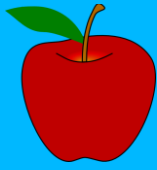


September 2022

Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome to September - a month of new beginnings! It is a busy and exciting month for all of us. For teachers and children it's a month of change, new beginnings, new surroundings, new friends, new experiences, new skills, and new challenges.

This month your child will begin to explore the world of learning and developing many new and basic skills. We will begin the year by learning grace and courtesy by practicing the following:

- Hand-shaking with eye contact
- rolling out a work mat
- working co-operatively within our classroom
- choosing classroom work independently, working with it, and returning it to its proper place
- listening skills
- care of self, ie: putting on/ taking off shoes, coat, and washing, etc.

We encourage independence and the development of self-help skills in our students. We ask that you please say good-bye at the door and allow your child to change their shoes and put their jacket away on their own. A teacher will always be there to greet your child at the door and help your child if needed. Thank you!

We will be learning all about apples this month! We will learn about the apple life cycle, what we can use apples for and different types of apples. We will be doing some apple science and look at the different parts of an Apple. We will also be talking about Kindness, Peace and Self-Care. We will be beginning to introduce our Self-Care days and talking about how we can create a peaceful classroom and what it means to be kind and respectful.

We are so excited to get started learning

and having fun!

Kleenex

With the start of school comes the beginning of cold and flu season! We are asking children to bring in a Kleenex box on their first day.

Family Tree

Please send a family photo to school to hang on our family tree! The children love checking out their family and showing their classmates.

Attendance

Our program starts at **9:00am** every morning. In order for the teachers to plan activities, outings and for staffing needs it is important for them to know when children will be late or away. We do send staff home or to other classrooms if they are not needed.

Please call or email us if you will be arriving later than 9:00am or if your child will be away. The classroom is a busy place and at times we may be unable to reach the phone; please leave a message and we will check them once we are able to. If a return call is needed, we will phone as soon as we can! Our direct classroom line is **250-851-9345** and our email is **jelc.newsletter@gmail.com**

Important Dates

Thursday, September 1st: First Day of School

Monday, September 5th: **School Closed** (Labor Day)

Wednesday, September 22nd: Parent Orientation Night 6:00-7:00pm

Friday, September 30th: **School Closed** (National Day for Truth & Reconciliation)

Monday, October 10th: **School closed** (Thanksgiving)

Tuition/Fee Reminders

Tuition fees are due on the **1st of every month**. We accept cash, cheque or pre-authorized debit may be set-up by submitting a void cheque. We will

implement a late fee charge for payment submitted after the 1st as stated in our Fee Schedule Agreement. Make up days or refunds will not be available for holidays and/or sick days.

Please keep in mind we have a fee for late pick-ups. Our class ends promptly at 5:30pm. Thank you for your co-operation ☺

Self-Care Days

We will be having one or two self-care days each month for the children and the staff! We believe that teaching the importance of taking care of yourself and showing yourself love are so important! If we can introduce these concepts to them at an early age, we believe that they will be more likely to continue this practice as they grow up!

On self-care days, children are welcome to wear whatever they want; whether this is PJ's, a costume, comfy clothes or anything else! We will be drinking fancy water (lemon water), listening to calming music and each day will introduce a new form of self-care such as yoga, meditation, drawing, painting nails etc. If you have any ideas for a form of self-care, please let us know! We will also be sending home resources and/or activities to practice self-care at home.

These will begin in October!

Parent Orientation Meeting

Come meet the teachers and other new families to the center! We are having a parent orientation meeting. All families are welcome however we are encouraging new families especially to join us! This informative evening will take place on **Thursday September 22nd** in our preschool classroom from 6:00-7:00pm

A presentation will be given on the Montessori classroom, which will include a short video. There will be a parent handbook given out and we will go over policies and procedures as outlined in the parent handbook and answer any questions you may have. Refreshments will be served and their

will be a draw for a children's activity for all those that attend! Please join us for this educational evening.



Happy Birthday to:

Miss Amy on September 17th!

Ariya B. who turns 4 on September 19th!

We have a special birthday celebration at Montessori and we would like it if you could please send a picture of your child when they were born as well as a picture each year up until their current birthday and complete the questions that we send home. This helps us create a very special day for your child!

Show and Share

We will be officially starting show and share in October. Your child is welcome to bring in a show and share **once a month!** There will be a sign-up sheet on the front table at the beginning of each month. Please help your child choose something special to bring in for example a photo, one of their collections, a special memento from a trip etc. **We ask that you do not send your child with a toy (action figure, doll, stuffed animal, lego.)**

Show and Share is a really great way to allow children to develop their public speaking skills and self-confidence. It also allows them to think up questions and learn how to respectfully listen to one another.

