

# Welcome to Kindergarten

## Staff in Room 3A

Nick Radia is the classroom teacher.  
Lorraine Lendor is the Early Childhood Educator.

## Staff in Room 3B

Nicole Sealy is the classroom teacher.

## Staff in Room 10

Diane Fulton is the classroom teacher.  
Elaine McDonald is the Early Childhood Educator.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to our school. We are very excited and looking forward to working with your child this school year. With your help and support, we will aim to create a fun, challenging and safe classroom environment where your child will be excited about learning.

## Our Classroom

Over the summer, we worked very hard to clean up the classroom and to set up an exciting, safe and stimulating environment. You will have an opportunity to see the classroom during Curriculum Night. A note with the day and time will be sent home shortly.

## School Hours

The Full Day Kindergarten program begins at **9:00am**, and ends at **3:30pm**. Please make sure that your child is dropped off and picked up on time. Late pickups can create a lot of stress for the little ones especially when they see their friends leaving and they are still at school. If your child will be absent that day please call the office and leave a message at 416 393-0670.



## Drop-off

School begins at 9:00 am. Students are to be dropped off at the kindergarten yards. Please do not leave your child unattended on school

property at any time. When you drop off your child please be sure to make contact with your child's teacher so that we are aware your child has been dropped off. You can give a simple wave or come and say hello. During morning drop off is a great time to have a quick chat to pass on any information we may need to know (i.e., someone different will be picking them up). ***Once you have dropped off your child, kindly close the gate to the kindergarten yard behind you to ensure student safety.***

## Dismissal

Dismissal will take place outside of the classroom. (in south gated area between the parking lot and the playground). Dismissal is at 3:30 pm. Please be on time to pick up your child. If your child is in child care they will be taken outside to meet the childcare staff on the playground at 3:30pm.

## Backpacks

Students should always have their backpacks when they come to school. It is very important that we establish a good school habit from the very beginning and help our students become responsible and develop good organizational skills. Please make sure that the backpack is an appropriate size that can easily fit various book sizes. There is no need for the children to have any additional items and carry extra weight in their backpacks other than the *Library Book Bag* (which will be sent home shortly) and their lunch.



## Home Bag

Your child will be bringing home a mail bag that is their *Home bag*. This bag will be used to send home important letters as well as class information throughout the year. Make sure that you check your child's backpack daily and remove newsletter or notices and other items that do not belong in the *Home Bag*. Teach and model to help your child get organized for school.

## SeeSaw

Learning in Kindergarten is Play-Based, meaning students learn through play opportunities and various materials that are purposefully provided. Since there is very little pencil and paperwork coming home, students learning will be shared through an app called SeeSaw. Each student will receive a registration page providing you instructions about how to sign up for this app. Please note that it is a closed-portal system. Only those you provide the code to can access and see your child's portfolio.

## Monthly Calendar

A monthly calendar will be sent home detailing important things we will be doing, such as gym, library, or special events. Please refer to it so that you can send your child prepared for school.

## Lunch and Snacks

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY FOODS CONTAINING NUTS!**

Some of our students have severe allergic reactions to certain foods that can be life threatening. The school provides a snack in the morning for the children through our nutrition program so there is no need to send snack. You are able to pick your child up for lunch and take them home. If you are taking your child home for lunch you must sign out in the office. Please label all lunch containers with your child's name and send in a refillable water bottle.

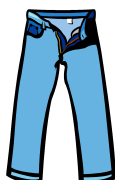


## Birthday Celebrations

Please **do not** send in anything for your child's birthday (i.e. loot bags, cake, treats, etc). We will be doing birthday celebrations in our own little way in the classroom.

## Clothes

Please send a second change of clothing to be kept at school in the event that your child needs a change. The extra items that you send should include underwear, shirt, pants, socks. Please place the clothing



in a ziploc bag and **clearly label** it as well as all their clothing with your child's name.

We also ask that you send a pair of **running shoes** with your child that can remain at school for the year. These indoor shoes will be worn inside and used for physical education. Your child should be able to put these shoes on independently so velcro or slip-ons are usually the best choice.



## Physical Education (Gym)

The students will have many opportunities for physical education in the outdoor classroom and also in our school gymnasium.



## Library

Ms. Diakun is our Teacher-Librarian. We will visit our school library once a week. Later in the month, your child will also receive a *Library Book Bag*. They will use this to carry their library book home once a week. Read and enjoy the book for the week and return it for the following Library day.

## The Outdoor Classroom

The children will have the opportunity to do **MANY** hands on explorations in our outdoor classroom. It is **very** important that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather! If the weather forecast is calling for rain we may still go out so please send your child with rain boots, a raincoat, etc. As the winter months approach, please make sure your child is bundled up with a hat, scarf, mittens (or gloves), snow pants, winter boots and a warm jacket.

## Home Toys

As part of our school rules, we do not allow home toys or trading cards at school. Please make sure your child does not bring any toys from home to school. If your child brings a toy, they will be asked to keep it in their backpack. If they are not able to do so, it will be taken from them and returned to you at the end of the school day.