



St. Paul Elementary Early Learning Program News October 2020



This month's focus:

We will be exploring autumn, Thanksgiving, leaves and the farm. We are learning about being in class with new friends, new routines and having fun with different daily activities. We allow your child to do as many things as possible independently. They love to hang up their own coat, put away their snack, find their name for the tree and check their own mailbox at the end of our day. It is important for children to learn these skills and good for brain development. They can do it! Also, each child needs a change of clothes to keep at school. Send them in as soon as you can. We keep them in a labeled zip-lock bag with their name on it. We will be having a fun day for Halloween on Fri. the 30th. All children are invited to attend that day. We focus on dressing up and using our imaginations. Due to COVID, this year we are not allowed to pass out treats from home at school.

Important Dates:

- Oct. 9** – PD Day, No school for students
- Oct. 12** – Thanksgiving Day – No School
- Oct. 13** – Divisional Collaboration Day, No School for students
- Oct. 30- Halloween Fun Day**, children can wear costumes & **All children are invited**
- Nov. 11** – Remembrance Day, No School
- Nov. 20** – PD Day
- Nov. 29 – First Sunday in Advent



Our program hours are now: 8:50 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Thank you for being on time!

Also, we are part of the school breakfast program, so we have some food for the children when they come in.



"Play is the foundational building block of human cognition, emotional health and social behavior." - Erika Christakis
Early Learning Program is messy fun! We spend a lot of time in play, which is vitally important for children at this age. It is how children build many skills they need. It is truly their "work". Remember to take time to play at home too. Follow your child's lead. Do what they love with them. It is worth it!

- Special Helper Days start this month. We will draw names daily. We keep special days simple, and at their comfort level. They sit at the front during meeting time. They choose some of the toys and get to be the leader if we leave the room, etc. Some children may prefer not to be the center of attention and that is ok, we will still make sure they feel special.

- Scholastic Book Orders are now online and get mailed to you directly. I have a code for you to use so that our program earns points for your purchases. Please ask me if you have any questions. Books are one of the best things you can get your child!

- We go outside most days. Talk to your child about choosing outdoor clothes for the day that will keep them warm and be easy to play in. Sending an extra hoodie is helpful, as the children get very warm running around outside, and heavy coats can make them quite sweaty.