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ECS (JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN / KINDERGARTEN)

September 2023

WELCOME

Theme of the month
All About Me



Dear ASASA Families,

Message from the principal

As we embark on the back-to-school journey this month, we warmly welcome you and your children back to the school. We want to assure you that the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and families remain our utmost priority. Hence, we implemented some measures and protocols to form a secure and conducive learning environment for everyone. Please do not send your children to school if they are sick. If your child gets unwell at school, we will call you to pick them up.

General Reminders: Please check your child's backpack every day for schoolwork, art projects, and homework booklets. **Homework booklets** will be given every **Tuesday**, and children are required to hand them in every **Monday**. Children are expected to spend at least 10-15 minutes on these tasks every day.

Kindly provide a **nutritious** snack to your child every day. It will aid them in staying attentive and engaged in their tasks. Please refrain from including any junk food in their snacks, as we aim to promote a healthy learning environment.

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Allergy Alert! We would like to inform you that our school has implemented a nut-free policy due to the presence of students with severe nut allergies. It is crucial that you ensure all snacks you send with your child are completely nut-free. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in creating a safe environment for everyone.

Please ensure your child wears the formal uniform daily unless the teacher specifies otherwise. Jewelry is not permitted in school. Bring coats, rain boots, hats for chilly weather and black inside shoes that may be polished.

Label Everything! Please label your child's jackets, sweaters, shoes, backpacks and snack containers with your child's name.



Field trip volunteers: Field trips provide the first-hand experience of curricular knowledge and class-related learning activities. Our students go on field trips for real-life exposure every year. We encourage parents to participate in their kids' education by taking part in school events/activities as volunteers. Parents must get a new background check if you are interested in accompanying the trips or school events. Please apply for your police check early to avoid delay at the hour of need, as it takes time to process and receive. Also, you may have a discount on the Police check fee from the Police department if you apply through our school.

Registration Forms: If you have yet to return your 2023/2024 registration forms, please do so as soon as possible.

SLP Services consent forms: For speech language therapy, we have hired Renfrew Educational services this year. They will help in developing speech and language amongst the kids. Please return the Renfrew services forms by the end of the first week.

Your child's teacher has created a **Class Dojo account** recently. It showcases class learning activities and events through photos, messages, and videos. The available information will also assist you in reinforcing these concepts at home. In addition, you may send messages and learn about school-wide activities in our Dojo School Story. We will also be posting weekly and monthly classroom news. Please visit the Class Dojo at least once a week.

Healthy Snacks Please send one, small and healthy snack to school with your child. Please do not send junk food like chips and cookies. Healthy foods help us stay focused at school!



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What we are learning...

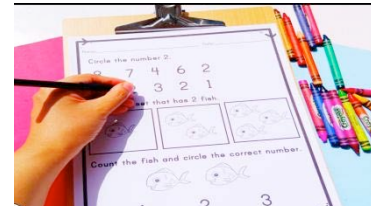
This month, we are learning and reviewing the routines and rules of kindergarten.



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Numeracy:

Children are learning how to sort and count objects and about the concepts in time through calendar.



1. s, a, t, i, p, n
2. c k, e, h, r, m, d
3. g, o, u, l, f, b
4. ai, j, oa, ie, ee, or
5. z, w, ng, v, oo, oo
6. y, x, ch, sh, th, th
7. qu, ou, oi, ue, er, ar

LITERACY

Students will learn multiple line patterns that will help them to make correct formation of letters (Aa- Zz) and numbers. We use **Jolly Phonics** for teaching literacy to our young learners. It has 42 sounds. Jolly phonics is a fun-filled and child centered approach to enhance student literacy skills. It helps students learn each letter sound through song and story. This multi-sensory method is very motivating for the children.

Social and Science:

Our **theme** for this month is "All About Me". Children will do activities to express themselves. It will develop their self-awareness and build a sense of community in the classroom. They will talk about their family members, favourite colours, favourite toys, pastime activities or what they like the most, which will help to develop their oral language. This theme allows 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.

In PE, Art and Craft

In physical education, we are dedicated to refining both gross and fine motor skills. Through a variety of exercises, games, and activities, students will have the opportunity to enhance their physical coordination, balance, and overall motor skills. In arts and crafts, children will do creative activities to express and recognize different emotions and feelings.

Show and Tell activity: The students will express themselves through the Show and Tell activities, storytelling, etc.

