

# Welcome to Kindergarten

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We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to our school. If you would 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 Classrooms

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**. If your child will be absent or late, please call the office and leave a message at 416 393-0670.

## Drop-off

Instructional time begins at **9:00am**. There will be staff on duty from 8:45am if you wish to bring your child earlier. Please do not leave your child unattended on school property. When you drop off your child please

be sure to make contact with one of the staff 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.

## Dismissal

Dismissal will take place at the Outdoor Classroom (at the back of the school in the north gated area). Dismissal is from 3:15-3:30pm. 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 is in childcare they will be taken outside to meet the childcare staff on the playground at 3:30pm.

## Inclement Weather

Occasionally there will be days when we are not able to be outside for drop off and pick up. On these days there will be a sign posted on the front door of the school. Please drop your child off in their classroom. Dismissal for all 3 classes will be in the Library on the first floor.

## 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 other than the *Library Book Bag* and their lunch.



## Home Bag/Folder

Your child will be bringing home a mail bag/folder that 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 papers to help teach and model for your child how to get organized for school.

### 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.

### On-Line Communication

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, student learning will be shared through **Google Photos**. We will no longer be using SeeSaw as the TDSB does not support the data stored on this app. We will send home more information about **Google Photos** shortly.

### Lunch and Snacks

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



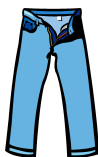
Some of our students have severe allergic reactions to certain foods that can be life threatening. The school provides a snack in the morning for the children through our nutrition program so there is no need to send snack. Students will eat lunch in their classrooms with a Lunchroom Supervisor and the ECE. 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 their 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)

Mr. Bennett is our Phys. Ed teacher. The students will have the opportunity to visit the school gymnasium for physical education.

### 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 for DAILY hands on explorations in our Outdoor Classroom with Kareen Climenhaga as well as their classroom teachers. 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 the proper gear. 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.