



Westview Education Society

RISE and SHINE PRESCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

What a joy it has been to be back in the classroom and to be able to get to know your children this past month. Thank you for your patience as together we get used to new health regulations and ways of providing a positive preschool experience for the children. We have appreciated how diligent each of you have been in following the health protocols, thereby helping us keep our Preschool safe and healthy!

This first month we have concentrated on becoming comfortable with the classroom routines, as well as getting to know each other's names. Last week we learned about how God created the plants and animals, and then gave Adam the special job of naming all of the animals. What a fun job that must have been! We've talked about Autumn and introduced the calendar. Our beautiful fall weather has allowed us to be outside most days where we've been able to observe many seasonal changes.

This week finds us focusing on what it means to be thankful as we get ready for the **Thanksgiving Holiday on October 12**. Then we'll turn our attention to apples and pumpkins and, as October comes to a close, we will enjoy a fun Fall Festival on **Thursday, October 29** and **Friday, October 30**. Children may wear costumes to Preschool on the day of their Fall Festival but we ask that the costumes be friendly, fun costumes which are easy to play in and not scary for other children. *Please, no costume masks as many children find these scary.*

I look forward to a year of fun & learning together!

Dawn Worobets



School Photo Days:

A professional photographer will be taking individual and class photos on ***Wednesday, October 21*** for the MWF Class and ***Thursday, October 22*** for the T/TH Class. *Please note that this year, you need to book online by October 16th if you would like photos taken of your child.* An email with the booking guide and a link to Alpina Photography was sent last week. If you have not received this email, please contact Rebecca to resend the booking information.

Alberta Health Guidelines:

Thank you for monitoring your child's health each morning before coming to Preschool. Just a reminder that children with any symptoms which are common to Covid 19 must be kept home for 10 days from the onset of symptoms, or until they are symptom free, whichever is longer. Symptoms include runny nose, fever, cough, shortness of breath and sore throat. If a child tests negative for Covid, he or she may return to preschool as soon as symptoms are gone. If a child develops symptoms during our class time, the parent will be called to pick up their child.

Our Alberta Licensing officer was in for an inspection and was pleased with how Rise & Shine has implemented the guidelines. Our inspection reports are always available for you to read. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions about these Health regulations or inspections.

Contact Information:

If you want to contact Dawn or Hilda, please call or text our **classroom cell at (403) 690-6197.**

We appreciate a quick text if your child will be away, or if you will be delayed at pick-up. Dawn, our teacher, can also be contacted by email at dawnworobets@gmail.com. Please feel free to send her an email, or speak to her in person before or after class, if you have any concerns or need information about our classroom activities.

Rebecca, our Office Administrator, will be in the office Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am - 12:00. You can reach Rebecca by phone at (403)239-1114 during office hours or by email at wespreschool@gmail.com anytime.



Scrapbook Pages:

Our class Scrapbook is a book about the members of our class. This week, each child will receive a page to take home and make a scrapbook page about themselves. ***Please print your child's first name at the top of the page and include at least one picture of your child.*** You may also want to add something about their favourite people and activities. Both sides of the paper can be used. We will compile the pages into a class scrapbook which the children enjoy looking at during the year to talk about themselves and to see their class friends. The pages will be returned at the end of the school year. Please return your child's page before the end of October.

Coming Events:

Friday, October 9 - Organizational Day for teachers - **NO CLASS** for students

Monday October 12 – Thanksgiving Day – PRESCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday, October 21 – Picture Day for the MWF 4 Year Old Class

Thursday, October 22 – Picture Day for the T/TH 3/4 Class

Thursday, Oct. 29 & Friday, Oct. 30 – Fall Festival (children may wear fun, friendly costumes)

