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Dear Parents and Guardians of Kindergarten Students,

A warm welcome to Dr. F.D. Sinclair Elementary School! We are thrilled to have your child join our vibrant learning community. The first two weeks of school will be a bit different for your child compared to those in grades 1-7, as they will be participating in a special gradual entry program.

Your child has been assigned to either Group A or Group B for these initial weeks.

- Students with last name starting with **A – K** is GROUP A
- Students with last name starting with **L – Z** is GROUP B.

You'll find the gradual entry schedule included below.

Purpose of Gradual Entry:

The gradual entry program is thoughtfully designed to create a strong foundation for your child's school experience by offering:

- Opportunities that foster a sense of belonging, ownership, and connection with their teachers, classmates, and school.
- Shorter school sessions that help ease the transition into this new and exciting environment.
- Dedicated time for families to share important details about their child, helping us build a positive and supportive home-school relationship from the very start.
- Smaller group sessions where teachers can introduce classroom routines and procedures, giving each child the attention they need to feel comfortable and valued as new members of our school community.

Child-Focused Conversations:

We understand that you, as families, are your child's first and most important teachers. To nurture a positive home-school relationship, we invite you to join us for child-focused conversations, which will offer:

- A welcoming space for you to share insights about your child, discuss your expectations, address any concerns, or ask questions in a comfortable, private setting.
- A chance for our teachers to share valuable information about the classroom and school environment.

These conversations are scheduled for Thursday, September 12th. Our Kindergarten teachers will work with you to find a time that best suits your availability, ensuring we have a meaningful opportunity to connect.



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Social and Emotional Support:

We know that transitioning into kindergarten is a big step, and we encourage you to engage in activities and share books with your child that promote emotional literacy and mindfulness. Here are some resources to help support your child during this transition:

- [Naming Emotions](#)
- [Name That Feeling](#)

We look forward to partnering with you to make this an exciting and positive start for your child.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6	7 LABOUR DAY (No school)	8 Confirm Registration & Welcome Families 10:20 - 10:50 Group A Last Names Starting with A - K Group B Last Names Starting with L - Z	9 1.5-hour class Group A 8:35- 10:05 Group B 12:35 - 2:05 *Bring water bottle and snack	10 1.5-hour class Group A 8:35- 10:05 Group B 12:35 - 2:05 *Bring water bottle and snack	11 2-hour class Group A 8:35- 10:35 Group B 12:25 - 2:25 *Bring water bottle and snack	12
13	14 2-hour class Group A 8:35- 10:35 Group B 12:25 - 2:25 *Bring water bottle and snack	15 3-hour class Groups A and B 8:35 - 11:35 Child-Focused Conversations with families *Bring water bottle and snack	16 4-hour class Groups A and B 8:35 - 12:35 Children stay during lunch Child-Focused Conversations with families *Bring water bottle, snack, and lunch	17 Kindergarten Students not in session on this day Child-Focused Conversations with families	18 4-hour class Groups A and B 8:35 - 12:35 Children stay during lunch Child-Focused Conversations with families *Bring water bottle, snack, and lunch	19

Sincerely,

Harvir Hothi, Principal