# JK News

#### October 2012

### Fall Walk

On Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> (or Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> if the weather does not cooperate) we will be going on our fall walk.

Please dress for the weather, as we will be walking around campus to observe the fall changes using our five senses. For example, we will listen to the leaves crunching under our shoes, and we will look and listen for geese migrating south. We will also be collecting nature items to create collages which will be photographed and then sent home.

Be sure to ask your child specific questions about the walk. You are more likely to get an answer this way!

## **Pumpkin Party**

Our class Pumpkin Party will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> during school time. More information will be sent home mid-October.

Parent volunteers will be needed to help with learning activities. Please let me know if you are able to stay for class time.



#### Read In Week

For more than 20 years Edmonton students have been participating in Read In Week. Members of the community share their love of reading with children by visiting schools to read to classes.

I am very excited to announce that we are beginning our Read In Week with a visit from the Dean of Education, Dr. Fern Snart, who will be reading to the morning class. Throughout the week, faculty members will be coming to our classroom to read us their favourite books! To wrap up Read In Week we will be walking to the HT Coutts Library (the library within our building) where a librarian will read to us!

See the calendar for the full list of visitors that will be reading to us throughout the week.

#### **Art and Creation Materials Collection**

Dear families,

I love having a variety of materials in the classroom that the children can access throughout the day for art creations, creative play, and science activities. If you have any of these items in your home and no longer need them, please consider donating them to our school. Please ask your friends and relatives to save these items for us too!

Buttons	Keys	Wallpaper scraps
Thread spools	Acorns	Fishing line
Felt	Ribbon	Sponges
Material Scraps	Beads (plastic & glass)	Wire
Wallpaper paste	Wrapping paper	Magazines
Rocks	(small pieces)	Shoe Boxes
Paper towel tubes	Egg Cartons	
Baby jars (washed and labels removed)		

Tin Cans (washed and labels removed)

Old Calendars (please save these in December,

as we use the images)

This forest, made by Augustus and Jasper, is an example of children using diverse materials for play. They used sticks, pinecones, rocks, magnetic builders, and even drew rivers to create a landscape for our play animals.

