



# CLASS ONE NEWS

October, 2016

## Communication Corner

### What is core vocabulary?

During our IEP team meetings, you will, or have probably noticed that many of the goals set for your child, include a reference to 'core words' or 'core vocabulary'. What are these words and why are they so important?

Core vocabulary is made up of the words that everyone uses most often when they speak. Though there are more than 100,000 English words, there are only about 350 words that the average person uses all of the time. In fact, up to 80% of the words said in a normal day come from this list of 350. These are the words used most often to request, to comment on things, and to share feelings and ideas.

It only makes sense then, that children who have difficulty communicating should learn how to use and express these words first. Therefore, the JMCC School has committed to helping Speech and ACC therapists to bring these words into the everyday environment of the classroom.

Over the next months, we will look at which words are being taught and ways that they can be reinforced at home as well. We are excited to begin this communication adventure with you and your family!

## October Special Events

**Oct. 5** – Parent Council Meeting– All are invited to join. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m

**Oct. 10** – Thanksgiving Day. There will be **no** school for staff or students.

**Oct. 25** – IEP's go home.

**Oct. 26-30** – IEPs will be sent home sometime this week. This is a summary of the goals set at the team meeting.

**Oct. 28** – PA Day. No school for students.

**Oct. 31** – Halloween – The children will Trick or Treat around the Centre. Dress in costumes or black/orange.

**Oct. 31** – Student of the Month Assembly. All are welcome to attend!

## Look What We've Done!

### Amazing Accomplishments

Every month we will highlight the wonderful progress made in our class. This month we are focusing on the great job our friends have made adjusting to our new class!

**Regan** – is doing a great job learning to use her communication device!

**Filip** – is learning to say all of his classmates' names!

**Zahraa** – is beginning to independently use her Step by Step during Circle Time!

**Sandy** – is quickly learning to use her Core vocabulary words to communicate with her classmates!

**Mia** – is using her Sep by Step to indicate when she wants a turn.

**McKayla** – is modeling for the new kids how to use a GoTalk and where the core words are found!

**Ethan** – is doing wonderfully using his Step by Step!

**Noah** – has really opened up and is enjoying playing with all of his new friends!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Parent Council Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10</b> Thanks- giving	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> IEP's go home	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> PA Day
<b>31</b> Halloween & Student of the month assembly				