

## October Kinderchatter

Welcome to the beginning of October! I cannot 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 words of encouragement. 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 am in need of food donations throughout the month as we study the various food groups. If you are able to contribute something from the list below, please email me.

**October - 8th** - small pieces of various fruits for students to sample (apples, grapes, bananas, melon, etc)

**October 15** - small pieces of various vegetables for students to sample (carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, cucumbers, peppers, etc)

**October - 22** - milk, yogurt, frozen fruit to make smoothies with the students

In Literacy our letters are M (mom), T (top) and A (mat).

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

**If you have not contacted me about your volunteer preferences, please do so. I would like to have the schedule completed by October 4th, so volunteers can start October 8th.**

Don’t forget to send the September Homework bag back to school once your child has completed the activities. Students are very excited to show me what they can accomplish at home in the area of fine motor control. I will send the October package home once I have received the completed work.

## **Important Dates- October at a glance:**

**October 4:** please send *grocery flyers or food pictures cut from magazines*

**October 10:** Kindergarten Interim Reports will be emailed

**October 24 & 25:** Teachers' Convention – NO SCHOOL

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 18.

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.

The Grade 3 Team

Happy Thanksgiving!

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