



June 2024

Dear Kindergarten students and parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten at Strathcona Elementary School! We look forward to working together to provide the best possible experience for your child during this transition year from home to school.

To help with future planning we'd like to let you know that there will be a \$50.00 fee for Kindergarten supplies. Some of the supplies will be labelled and used only by your child. Others will be used communally. We will also ask you to provide a few other items such as a backpack and indoor shoes. Please bring the \$50.00 fee with you to the individual conference. It can be paid in cash or by cheque (payable to Strathcona Elementary)

KINDERGARTEN GRADUAL ENTRY

To help ensure a successful school experience for each child, the Kindergarten year will begin with a gradual entry into full days and an individual conference (20 minutes) during the beginning of September. Some of the sessions include only half the class so the children have more opportunities to make connections with peers and staff. We understand that the gradual entry schedule may be inconvenient for some families. Our years of experience have taught us that this is the best way for children to be successful with starting school and we hope you will find a way for your child to attend every session. After class groupings have been set, you and your child will have an individual conference with the teacher (Sept.12 or Sept. 13).

****You signed your child up to be in GROUP A or GROUP B when you attended the Kindergarten Orientation on June 20.**

Mini Session #1: Wednesday Sept. 4

GROUP A 8:30-10:30 am

GROUP B 12:00-2:00 pm

Please do not send anything with your child today.

Mini Session #2: Thursday Sept. 5

GROUP A 8:30-10:30 am

GROUP B No class today

Please do not send anything with your child today.

Mini Session #2: Friday Sept. 6

GROUP A No class today

GROUP B 8:30-10:30 am

Please do not send anything with your child today.

Mini Session #3: Monday Sept. 9

All Kindergarten children attend from 8:30-10:30 am.

Please do not send anything with your child today.

Mini Session #4: Tuesday Sept. 10 All Kindergarten children attend from **8:30-11:30 am**

Please bring a backpack with indoor shoes, a refillable water bottle and a snack.

Mini Session #5: Wednesday Sept. 11 All Kindergarten children attend from **8:30-1:00 pm**

Please bring a backpack with a refillable water bottle, snack and lunch.

Individual Conference: Thursday Sept. 12 or Friday Sept. 13

Please call the school office (604-792-9301) on Tuesday September 10 to schedule your appointment. The conference will be in your child's classroom and will include teacher, parent and child. Please bring the \$50 school supply fee with you to the meeting.

Monday Sept. 16 Full day sessions of Kindergarten begin (8:19 am-2:20 pm). Please bring a backpack with a refillable water bottle, snack and lunch daily.

Sincerely,
Strathcona Elementary Kindergarten Teachers