connected to their early child hood experience; therefore, I want to train them as healthy humans, learners and capable of making positive contribution to the society. I am looking forward to have a wonderful year ahead and being a partner with you all in your child's learning journey!





Hi, my name is Samina Qureshi; and this is my second year as ECS teacher at ASASA Academy, Pinetown. I hold an M.A in English literature and B. ED from India. I also completed a post bachelor certificate in educational research from the University of Calgary. I have more than 7 years of teaching experience with diverse age groups. I love working with young children – their smiles, their natural curiosity, and little gestures of love just make my day! I love trying out different hands-on activities to create a fun and engaging learning environment for my students. Here's to a great year ahead!



Hi! My name is Mrs. Yashika and I am very excited to join the Asasa Academy as a ECS/KG Teacher. I am thrilled to be your teacher and looking forward to a year full of learning fun and adventures. I can't wait to learn about you all. Let me just tell you a little about me. I just moved from Brampton, Ontario. I am an Ontario Certified Teacher with my Alberta Teaching License under process of conversion. I have my Bachelors in Education And Masters in Physics. I have more than 5 years of teaching experience. I live here with my husband and 2 years daughter.
It is very important that kids come to the classroom with healthy snacks/food as it is very well said that 'Healthy body breeds the Healthy

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Hello! My name is Ms. Nancy. This is my first year at Asasa Academy teaching ECS (Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten) students. I have over 11 years of teaching experience. I have a Bachelor of Commerce, Master of Commerce, and Bachelor of Education from University of Lethbridge. I enjoy spending time with family, travelling to several places and exploring the world in its most natural way. I believe that true learning can only take place in a fun and creative environment. I am looking forward to having a wonderful teaching learning experience this year.

Dear families – I most likely have already had the pleasure in meeting most of you upon registrations, but for those of you in which I haven't met yet, I would like to briefly introduce myself. My name is Mary, and I am the administrative assistant for Asasa Academy here in Pinetown. This will be my second year working at the school as an admin, and I am so happy to be here for another amazing school year ahead. I was born and raised here in the beautiful City of Calgary. Apart from working as an admin for the school, I also work part time on the weekends as a waitress at a hockey arena. I am a very busy girl! Whenever I do have free time, you can find me in the mountains hiking with my friends or lounging inside cuddled up to my dog with a movie on. Thank you SO much for trusting us with your children's educational journey. I am so thrilled to get to know all of these special kids. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to message me on Class Dojo – or call the office at 403-285-9277. Let's have a wonderful year!



September 19th: Terry Fox Run

Students will be fundraising and running to support cancer research. Please let your child's teacher know if you want to volunteer for this event!

Online fundraising: Online donating is easy, and donors immediately get their receipts through email. Last year we had a goal of collecting $500 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Fortunately, due to our kind and thoughtful stakeholders, we ended our online fundraising drive with $1707. This year, we will raise funds for this noble cause from Sep. 7- 16, 2022.

Asasa Academy fundraising page:
https://schools.terryfox.ca/6284

Monthly Virtue : Courage



Donate to commemorate Terry fox's "Dream of Hope" for which he won a lot of support despite losing his life to cancer.
He is a symbol of courage for all of us.

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Save the date:

Airdrie Campus	**Pinetown Campus**
School starts September 1 **1. Labour Day Holiday September 5** **2. Show and Tell Activity- Every Friday** **3. Terry Fox Run: September 19** **4. Culture Day September 24:** Culture Day: Students will dress up in their cultural clothing. **5. Orange Shirt Day is September 29:** Orange Shirt Day falls on September 30 in honor of Indigenous children, who survived residential schools. The orange shirt is an opportunity to say"every child matters." There is no school on **6. September 30**, therefore the school is doing orange shirt day on September 29. **7. September 30, 2021: Truth and Reconciliation Day, No School**	**1. Show and tell activity - Every Friday.** **2. Labour Day Holiday - September 5** **3. School starts- September 6** **4. Terry Fox Run: September 19** **5. Culture Day September 24:** Culture Day: Students will dress up in their cultural clothing. **6. Orange Shirt Day is September 29:** Orange Shirt Day falls on September 30 in honor of Indigenous children, who survived residential schools. The orange shirt is an opportunity to say "every child matters." There is no school on September 30, therefore the school is doing orange shirt day on September 29. **7. September 30, 2021: Truth and Reconciliation Day, No School**