

## **Kindergarten Gradual Entry Information for Parents**

Kindergarten Gradual Entry includes both the phasing-in of small groups and shortened attendance times. This gradual introduction to Kindergarten builds a solid foundation for school life by:

- ☺ Allowing children to adjust to their new environment, teacher and peers in a smaller group and for a shorter school session.
- ☺ Allowing time for each family to meet in person or by phone with the teacher to share important information about their child and to build positive relationships between home and school.
- ☺ Allowing the teacher to focus on smaller groups during the Kindergarten Gradual Entry period, introducing children to classroom routines and procedures, and easing the transition for children so they will feel comfortable and valued as new members of the school community.
- ☺ Allowing time for teachers to review and practice the health and safety protocols for students that align with current health guidelines.

We understand that Kindergarten Gradual Entry may be challenging for families. Thank you for supporting your child during this transition to school. Creating a positive beginning is important for each child and pays off for the rest of the year. We look forward to a wonderful Kindergarten year!

