



FDK Calendar

Important Days:

- 1st – Last Day of Full Day of Terry Tan
- 4th – Labour Day: Centre Closed
- 5th – First Day of School
- 5th to 8th – Friendship and Mentorship Week
- 23rd – First Day of Fall
- 29th – Wear Your Orange Shirt For National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- 30th – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Reminders:

Your child will need extra clothes and shoes for both the school and Terry Tan. Please label these items to help figure out who the items belong to. Layers are great as the temperature changes throughout the day.

How Does Learning Happen?

“Belonging refers to a sense of connectedness to others, an individual’s experiences of being valued, of forming relationships with others and making contributions as part of a group, a community, the natural world.” *How Does Learning Happen? Ontario’s Pedagogy for the Early Years. Page 7*

We will be working together to create a space where every child feels like they belong and are a valued part of the classroom. Every child is different and unique in their own way. Each with their own individual strengths or talents. This year we want to continue to show our leadership skills and help support each other with different things. This month we will be working on our strengths.

Friendship and Mentorship Week:

This summer we had a Friendship and Mentorship week where the SK’s mentored the JK’s by helping them learn the routines, of the classroom. It was a big success! This will be an ongoing experience throughout the school year. This will give the children an opportunity to develop new friendships, build leadership skills while creating a sense of belonging for all.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation:

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation happens every year on September 30th. The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

This year National Day of Truth and Reconciliation will fall on a Saturday. We will be wearing our orange shirts on Friday the 29th and learning about this day.



Image: Every Child Matters 2023 logo Winner.

If you would like to learn more please click on the link. <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>