

Welcome to



Kindergarten!

This is an exciting time for you and your child as you begin together the journey through your child's school years. We look forward to providing you and your child with the best possible experiences and hope that you consider yourselves partners with us in your child's educational experience.

To follow are some important dates for the first few weeks of school for September 2021:

Tuesday, September 7th Welcome to our School

You are welcome to come by the school for a casual meet and greet with the Kindergarten teachers between 10:30-11 or 1:00-1:30 at the Outdoor Learning Area (by the school garden picnic tables north-east side of the school). Activities will be available for children to participate.

Wednesday, September 8th & Thursday, September 9th - Parent/Teacher/Child Conversations

Please sign up for a Parent-Teacher-Child Welcome conversation available online using the link provided: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MitJvyk0p1i8pDIHwdhK85XF_oza8DAIM6AgJ8T2Exk/edit?usp=sharing

There are no formal classes on these days as each child will come to Room 102 located at the West Wing door with their parent(s) to share some information about themselves. This provides teachers with important information to get to know each child and to answer any questions and/or concerns that families may have.

Friday, September 10th - First Day of Gradual Entry

Children attend in small groups for 1 hour, (assigned by last name):

9:00-10:00 A-H 10:30-11:30 I-P 12:30-1:30 Q-Z

Shortened sessions help students to adjust to their classroom environment and feel safe and secure. It provides them with an opportunity to gradually get to know and feel comfortable with their teacher and fellow students.

On Friday afternoon, the school will be sending out an email to let you know which class and at what time to bring your child on Monday and Tuesday. This will be your child's class for the remainder of the school year.

Monday, September 13th - Gradual Entry

Your child will attend either from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. OR 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. The time is allocated by last names and indicated in the email received Friday afternoon. Please contact the school if you did not receive an email on Friday. This will be the class your child will be in for the rest of the Kindergarten school year.

Tuesday, September 14th - Gradual Entry

Your child will attend either from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. OR 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., in the same groupings as yesterday. This is the first day your child will need to **bring a snack**. Due to nut allergies, please do not send nuts as part of your child's snack. Please send something small (something your child can eat with minimal assistance in 10-15 minutes) and nutritious (no candy, chips or sugary snacks). Water in a reusable water bottle or container is also recommended.

Wednesday, September 15th - Gradual Entry

All students attend from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Your child will need a nut-free **snack**

Thursday, September 16th - Gradual Entry

All students attend school from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

This is the first day your child will need to **bring a snack and lunch** to school. In addition to your child's small snack, please send along a **nutritious lunch in a reusable bag/container**. Sending along a reusable water bottle is also recommended. If your child is not used to a bag lunch and/or has a tendency to be a picky eater, please take the time to plan your child's lunch with them beforehand, taking into account what they already like to eat. Taking a shopping trip together, allowing your child to pick out some food they would like, and making your child's lunch together are some fun and interactive suggestions to help with this. A microwave or kettle, **is not** available to students, so please do not send along foods that need to be heated up or require hot water.

Friday, September 17th - Gradual Entry

All students attend from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Your child will need to **bring a snack and a lunch**.

Monday, September 20th - Regular School Hours

From now on, all students begin to attend school during regular school hours from 8:50 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please refer to the bell schedule and school calendar located on our school website.

We look forward beginning this journey with you and your child!

Thank you,
Kindergarten Teachers