



ÉCOLE JESSIE LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear Kindergarten Parents:

Welcome to Jessie Lee! We are so excited to have your child starting Kindergarten with us in September. To help with the transition to Kindergarten, we have included some important information to help you and your child prepare for school start up.

FIRST DAY PROCEDURES

Your Kindergarten child will attend school on **Tuesday September 3rd**, to confirm their registration. Please refer to the attached calendar and group list for your child's scheduled time. All students will be entering and released from Room 105, which is located in front of the primary playground structure.

GRADUAL ENTRY SCHEDULE



The September schedule for Kindergarten is set up to facilitate the 'gradual entry' process. The objective of this gradual entry schedule is to ensure each child has a positive experience as they enter school. From Tuesday September 3th to Thursday September 12th, Kindergarten students attend shortened sessions in small groups.

Full time attendance begins Monday September 16th.

****Please see the attached calendar and group list for your child's schedule. Please note that these groups are temporary and permanent classes will be formed when final registration numbers are confirmed.**

Your child will need the following items for Kindergarten by Monday September 16th.

- ☐ indoor running shoes with Velcro*
- ☐ lunch kit*
- ☐ water bottle* (water, no juice)
- ☐ change of clothes* in a labelled plastic bag (pants, shirt, underwear, socks)
- ☐ backpack* (without wheels) - **large enough to hold a large library book and lunch kit.**
- ☐ Payment of \$45 for school supplies through SchoolCash Online
- ☐ \$10 for Baking/Crafting Supplies through SchoolCash Online



* mark all items with child's name

Child-Focused Conversations

During the second week of school, teachers will meet with families for Child-Focused Conversations. There will be a sign-up sheet put up by the Kindergarten teachers in September.

****Conferences will take place between Wednesday September 11th and Friday September 13th**

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL

Students come into Kindergarten at varying academic levels. The teachers vary instruction to meet the levels of all students. The most important aspects of Kindergarten are building self-regulation skills, fostering independence, and developing a love of learning. Starting school for the first time is a big step in a child's life and we know that parents want their child to be successful at school. Over the summer your child can prepare for Kindergarten by:



- asking and answering questions about the world around them, sharing thoughts and opinions
- practicing independent use of washroom (using toilet, wiping, washing hands, dressing self, zipping/buttoning pants)
- practicing opening snack packages/containers and eating food independently
- practicing putting on coat and shoes independently
- interacting with other children (sign-up for social/recreational activities)
- having stories read to him/her by an adult
- start a bed time routine to transition to early mornings for school
- following adult instructions
- being away from primary caregiver
- playing cooperative games, sharing/taking turns, having the opportunity to lose (handling disappointment)
- putting things away

HEALTH CONCERNS

If your child has severe allergies to food or other items, please contact the school office and the teacher to help us plan for your child's safety while at school. There are forms that must be completed by your child's doctor. If your child requires medication to be administered at school, please also contact the office to obtain the required forms. **We have some students registered for Kindergarten who have severe anaphylactic allergic reactions to peanuts and tree nuts. Please ensure your child's snacks and lunches are nut free.** We appreciate your help in keeping all our students safe at Jessie Lee Elementary.

We are very excited about working with you and your children and look forward to a wonderful year at Jessie Lee!

Sincerely,

Jessie Lee Kindergarten Team



Kindergarten Gradual Entry Calendar

September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	9 LABOUR DAY <i>(No School)</i>	3 Welcome! Confirm Registration GROUP A 10:00- 10:30 GROUP B 10:30 – 11:00	4 <u>1.5 HOURS:</u> GROUP A 8:40 - 10:10 GROUP B 12:45 – 2:15 <i>*BRING NUT-FREE SNACK</i>	5 <u>1.5 HOURS:</u> GROUP A 8:40- 10:10 GROUP B 12:45 – 2:15 <i>*BRING NUT-FREE SNACK</i>	6 <u>2 HOURS:</u> GROUP A 8:40-10:40 GROUP B 12:30 – 2:30 <i>*BRING NUT-FREE FREE SNACK</i>	7
8	9 <u>2 HOURS:</u> GROUP A 8:40 - 10:40 GROUP B 12:30 - 2:30 <i>*BRING NUT-FREE FREE SNACK</i>	10 <u>3 HOURS:</u> <u>ALL STUDENTS ATTEND FROM</u> 8:40 - 11:40 <i>* BRING NUT-FREE SNACK and LUNCH</i>	11 <u>4 HOURS:</u> <u>ALL STUDENTS ATTEND FROM</u> 8:40- 12:40 <i>* BRING NUT-FREE SNACK and LUNCH</i> Child-Focused Conversations	12 <u>4 HOURS:</u> <u>ALL STUDENTS ATTEND FROM</u> 8:40- 12:40 <i>* BRING NUT-FREE SNACK and LUNCH</i> Child-Focused Conversations	13 Child-Focused Conversations KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND	14
15	16 <u>ALL STUDENTS ATTEND FROM</u> 8:37- 2:30 <i>* BRING NUT-FREE SNACK and LUNCH</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Pro-D Day Students do not attend	28
29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Students do not attend					

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS- KINDERGARTEN

How many Kindergarten classes will there be?

We are excited to be continuing to register Kindergarten students. Last year we had 2 Kindergarten classes and 1 combined Kindergarten-Grade 1 class. We will finalize class arrangements once all of our registrations are confirmed in the first week of September.

How are student class placements determined?

The placement of students into classes is determined through school-based professional decisions. At Jessie Lee, we work carefully and collaboratively to determine the most suitable placement for your child based on the following criteria:

- student intellectual, social and emotional development
- learning styles and strengths of students
- degree of independence
- integration of students with special needs
- social compatibility
- gender balance
- maintaining School District and Ministry of Education teacher-student ratios

What is Gradual entry?

During the gradual entry, students attend in small groups for shortened periods of time. The purpose of this time is to help ensure all students get a positive start to their school experience. Gradual Entry allows for each child's personal introduction to the new learning environment and simultaneously provides the teacher with opportunities essential to establishing positive relationships with each child and family. Gradual entry also provides time for each child to learn the classroom and school routines necessary for a smooth transition to school. All students are required to be in full time attendance by Monday September 18th.

What if my child is having difficulty with the transition to full day attendance?

Most children will adjust easily and quickly to the new schedule. If your child is having difficulty we will talk to parents and develop a plan to address your child's individual needs. If you anticipate that your child may have difficulty with the transition to full day attendance, please bring it to the attention of the school Principal prior to the start of the school year.