

# KINDERGARTEN NEWS

## September Edition

### Welcome

A special welcome to the children and families who will share with us the rich and meaningful experiences of this Kindergarten year! It was wonderful meeting many of you at our "Get the Scoop!" evening. This is a newsletter issued once per month. It will arrive via email and contains classroom information. You will also find this newsletter on our kindergarten website and shared through Seesaw.

### September Themes

#### **Themes**

Welcome to Our Classroom, Getting to Know One Another and Working and Playing Together.

Letters/Sounds: Pp, Uu, Oo

#### **Outcomes**

Learning Outcomes from the Alberta Program of Studies:

- Demonstrate independence
- Show respectful behaviour
- Explore feelings and develop vocabulary of feeling words
- Recognize own name and include first name on messages created
- Explore and Identify rhyme
- Recognize repeating patterns
- Participate in a variety of physical activities and games.

This month we will also be engaging in activities that build fine motor strength, coordination and pre-printing skills. These activities will prepare our little learners for more complex cutting, printing and writing activities.

### Dates to Remember

Sept. 4: Labour Day NO classes

Sept. 14: Red Day - wear red and bring a red snack for yourself!

Sept 20: Picture Day

Sept. 20: Friends of NMR AGM

@ 7pm. All are welcome!

Sept. 21 : Terry Fox Run (Please bring a Loonie or Toonie)

Sept. 26: NMR School Council AGM

@ 7pm. All are welcome!

Sept. 22: PD Day, No classes

Sept. 29: Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Oct. 2: Day in Lieu for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation, No classes

Oct. 6: No Kindergarten

### Reminders

We learn and play outdoors as well as in the classroom so please have your child dressed in appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear. It is getting chilly in the mornings and the equipment requires steady feet to safely navigate. We will continue to visit the parks and athletic fields in the months ahead. Those in full day kindergarten spend their lunch recess outside as well.

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### Independence: Pick up and Drop Off

If you bring your child to school, please bring them to the side door at the North (playground) side of the school by 8:20 a.m. and have them line up along the fence (K1) or along the sidewalk on the opposite side (K2). Bussed children will be met and brought to this door to wait for the bell.

All Kindergarten parents are asked to wait outside these doors at drop and pick up times. This will help foster independence. During pick up a "good bye" or "eye contact and a wave" will let us know your child is safely on their way! Each child will be dismissed one at a time. Children who take the bus at dismissal time (K1) will be walked to the front of the school to catch their bus home.

If there is a change in who is picking up your child or if they are going home with a friend, please send an email and/or Seesaw message telling us who your child is going home with or call the office if it is late in the day. If you need to pick your child up early, please call into the office to let them know and then we'll have your child ready to go at the specified time.

### Nut-Free Snacks

Reminder: NMR is a nut-free school. We have several students in our kinder classes who are severely allergic to peanuts and/or tree nuts. We remind you that all snacks/lunches/treats are to be nut free. This also includes food labelled "may contain" and "in a facility that processes nuts." Thank you in advance for keeping all in our school community safe.

### Attendance

#### Arriving Late

If you are arriving late to school, please enter in the front doors of the school and check your child in at the office. They will be provided with a late slip and then they can come right to the classroom to let us know they are now here. Sometimes the children get disoriented when their routine changes and they may forget how to get to the classroom but our office staff will ensure they are safe!

#### Picking Up Late

If you are going to be late picking up your child, please call the school so that the office staff can forward the message to us. We will bring your child to the office where they will be safe and supervised until you arrive.

#### Absences

If your child is ill, please do not send them to school. For the benefit of all concerned, it is wise to keep your child at home until they have made a full recovery. Should your child not be able to attend on a given day, please use the SafeArrival App or visit the NMR website for the link. If you experience difficulty, please call the school (780) 459-1244.

### Literacy

We learn pre-reading skills including letter names and sounds, rhyming, and breaking apart and putting together sounds through the Animated Literacy Program and Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Program. Encourage your child to share the learned letter sound characters, stories and gestures with you as they learn them in school.

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## Library

Reading at home will broaden your child's vocabulary, expand their imagination and develop a love for reading. We will be visiting the school library and your child will be allowed to choose one book to borrow for the week. Please read the book with your child and return it to school on or before the next library day.

## Kinder Website

All calendars and newsletters can be found on our Kinder website. It is also a place where valuable information is posted about Kindergarten activities and learning goals that include both Kinder and Parent Pages. Please take a look around!

The link to our page can be found by following the Staff Directory link on the NMR website and in the signature portion of emails sent from your child's teacher.

## Volunteers

Family participation is encouraged in the Kindergarten Program both at home and school. We will be having volunteer parents in the classroom starting mid October. Your child will feel very special because you are there! There are many ways to help and not all of them involve being in the classroom. For example, an at-home helper can prepare playdough and help with classroom prep/cutting.

## Scholastic Book Orders

The Scholastic Book order program is a wonderful way to encourage reading and to build your home library. It also helps build our classroom libraries because we earn dollars for any orders placed. Scholastic Book order flyers will be sent home monthly (paper copy and/or digital version). Thank you in advance if you choose to participate!

We are looking forward to a wonderful start to the new school year together!  
If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Your Kinder Team,

K1: Mrs. Searle (M/T/ alt. W) & Mrs. Brady (alt. W/Th/F)

K2: Miss Stefner

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