Every Friday

8 September: My favorite toy **15 September:** My Family Photo

22 September: Fruit that I like **29 September:** Favourite Rock



Staff Introductions

Hello,

My name is Gurbinder Kang, and I am delighted to be part of the ASASA community this year as a teacher and team lead. My educational background lies in science, having attained a master's degree in Human Genetics and Education. As a lifelong learner, I am currently pursuing a Post-Baccalaureate in inclusive education to further enrich my teaching process. With over 18 years of teaching experience, I have worked as a science teacher and embraced the role of a kindergarten teacher for the past three years. Teaching is my passion, and I firmly believe that every child is unique and has the potential to succeed. My teaching goal is to create an interactive, playful, and enjoyable learning atmosphere for young minds, fostering creativity, curiosity, and kindness. In my view, education is a journey that should be as delightful as it is enlightening. I love to spend time with my family and friends



Hello!

My name is Ms. Daljeet Kaur Saini, you can call me Ms. Saini. I have been teaching kindergarten since 2013. This will be my 1st year teaching at ASASA Academy. My academic background is in Social Science and I hold a Bachelor's degree in Humanities as well as in Education. I am married and have 2 boys. Apart from spending quality time with my family I love cooking and travelling to new places .I have a flexible style of teaching that can cater to all students and abilities. Teaching is my passion. I believe in frequent Parent teacher communication, which helps us both to understand the ever-changing needs of the kids. This will be a wonderful year full of learning and fun.

Hi there! My name is Ms. Irina and I am thrilled to embark on another year as a kindergarten teacher! This is my second year at ASASA, and my 6th year as an educator. I have a bachelor's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in psychology, with a focus on child development. I have taught special needs classrooms and have vast experience in early learning therapy. I have a true passion for working with our youngest learners!





I am so excited to be a part of the ASASA family! Both of my children have attended school here and have loved being at ASASA. This will be my 2nd year to teach at ASASA and I love our school community! I have taught across grades including Kindergarten in my 7 years of teaching experience, which also includes 1 year in York Region School District Board, Ontario. I am very excited to start my 8th year of teaching here with all of our children in Asasa Academy. I am a graduate in Biotechnology and finished my Bachelors of Education in Science from back home, India. Bridged my studies here in Canada by completing Master's of Science Degree in Biotechnology. I began my journey here at Asasa as a Kindergarten educator in 2022 and have really enjoyed moving back into classroom teaching role. I carry a passion for helping children reach their potential and love to challenge students to be curious and take chances when learning. I love my family the most and love to listen to music while sipping my Indian tea. I look forward to getting to know you this year!

Hello I am Syeda Mahnoor Fatima. For approximately 6 years, I've called Calgary home with my family, though my roots trace back to Pakistan. My educational background encompasses a Bachelor's in Education, a Master's in Political Science, and a work-in-progress Childcare Level 3 certificate. I worked as a Daycare Assistant for almost two years at Goodstart Daycare where I focused on helping kids grow and learn. Prior to that I taught at a Junior High for three years in Pakistan, where I improved my teaching skills and developed a passion for education. Outside of work, I enjoy arts and crafts and hosting social gatherings. I am thrilled to join Asasa Academy and look forward to contributing



My name is Aliza Parvin. I started working with ASASA from the beginning of this year as an educational assistant. My academic background is in science. I hold a Master's Degree in Geography and have a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Bangladesh. I have taught high school for 4 years as well. I am a passionate artist who loves to spread joy. I am also volunteering with a non-profit science organization that works with elementary students across Canada. I have 2 kids and a loving husband. I am very excited to be working with this new team and am looking forward to this upcoming school year!

September 17th: Terry Fox Run

Students will be fundraising and running to support cancer research. Please let your child's teacher know if you want to volunteer for this event!

Online fundraising: Online donating is easy, and donors immediately get their receipts through email. This year, we will raise funds for this noble cause from Sep. 7- 17, 2023.

Asasa Academy fundraising page:
<https://schools.terryfox.ca/6284>

Monthly virtue : Courage



Donate to commemorate Terry fox's "Dream of Hope" for which he won a lot of support despite losing his life to cancer. He is a symbol of courage for all of us.

Save the Date:

Airdrie Campus

1. School starts September 5
2. Labour Day Holiday September 4
3. Show and Tell Activity- Every Friday
4. Culture Day September 25: Culture Day: Students will dress up in their cultural clothing.
5. Terry Fox Run : September 28
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