

The Letter of The Week: A

In Kindergarten we will be playing with the sounds, and shapes of the letters of the alphabet.

Our new letter of the week is "Aa"! Our letter monster is "hungry" for things beginning with that letter. He would love to eat drawings, small objects, or pictures from magazines which begin with the letter A. (Objects fed to the monster will be returned home Friday or sooner if they are very precious).

Last week, during M week, the monster ate men, monkeys, magnets, macaroni and money. On Friday we went on a mmission to find in the Forest the letter M. We discovered mushrooms (but didn't touch any), moss, and made a map.

ME!

We haven't received very many photos for our tree. Sometimes children are reluctant to part with precious photos from home so if you could send in a copy which we could put up on the wall that would be great. And perhaps reassure your child that one copy is for school and one stays at home. We are still getting to know one another in Kindergarten. On the reverse see a list of ideas to help us with our Me/Family display.

Green Gym t-shirts

We will have gym with Jeannette's class this year. Kindergarten students are invited to wear their gym shirt to school that day to save time changing. In grade 1 they will be asked to change before and after gym class.

Song Duotang

Each Friday, your child will bring home their song duotang. We invite you to spend some time singing some of the songs in English and French. Please return the song duotang on Monday or Tuesday so we can add new songs.

Forest Fridays & Bug Spray

Our first Forest Friday was a huge hit. We discovered more than 3 forts, and many mushrooms in incredible shapes. We found some garbage and recycling and added it to ours – leaving the forest an even better place. Our first day, we explored the woods in search of a nice place to have snack, read and relax. I observed children settle disputes among themselves, solve problems related to safely navigating a steep path, staying together and managing their possessions and garbage/recycling. One student made a map and we tried to follow it, and another found a stick which became our detector of garbage and recycling. The children asked to read 3 stories! Next Friday we will build on this knowledge. We also learned that we really need bug spray to be comfortable –at least in this weather and a water bottle, if possible. I have 3 extra bottles at school which I can lend if someone forgets theirs. We brought our blankets into the woods and had the loveliest relaxation I have ever experienced in Kindergarten. We packed them in book bags to take home to be washed for the weekend and ask they be returned Mondays. It may also help with lice control – which as far as I know we don't have in Kindergarten at the moment. We also ran up and down the "big kids" hill! Many times.

### International Fairy Tea Party Day

Friday September the 23<sup>rd</sup> is International Fairy Tea Party Day. It's on our calendar, but we have not planned any activities to mark the occasion. We have talked about it a bit. We would love any fairy related ideas you may have!

### Scholastic Orders Reminder

If you would like to order books from Scholastic, the deadline will be Friday, September 30, 2016. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Canada or send exact change.

Thanks and have a wonderful week,  
Cathy

## Me Project & Family Tree Ideas

- Family photos (copies of)
- Baby photos       "
- Pet photos         "

Make a poster or a book with your child including:

- favourite colour
- favourite food
- favourite toys/games/activities
- favourite sports/hobby/other pastime

Paint a picture with your child.

Make a picture for your child and include a message of love and encouragement.

Other:

Any other idea that you like!