



# ASASA Academy NE Calgary / Airdrie

## NEWSLETTER

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ECS (JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN / KINDERGARTEN)

**October 2021**

## Theme of the month: My Family

# family

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people in your life who are close to your heart. who bring out the best in you. who laugh, celebrate, and dream with you. who love you infinitely.



This theme encourages students to understand that family is an integral part of life. It holds great importance as it is the first point of influence that helps shape and mold our fundamental values and beliefs of life. "Family" isn't defined by last names or by blood; it's defined by commitment and by love. It means showing up when they need it most. It means having each other's backs. It means choosing to love each other even on those days when you struggle like each other. It means never giving up on each other!" (Dave Willis, 2016). Therefore, we should be proud to be a part of a family. This theme provides the opportunity for students to talk about the people most important to them and also helps them realize that family is something we all have in common, regardless of how our families look! We will integrate this concept across all our subjects, such as:

*Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow*

### Literacy

Songs on Family such as:

"Family Members Song" -

<https://youtu.be/NVEzzzia8Yo>

"We are a Family" -

<https://youtu.be/foptl0BeXnY>

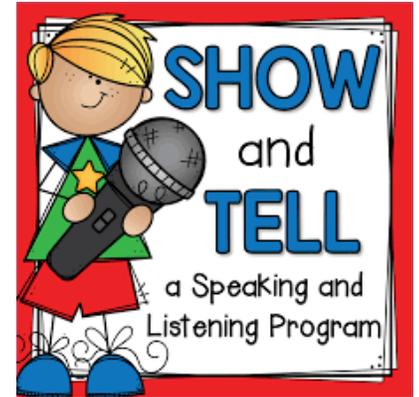
1. s, a, t, i, p, n

2. c k, e, h, r, m, d

Phonics: Jolly phonics group 1- 2 letters/ sounds Pp, Nn, Cc Kk, Ee, and Hh. Students will be encouraged to relate these sounds/ letters with their family members' first letter of their names.

Story Illustration: We will begin learning to draw a scene from a theme-based story after listening to it. It will enhance students' comprehension and creative skills.

Self-Expression: Story Retelling and Show and Tell.



### Numeracy

Numbers 0-6 will be taught and reinforced. In addition to oral knowledge of these numbers. Students will learn how to show a number in different ways, such as using their fingers, through pictures, ordinal numbers, ten frames, and other manipulatives.

### Science

We will be continuing to investigate our inquiry-based learning on "Fall/Autumn" this month. Students' critical thinking will be challenged which will enhance their problem-solving skills.

### Social

Students will learn the social skills vital for a family member.

### Theme-based Project

Students will be asked to make a family tree project at home. They will present their family tree during Show & Tell later this month.



### Reminders

**Uniform:** Please ensure your child wears their uniform every day unless otherwise specified by the teacher. Students are not to wear jewelry to school.

**Extra set of clothing:** Please send a set of clothing with your child if you have not already. This ensures that extra clothes are ready in their cubbies in case of any spills or accidents.

**Winter Clothing:** As the weather gets colder, more layers are required to keep your child warm. If the weather permits, we will have 20 minutes for outdoor recess. However, in the beginning it takes the entire class 20 minutes to get everything on and off. With time, it will get easier and faster, but you can help with this process! Please practice with your child at home on how to put their winter gear on, in other words, zipping, buttoning, changing their shoes, etc. If they can get ready on their own, they will get more time outside.



Please refer to this video, to see a fast way for your child to put on their jackets: <https://youtu.be/5J7SlnawmmO> . Thank you for your cooperation!

**Label your child's belongings!**

Please label all jackets, hoodies, boots, shoes, hats, mittens, water bottles and snack containers with your child's name. They may end up in the Lost and Found if unlabelled.



**Halloween**

We will celebrate Halloween this month! Students may wear a costume or orange and black clothing to school on October 29th. There will be an Art & Craft activity planned for this day.

**Important Dates**

| Pinetown   | Airdrie  |
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| Tuesday, October 5 - World Teachers' Day<br>Friday, October 8 - Non-Instructional Day. No classes.<br>Monday, October 11 - Thanksgiving. No classes.<br>Friday, October 29 - Halloween Show & Tell | Tuesday, October 5 - World Teachers' Day<br>Friday, October 8 - Non-Instructional Day. No classes.<br>Monday, October 11 - Thanksgiving. No classes.<br>Friday, October 29 - Halloween Celebration |

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