Fisher Branch Early Years SMAIL CAIK



October 2023

Important Dates

- Oct 2 Orange Shirt Day
 - 3 No School Professional Development
 - 6 Thanksgiving Dinner for Students & Staff
 - 9 No School Thanksgiving Day
 - 13 Popcorn Day 20 No School
 - MTS Conference 23 Fundraising Orders Due
 - 27 Hot Dog Day







Principal's Message . . .

Welcome to October and the season of Thanksgiving! I hope that we are blessed with a long season of colours and warm weather. At FBEY, our school family has a lot to be grateful for.

We would like to say a big thank you to all students, staff, and community members who walked on Sept. 22nd and to the families who pledged donations in the <u>amount of</u> <u>\$1800</u> to our Terry Fox Walk. Your generous donations and ongoing support help our community in the fight against cancer and continuing Terry's legacy.

I would like to express my gratitude in belonging to a special learning community. It is a true gift to work with kind and engaged students, a talented and passionate staff, and in partnership with caring, supportive families and community members.

> What are you thankful for? Who are you thankful for? Why are you thankful?

> > Sincerely, Mrs. Angela Caines

Parents,

With the rapidly changing weather, please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for outside play. Students are expected to be outside for all breaks.





Halloween Costume Guidelines

Students are permitted to come dressed in a costume for school on Halloween. However, they should be appropriate for the school environment:

- Costumes are expected to be in good taste and family oriented.
- Costumes are not allowed to have any dangerous objects (i.e. toy swords, toy guns, chains, skates, etc)
- Costumes should not be too scary (so that our younger students are not frightened).
- Costumes that are offensive to others' religion, race, culture or belief system are not permitted.

If you have any questions about your choice of costume, please talk to the classroom teacher to avoid any disappointment.





FBEYS SNACK TIME

Our teachers will now be providing a few minutes for a morning snack. Please send something small & nutritional for your child.

The snack should be all 'ready-to-go"!

- The school does not provide cutlery.
- We do not have microwaves. A thermos is a great way to keep lunch warm.



The Kindergarteners are off to a great start this year!

The K students are enthusiastic and eager to learn. We have been learning our numbers, from 1 to 30, and from 10 to 1.

The Kindergarteners have also been learning letters and their sounds. Just as importantly, our K students are learning and playing together well, everyone is making new friends.

In September our class listened stories and did shared writing about Terry Fox. We joined the rest of the school on the Terry Fox walk.





The Grade 1 class has been discussing seasonal changes, in particular changes observed with trees and leaves in the fall. The students enjoyed creating a fall tree art project to demonstrate their knowledge. They created texture by dipping paint on to balls of tin foil and then dabbing one colour at a time on their tree branches and the base of their tree trunk. The class enjoyed discovering that they could paint with something other than a paintbrush to create an art project. The finished products look amazing on the wall. Come by and check these out if you have a chance!





Our grade 2 students have been learning about residential schools and discussing why all children matter. Students coloured orange shirts and wrote about why they matter. We will continue to cover the topic of residential schools in the upcoming week.





The Grade 3s are having a great beginning of the school year! They participated in the Terry Fox Run, where they were excellent helpers for the kindergarten class. We talked about how Terry Fox is a Canadian hero and we shared about who our heroes are and why they are special to us. The Grade 3s had many great ideas about what makes a person their hero. In October, students will continue to develop their writing skills through a variety of genres, including narratives and poetry.



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The Grade 4's enjoyed painting for the first time this year. They used different mediums and tools to create autumn trees. First, they used watercolour to paint a grass and sky background. Next, they learned about printmaking by cutting tree trunks out of craft foam then wrapping them around a paper towel tube. They rolled the tube in paint, then over their background which made their trees. Then paintbrushes were used to add branches to the trees. Finally, cotton swabs were dipped in different colours of acrylic paint to make leaves. There were many steps, that required a lot of listening and patience, but everyone did a great job.









