



November 3-7

School hours 8:45am – 2:37pm

Nov-Dec Executive Learning Skill: Organization

Some key school events this week

Monday, Nov 3

Tuesday, Nov 4

Gr.5 Strings 8-8:45am
Gr.2-5 Chess Club @ 12:10-12:35pm

Wednesday, Nov 5

Div 12-18 Lego Club @ 12:10-12:35pm

Thursday, Nov 6

Gr.5 Strings 8-8:45am
Drumming Circle gr.3-5 @ 12:10-12:35pm

Friday, Nov 7

Leadership @ 12:10-12:35pm

Important events coming up

Monday, Nov 10:

Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45am

Tuesday, Nov 11:

Remembrance Day: no school for students and staff

Wednesday, Nov 12:

FUN Lunch (pizza)

Executive Function Focus for the months of November and December => Organization

This month at SJD we are focusing on the executive functioning skill of **organization**, which is the ability to keep track of materials, plan ahead, and manage belongings and tasks. For elementary-aged children, developing organizational skills is an important step toward independence and confidence in school and daily life.

At school we will be practicing building our organization skills by using visuals and examples of what an organized desk and backpack look like, using checklists and visual schedules to remember what to do next, modelling how to get ready, helping students clean out desks and workspaces, and encouraging the use of agendas and planners in older grades.

At home, students are encouraged to follow simple morning and evening routines (visual checklist help here) to prepare for school, to talk about the day and activities that are coming up during the week, and to support children to clean out backpacks on a regular basis.

We will also build on our skills of growth mindset and self-talk to encourage students to remember that **organization** is a *learned skill* that grows with practice and support. With patience, consistency, and teamwork between home and school, children can build on this skill to feel more prepared and ready to learn.