Scholastic Book Orders

You are able to order online through the Scholastics website! When ordering, please enter our classroom code: **RC130431**. With every purchase made, the school receives Bonus Coupons towards FREE books and materials for the classroom.

Daily Tasks

Upon arrival at school, please read the communication board outside the classroom, it will outline what some of the activities will be that day. This may also help you to spark some conversation about what your child did in the classroom. If your child has anything to take home, it will be found in their file. This file will be placed outside the classroom every day and your child will have one with their name and picture on it. Any notices or invitations will also be found in your child's file. Please check these at the end of each day!

Please don't be alarmed if your child is not bringing home paperwork because in the Montessori classroom we are very progress oriented and a lot of the materials are to be used and left in the classroom. For example: a child may be working with many of the manipulatives such as "The Golden Beads", "Geometric Solids" or "Color Tablets" during their classroom sessions. These activities are in the classroom daily and cannot be taken home, therefore, they wouldn't bring home paperwork or finished products that would indicate they had worked with that particular activity that day.

Emails Needed!

We are paperless! Each month newsletters will be sent to your email account. Please take the time to read the newsletters. They often contain important information about what is happening in the classroom as well as specific dates and /or events coming up. If you do not receive a newsletter, please let us know. A monthly newsletter will be posted on the communication board inside the classroom. We will require all emails to make this happen and would appreciate it if you let us know if and when your email address changes.

Mabel's Labels

Throughout the year we hold various different fundraisers to purchase new activities and materials for our classrooms. We will be participating in a year long Mabel's Labels fundraiser. Mabel's Labels is a Canadian based company that provides very useful

labels for household needs, including Daycare Packs! This fundraiser will be open all year. It's so easy to purchase, just head over to Mabel's Label website and then click Support a Fundraiser. From there, search our center name and that's it! I've included the link below ☺ Feel free to share with your family or friends!

https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/

Updated Information

Please let us know if your place of work, address or your telephone/cell number has changed so we can keep your child's file up to date! Thank you.

Weather Reminder

We go outside everyday as long as the weather permits. Please ensure that your child has proper attire for the day! It's always a good idea to keep rain pants and a sweater in their backpack this time of year. If you are unsure if we will be going outside, it's best to assume we are :)

Please also ensure you have a change of clothes in your child's bag that is whether appropriate!

On days that weather permits, we will start our day in the yard from 7:30-8:20am.

Donations Welcome

In order to assist us with upcoming and on-going projects, you may (if you wish) donate coffee beans, soap for grating and rinsed and dried eggshells for crushing

If you have any extra grocery bags laying around, we would love to take them off your hands for any accidents at school.

For September we are asking for donations of Sunflowers for a seed tweezing shelf activity.

Practicum Student

We will be hosting a practicum student who is completing their Early Childhood Educator Diploma. They are in their 2nd practicum and we are so

excited to welcome them into our classroom community!

Parent Contact List

Would you like to receive a list of phone numbers of your child's classmates for play dates etc.? If so, please be sure to write down your own contact information on the form posted outside the classroom. **This will be posted until the end of September.** After this date, only those parents who have signed up on the list will get a copy of the phone number/contact sheet. Due to licensing regulations, we are unable to provide this list afterwards.

Allergy in our Class

We do have a couple children in our program that have a severe tree nut allergy **Please do not send any tree nut items to school with you child.** This includes pistachios, cashews, almonds. Thank you for your understanding!

Parking Reminder

We have 10 parking spots that will be labeled "RESERVED JELC" in our parking lot. Please use these spots when dropping your children off and picking up. We will also have a map posted on the main door of our classroom for the month of September.

We do encourage you to still use the downstairs door to enter. You can pull up near our classroom. Please remember to turn off your car when you are dropping off or picking up. Idling has become an issue and we have young lungs at work! Please let me know if you have any questions.



Class Photos

We will be having class photos and individual photos taken in mid-late September. Please check your emails for further information in regards to the exact date (to be determined) and what time each class will be going. Each child will receive a class photo and individual photos and packages will be available for purchase.

If your child does not attend on this day, you are welcome to bring them just for their class photo and individual photo on this day, we will do those who's parents are waiting first

Classroom songs

Here are a couple of our classroom songs that you can sing with your child before the first day of school!

Snack song

*We fold our hands and softly say,
Thank you for our snack today!
Bon appetite, let's eat!*

Good Morning Song

*Good morning, good morning,
Good morning to you!
I'm happy to see you
And how do you do?*

*We look forward to the
upcoming year!*

Sincerely,

*Miss Grace, Miss Pyper, Miss Amy,
Miss YounNam, & Miss Francesca*