

## September Reflections

What a great start to the school year September has been! The children are engaging well within the program and have already started to develop friendships with one another.

We have had fun exploring our play spaces, the equipment on the playground and the gymnasium.

Through our observations and daily conversations with the children, we are learning more about their unique strengths, positive qualities and their many interests.

We are excited for the fun, learning and growth we will experience this coming year, and we are proud of how well the children are already doing!



### UN Rights of the Child Article #2

**All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are a boy or a girl, what their culture is, whether they have a disability, or whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.**

## October Activities

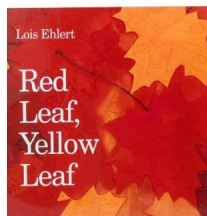
We will observe and discuss the changes we see happening in nature as the season starts to change and the beautiful colors of autumn surround us. We will collect and explore leaves, pinecones, sticks, and rocks as we spend time outdoor in nature to help us create our very own Autumn collage.

On Thursday, October 15 the Head Start Health Team will do a handwashing presentation with the children.

On Friday, October 30, we will end the month with a variety of fun activities at our Halloween party!!

### Story of the Month:

Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf  
by Lois Ehlert



### Topics:

- Celebrations/ Traditions
- Autumn
- Thanksgiving/

### Mark your Calendars!

**Agency CLOSED** - Thanksgiving -  
Monday, October 12

**Field trip to Sprucewood Library -  
Wednesday, October 28**

Parents/Guardians are welcome to join us on our walk to visit our neighborhood Library. We will take part in a tour of the library as well as story time programming. Please sign and return the attached field trip form giving permission for your child to attend.

**Halloween dress up party/parade -  
Friday, October 30**

Children are welcome to dress up in their favourite costumes/outfits on this day. We will be taking part in fun activities, including a parade throughout Norwood centre. Please do not send any weapons, scary masks, or food with your child (including candy). A special snack will be provided from our kitchen. If you have any questions, please phone us at 780-471-3737 ext. 233.



## Special Helper Days

Starting in October, we will be introducing “special helpers” in our program. On the calendar, you will see two names on program days indicating that day’s special helpers.

**AM class** – The child’s name is **green**

**PM class** – The child’s name is **blue**

On your child’s special helper day, they can bring three (3) items to show and share at group time. This provides the opportunity for children to work on their language development by talking about and describing their items and asking and answering questions.

Please ensure the items fit in your child’s backpack. The special helper will also have opportunities to help with special tasks throughout the day and be the line leader.

| SUN | MON                                | TUE                     | WED                                       | THU                      | FRI                                               | SAT |
|-----|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----|
|     | <b>Morning</b><br><b>Afternoon</b> |                         |                                           | 1<br>Haley<br>Jacob      | 2<br>Joseph<br>Ezra                               | 3   |
| 4   | 5                                  | 6<br>Ava<br>Jaina       | 7<br>Joury<br>Bennett                     | 8<br>Henose<br>Dior      | 9<br>Yobel<br>Halle                               | 10  |
| 11  | 12<br>Agency<br>CLOSED             | 13<br>Pawmuna<br>Rachel | 14<br>Eliana B.<br>Ihlass                 | 15<br>Barkeet<br>Caleb   | 16<br>Hiba<br>Christian                           | 17  |
| 18  | 19                                 | 20<br>Lincoln<br>Jacob  | 21<br>Yafet<br>Ezra                       | 22<br>Razan<br>Jaina     | 23<br>Nathan<br>Bennett                           | 24  |
| 25  | 26                                 | 27<br>Yanet<br>Dior     | 28<br>Field Trip<br>Sprucewood<br>Library | 29<br>Eliana Y.<br>Halle | 30<br>Dress up<br>Party/Parade<br>Grace<br>Rachel | 31  |

## Referrals

Did you know there are different ways you can book vaccine and immunization appointments for you, your child, or other family members?  
Scan the QR code to find out more.



## October Birthdays!

**Ava - October 22**