

October Kinderchatter

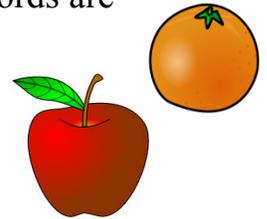
Welcome to the beginning of October! I can't believe how fast the month of September has flown by. We have been blessed with fun days outside at recess, new classmates and gym classes. I want to say thank-you to everyone for your prayers and encouragement as we start the year together. Please continue to hold our class community in your prayers.

The topic of study for **October** is “**God’s Gift of Good Food**”. Our God is the Creator, Sustainer and Ruler over all creation. He has provided for all our needs; this includes the food we eat to keep our bodies healthy. God wants us to be good caretakers of our bodies. He also wants us to discover and to enjoy the diverse gifts of food that He has given to us. Our **Bible Memory Verse** for the month is from Psalm 136: 1 & 25, “Give thanks to the Lord because He is good; He gives food to every living creature; His love is eternal.”

Since we are focusing on nutrition this month we will be creating healthy snacks in class. The snacks will be simple and contain fruits and vegetables; we will be sure they are nut free. I will be asking for food donations throughout the month.

In Literacy our letters are M (mom), T (top) and A (mat). Our sight words are “like”, “see”, and “the”

In math we will be starting to recognize patterns in the environment and basic shapes around us.



Important Dates- October at a glance:

****October 2:** First day of **Nutrition** Unit – please send *grocery flyers or food pictures cut from magazines*

October 9: Professional Development day – NO SCHOOL

October 12: School Day for Tuesday/Thursday class

October 12: Grade 3 Food Drive Items (more information at the end of this newsletter)

October 16: Picture Re-take Day & Kindergarten Class Photo

October 16: Kindergarten Interim Report emailed home.

October 18 & 19: Teachers’ Convention – NO SCHOOL

CLASSROOM NEWS

1. We are also fortunate to have Ruth Reitsma volunteer in our classroom. Mrs. Reitsma spent many years teaching at CCS before her retirement. We are blessed to have her in our class from time to time. ☺
2. Considerable attention has been given to establish the correct way to hold pencils. We spend a lot of time working on printing our letters and numbers starting at the top. When your child prints or colours at home, encourage them to hold the pencil as they have learned at school and remind them to print letters starting at the top using their “pinchers”. **Please see my e-teacher page for printing practice language that we use at school.**
3. I will be sending the Letter Flashcard Ring home this week. Please keep your child’s **Letter Flashcard Ring** at home. Each week a new letter will be sent home for you to add to the ring. Please use this as a review- your child should know the **name of the letter** and the **sound it makes**. Did you know each letter has an **action it makes**? Your child knows this and would love to show you. Regular review of the letters and sounds helps to build a strong foundation when learning to read. Also please review the letters in your child’s name. Children feel a sense of pride and confidence when they can correctly identify their name.
4. Sharing Items: In September, I have enjoyed getting to know the children through the items they chose to bring for sharing time. **This month, because we are studying about FOOD, for sharing times they are asked to bring in items related to this topic.** In the past, students have brought in a picture of them catching a fish, pictures of them eating around a campfire, labels from their favourite type of cereal (great for letter recognition). They might share a story of their best birthday cake, or cut out a picture of their favourite food from a grocery flyer. I even had one boy bring in the recipe for his favourite cookies and ask me if I could make a batch. ☺ The possibilities are endless and I look forward to learning more about your child through their interests and knowledge of food.
5. We will be going to the school library once a week on Thursdays. The children may check out one book. Please have your child return his/her book **in their library bag** each Thursday. A new book will not be sent home until the previous book is returned.
6. Field Trip and Classroom Photos: All CCS parents are kindly being asked to ensure that if they take any pictures of their child’s classmates on field trips or during other school activities that they not post them on any social networks or websites. This is a FOIP issue and we thank you for your understanding.
7. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer in our classroom to support the needs of our class. The Fall Volunteer Schedule is now posted on my e-teacher page. Remember that in order to volunteer in the school you must begin the process to fill out a Police Check. If you have not already done so, please see the ladies in the Front Office to begin the process.

Have a wonderful time of Thanksgiving this month.

Blessings,

Cheri Groot

Blessed by God to be a blessing.

Grade three is excited to be doing a Thanksgiving Food Drive (non perishable, dry goods only) this fall as our community service project. The goods we collect, as a school, will go to the Food Pantry operated by Emmanuel Church next door. These items will then be distributed to families needing assistance in our neighbourhood. The students suggested this idea as a way we can tangibly help shape God's world.



Please have your donation at the school by Friday, October 12.

Suggestions for food and supplies currently needed:

- pasta sauce, pasta, and noodles
- canned fruit, canned veggies
- tea, coffee, juices
- peanut butter, jam
- canned meats of any kind
- rice
- personal hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap)

Thank you again for your support in this work of love.