

Wanted

I am always collecting items that the children could use at our art center, building center, and for special projects. If you have any of these could you please send them to school:

- Baby Jars - washed and labels removed. We really need these as I currently have none.
- Scrap Wood pieces - we will use these at our building center
- Old Electronics - we will disassemble these at our 'take apart' center later in the year

Home Reading Program

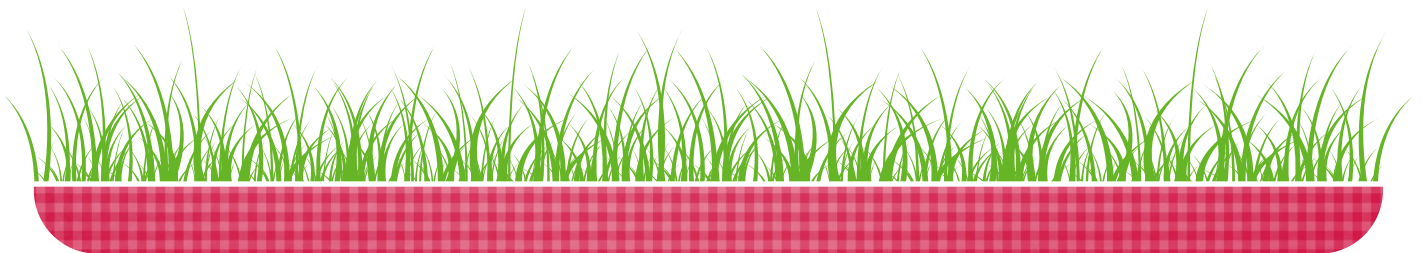
Near the end of November we will begin our home reading program. Your child will bring home a package in a Ziploc bag. Please read the instruction page and email me if you have any questions.

All About Inquiry-Based Learning

We have started our first small project—changing our drama center into an airplane and airport! If you have any materials we could use to create this imaginative play center please do send me an email!

As the year progresses, each class will be doing their own projects, based on the interests of the students. In November we brainstorm the things we want to learn about to start off our project planning. Once we have chosen our first topic, we begin with what we already know about the topic, explore different aspects of it; come up with research questions (or 'wonderings' - as I like to call them) and begin researching; and decide how we can share our knowledge with others. The timeline for projects are different; although they are typically long-term (think months, not weeks). Smaller, short-term projects also seem to weave their way into our daily learning so you may see these unfold too - they are usually tied to events in the classroom/school/community and may or may not be related to our long-term project.

During the research phase of our inquiry-project we could definitely use parent volunteers! The more helpers we have, the more we are able to diversify the project and have students explore their own questions. It's simply not possible to have students researching their own area of interest (within the project) at this age, without adult help. So please let me know if/when you are free for an hour and can come help with research.



November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Abby	3 Austin	4 Ayden	5 Safely on Board Presentation Brandan	6 Brooke	7
8	9 Picture Retake Day Hayden	10 Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:15 Kaden	11 No School: Thanksgiving	12 No School	13 No School	14
15	16 No School: PD Day	17 Kendall	18 LAC Meeting 5:00 Lane	19 Book Orders Due Leon	20 Luka	21
22	23 Mason	24 Micah	25 Paige	26 Crazy Hair Day Sydney	27 Tristan	28 Happy Birthday to Tristan!
29	30 No School: ECS Preparation Day	November/December Show and Share: For the second round of Show and Share please bring your favourite stuffie to school. If your child's name does not appear in November their turn will be in December.				