



Welcome to Kindergarten

May 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

We want to extend a heart-felt WELCOME to all our new kindergarten students and their families! COVID-19 has changed many aspects of our society, and our Welcome to Kindergarten program is no exception. Normally, we would be physically welcoming all of you into our building, but because this is not possible given our current situation, we would like to extend a 'virtual welcome'. We hope that you find this package informative and encouraging as you and your child begin their K-12 school journey with us this September. Our WTK package will include:

- A welcome message and introduction of the office staff
- An introduction of our kindergarten teachers for next year as well as other teachers
- YouTube link to a video-tour of the school
- YouTube links to various picture book readings by staff
- Kindergarten Orientation document
- Additional documents on reading aloud with your child and play-based learning activities (from the Ministry of Education)

The Katzie Office Staff



Sol Lee - Principal

Katzie is a wonderful school with delightful students and an outstanding staff team! I count myself blessed to serve this learning community and look forward to working with our new kindergarten students this fall! When I'm not in the school, I'm usually in the outdoors with my lovely wife and three daughters.

Lori Ingles – Vice Principal

Mrs. Ingles is one of the Vice Principals at Katzie. She works in the office and also teaches part-time. She is married with two teenage children (18 & 20). In her spare time, Mrs. Ingles likes to read, walk, watch movies and travel.



Head Secretary – Rebecca Trotzuk

Ms. Trotzuk has been the head secretary at Katzie since the beginning of 2019.

She works in the office and is always there to help when you need a band aid, lose a tooth, or need help with the phone.

When she isn't taking care of her office work she spends her spare time acting, singing and dancing on stage. She looks forward to meeting you in person, and hopes you have a great summer before your first days at Katzie.



Secretary – Anna Nerada

Hi there. My name is Ms. Nerada and I am a secretary in the Katzie school office. I register all new students that will attend Katzie and look after all their information in their school files. I look forward to meeting you all in September. Take good care of yourselves and your families. See you soon.



Secretary – Jennifer Swanson

Hi, my name is Jennifer Swanson and I'm a secretary in the Katzie Elementary office. I take care of the attendance and I hand out band aids and ice packs. When I'm not at Katzie, I love reading, going for walks and camping. My favourite place to visit is Disneyland. I'm very excited for all of you to start kindergarten at Katzie! See you in the fall!





What to expect in September

- Near the end of June, all registered kindergarten students will be placed in tentative groups (4 classes) and parents will be emailed as to which group they belong to (group 1, 2, 3 or 4). These groups are not the student classes for next year, but rather a tentative class for the first week of school, while our school finalizes actual enrolments and creates finalized classes for the school (as many students move away and move into our neighbourhood over the summer).
- At the end of August, a detailed gradual entry plan for kindergarten will be sent home to parents (via email). The plan will depend on provincial and district decisions related to COVID-19 developments.
- Students should ideally know which classes they are in (who is their teacher) by the end of the first week of school.

Welcome to Kindergarten - Video Links

Staff have put together a variety of YouTube links that include a video-tour of the school as well as various picture book readings.

Video Tour of Katzie: <https://youtu.be/aY811MEyZRk>

Picture Book Readings:

- *You and Me Together* by Barbara Kerley
<https://youtu.be/kFKuySqoEP4>
- *Mortimer* by Robert Munsch
<https://youtu.be/IdkfsER01Kg>
- *The Bad Seed* by Jory John
<https://youtu.be/Jnd24mcnzB4>
- *Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts
https://youtu.be/2ByslIX_K0
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
<https://youtu.be/RstXnKg6kFo>
- *Running Shoes* by Federick Lipp
<https://youtu.be/6EstkVjai2k>
- *The Thing Lou Couldn't Do* by Ashley Spires
<https://youtu.be/ucWXijwtdSk>
- *A Salmon for Simon* by Betty Waterton
<https://youtu.be/qX57s-jv3uc>