

### **The Kindergarten Program - Rooms 101 & 102**

Welcome to Tom Longboat. We are excited to be your Kindergarten teachers and look forward to working with all of you in room 101 & 102. School procedures and class routines look different this year as we endeavor to follow Covid 19 protocols. Teachers have participated in training and signs have been posted in our school to help students and their families adjust to our new normal. In the first few weeks we will spend a lot of time learning and practicing these new procedures. **Wearing masks, maintaining physical distance** and engaging in **frequent hand sanitizing/washing** will quickly become a part of our daily routine. Individual materials and manipulatives have been given to each student for safely completing activities (I.e. markers, crayons, pencil).

The Kindergarten program in Room 101 & 102 focuses on having children explore, imagine, and create. Children are encouraged to learn and grow through meaningful activities where they can build a sense of responsibility and independence. Throughout the program children will be encouraged to demonstrate their learning and communicate their thinking and ideas through talking, drawing, writing and visual arts.

#### **Kindergarten Curriculum**

In the Kindergarten program, four “frames” are used to structure the program and assessment. The four frames that will be followed are:

- Belonging and Contributing
- Self-Regulation and Well-being
- Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematics behaviours
- Problem Solving and Innovating

These can all be found at the following link:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/kindergarten-program-2016>

#### **Assessment**

Children's learning will be evaluated according to the four frames. The following methods will be used.

- Observation and conversational notes
- Checklists
- Work samples
- Self assessment
- Descriptive feedback

#### **Daily Components of the Kindergarten Program**

- Whole class activities/small class activities
- Daily reading/number recognition
- Snack time, lunch time
- outdoor/indoor creative movement/physical activity

Should you have any comments, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either of us at the following email addresses.

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