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**Fall Open House:** Thank you to everyone who made it to our “Fall Open House” last week! We were thrilled to meet so many new families, and we look forward to working together this year!

**Class Website:** We are excited to announce that our class website is now up and running! The website will feature news about what is happening in our room, links you can use at home, and pictures of the many exciting activities we have going on in Poole’s Garden! The address is: <http://poolesgarden2013-2014.weebly.com>

**Teacher Conferences:** If you were unable to make it to the “Fall Open House”, and are interested in coming for a conference, please contact Mrs. Poole by e-mail at: cpoole@mail1.scdsb.on.ca, or by phone at: (705) 728-5246.

**Halloween:** No costumes will be permitted at school; however we encourage dressing in orange and black for that day!

 "Play lies at the core of innovation and creativity. It provides opportunities for learning in a context in which children are at their most receptive. Play and academic work are not distinct categories for young children, and learning and doing are also inextricably linked for them. "

(Ontario Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program, 2010)

 “In play, children represent and transform the world around them, providing other children and adults with a window into their thoughts and perceptions, and often helping adults to see the world in new ways.” (BC Early Learning Framework, 2008)

We have had a busy first month of Kindergarten in **Poole’s Garden**! The children are becoming familiar with our daily routines and understand that by following classroom rules, everyone has an opportunity to play and learn in a safe, happy environment.

Please continue to discuss our classroom rules with your child: we are safe, we are kind, we share, we show respect, we keep our hands and feet to ourselves and most importantly… we have **FUN**!

In our classroom, we like to be “**Bucket Fillers**”. This concept is taken from one of our favourite books, “Have You Filled a Bucket Today?” The book describes how each person has an invisible bucket that needs to be “filled” every day. We focus on positive interactions between our students, friends, and family. This includes showing kindness and love each day, and expressing our appreciation for those around us. By participating in these positive behaviours, we help to fill each other’s buckets, and in turn help to fill our own! Have you filled a bucket today?

**Skill Building:** Please take some time to practice putting on and off footwear, putting on jackets, and especially zipping up zippers with your child! We have several busy transition times throughout our day and being prepared for these tasks, as well as learning to take personal responsibility for their belongings, are important skills in your child’s kindergarten development. Labeling your child’s belongings is also very helpful in finding any lost items.

**October News**

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