



EAST KENSINGTON ELEMENTARY

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Gradual Entry EKOLogy Kindergarten 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Child-Focused Conversations with Parents – Please sign up for a time on September 7, 10, 11, or 12</p>				
3	4	5	6	7
<p>Labour Day (No School)</p>	<p>Confirm Registration – A – 10:00 – 10:30 B – 10:45 – 11:15</p>	<p><u>2 Hr. Class</u> A – 8:45 – 10:45 B – 12:25 – 2:25</p> <p>Bring water bottle & Light snack</p>	<p><u>2 Hr. Class</u> A – 8:45 – 10:45 B – 12:25 – 2:25</p> <p>Bring water bottle & Light snack</p>	<p><u>Child-Focused Conversations</u></p> <p>No kindergarten children attend this day</p>
10	11	12	13	14
<p><u>2 Hr. Class</u> A & B 8:45 – 10:45</p> <hr/> <p>PM: Child-Focused Conversations</p> <p>Bring water bottle & Light snack</p>	<p><u>3 Hr. Class</u> A & B 8:45 – 11:45</p> <hr/> <p>PM: Child-Focused Conversations</p> <p>Bring water bottle & Light snack</p>	<p><u>3 Hr. Class</u> A & B 8:45 – 11:45</p> <hr/> <p>PM: Child-Focused Conversations</p> <p>Bring water bottle & Light snack</p>	<p><u>4 Hr. Class</u> A & B 8:45 – 12:45</p> <p>Bring snack, lunch & water bottle</p>	<p><u>4 Hr. Class</u> A & B 8:45 – 12:45</p> <p>Bring snack, lunch & water bottle</p>
17	18	19	20	21
<p>Full Day Kindergarten begins 8:33 to 2:25 pm. Bring a snack, lunch, and water bottle every day</p>				

***MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 ALL STUDENTS BEGIN FULL DAYS**

8:33 am to 2:25 pm



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Why do we do Gradual Entry?

This is a Provincial Ministry of Education program that is designed to allow young children the opportunity to slowly acclimatize to school. We know that many of you may feel that your child does not need a gradual entry; however, we want to emphasize how important this is for all of our early learners. There is so much to experience; new environment; new routines; new teachers; new expectations; and new friends. Gradual entry allows for a deliberate and measured introduction of school routines within an increasingly lengthy day and growing group of students. In addition, during these 2 weeks your child will be learning to be away from you and the familiar people in their life. This can be a challenging time for some. Please honour your child's feelings and find ways to help them to keep you close when you are away from them. A small note in their snack or giving them something of yours to wear or keep in their pocket can be very helpful.

Important Notes:

- Welcome to Kindergarten! We know this is an exciting time. Rest assured know that we will take good care of your child and support them (and you) on this journey together. Our Kindergarten/Grade 1 team is committed to ensuring your child has a positive first experience at school, and we look forward to working together with you.
- **Your child will be assigned to either Group A or B and given a classroom to attend for the first 2 weeks. Please refer to the list below to confirm the group your child has been placed in.** You will wait with your child at the outside of the front door of the school. During these 2 weeks the children will get to know both of the teachers and each other. This will assist us in getting to know the children and in creating balanced classes. Please note that the room your child is assigned to in these first two weeks may change for their full time class for the year. However children will have the opportunity to learn with everyone in kindergarten and grade one as we will offer common learning times and flexible learning spaces all year long.
- By the end of the first week the children should be in their permanent classroom and you will have the opportunity to meet with the teacher. You will be given more information in September on how and when to sign-up for a meeting. At this meeting you are asked to bring your **\$40 for school supplies** (the teachers buy supplies in bulk and they are shared in Kindergarten). Please also bring a pair of inside Velcro/slip on running shoes and a full change of clothes to leave at school. Ensure all items are labelled with your child's name. We will give more information about outdoor clothing your child will need mid-September.
- Starting on the second day of school we will be introducing routines around snack, and outside play. As our time increases please ensure your child brings a lunch bag with a small snack and a healthy lunch on the days indicated on the calendar. As some classmates may have severe Nut allergies it is important not to send nuts or Nut products to school. **NO NUTS PLEASE.** We cannot drink the water in our school but we do have clean water delivery. Your child needs to bring a clean water bottle every day. We also ask that children only bring water to school and save other drinks (milk, juice, etc...) for home.



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- Your child should wear play appropriate clothing to school and come prepared to play outside in all weather!
 - When picking up your child please be on time. This is crucial for your child's trust in being left at school. We will only dismiss children directly to you, so please wait outside the front door. Children will not be sent to parents/caregivers in cars: you must be beside your child as they leave school each day. Please call the school office to report if your child will be absent or if you will be late picking them up, 604-541-1257.
 - Please subscribe to the school emails on our website for important school information, <https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/eastkensington/Pages/default.aspx>

We look forward to seeing you in September!
Keri Stanger and Cheryl Leclerc