



William Watson welcomes you to Kindergarten!

Unfortunately, we were not able to host our annual Welcome to Kindergarten and Ready Set Learn event; however, we have put together this introduction to show you a little bit about our school and what to expect for Kindergarten this September. More info is on our website.

www.surreyschools.ca/schools/williamwatson

Make sure you sign up for our newsletters on our website as well! We are excited to meet you all in September. We will be mailing out a package as well in August with more details as well as what group your child will be in.



♥ Welcome to Kindergarten



Principal: Anne Smith



Teacher: Mrs. Skinner



Teacher: Mrs. Syms



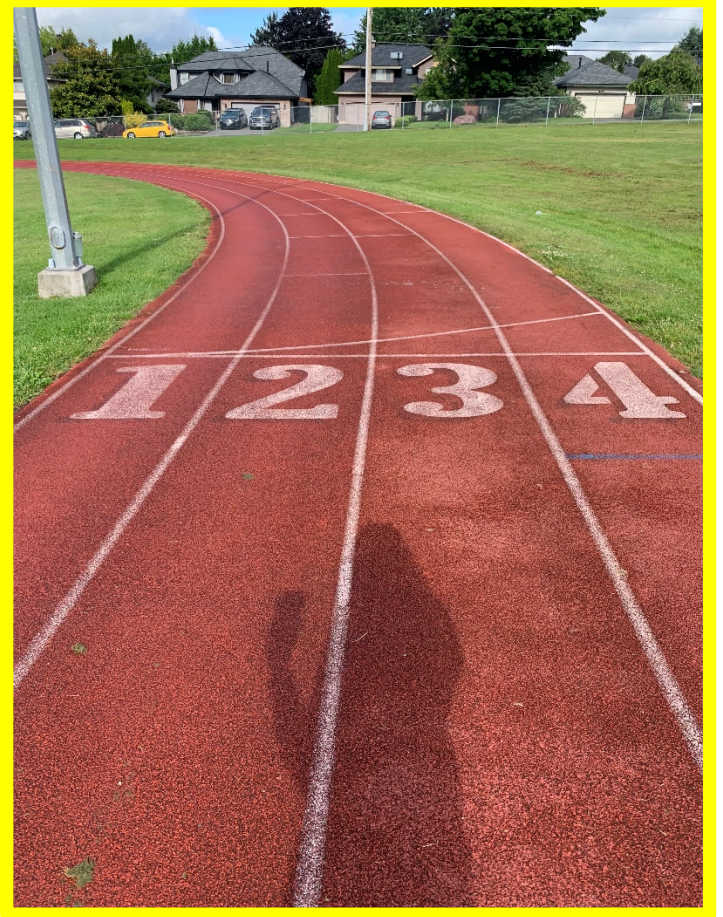
Teacher: Mrs. Mann

Tour of William Watson School

Our Kindergarten Classrooms



William Watson School Gym & Play Equipment



Kindergarten School Supplies

Kindergarten School supply fee \$45 payable online.

Do NOT purchase school supplies



- Full-sized backpack (not pre-school sized) is best to carry folders, lunch boxes and library books.
- Water bottle with a good seal.
- Indoor shoes with **Velcro**. (no laces) and (no lights)
- Please no slippers or slip on shoes

Please Dress your child for the weather!

**Rain or Shine, the students go outside
for both Recess and Lunch.**

Always pack a Change of clothes (*accidents happen*)



Kindergarten Gradual Entry



As we are uncertain as to how the format for gradual entry will occur in September, we may see changes and will communicate that at a later date.

Gradual entry normally takes place during the first two weeks of school. There will be 4 groups of students; Group A, B, C, or D. You will be provided with a gradual entry calendar and detailed schedule information.

First Day of School - Sept. 7 - Under normal circumstances, all Kindergarten parents are invited to the classrooms (without students) for an information meeting from 10-11 am.

Teachers will take this time to get to know the students, observe social interactions, and gauge students' readiness.

Kindergartners will experience smooth social and emotional transition, and feel less overwhelmed. Your child may feel reduced anxiety, getting to know the teachers, and build meaningful connections with their peers.

Kindergarten Readiness



As a parent, you can help your child have the best start by:

1. Practicing putting on and taking off shoes, packing and unpacking bags.
2. Choosing a backpack that your child can easily carry, open and close.
3. Choosing shoes that your child can safely wear on the playground and in the gym.
4. Considering containers and packaging that your child can open and close.
5. Practicing opening the lunch kit, taking out and putting containers back.
6. Keeping food choices simple when packing their snack and lunch.
7. Cutting up fruit, vegetables, and sandwiches into bite size pieces.
8. Allowing your child to become independent with bathroom routines in various settings.
9. Checking with your child to see how they feel about using different bathrooms.
10. Recognizing their first name.
11. Practicing cutting with scissors.
12. Reading with your child.
13. Making time for play and discovery.

Use these checklists to help identify things to practice at home and to celebrate your child's accomplishments:

Clothing coats • backpacks • shoes

I can:

- ✓ carry my own backpack.
- ✓ put in and take out objects from my bag.
- ✓ zip and unzip or buckle and unbuckle my bag fastenings.
- ✓ put on and take off my shoes on the correct feet.
- ✓ lace and unlace, zip and unzip, or pull and stick Velcro on my shoe

I can fasten my coat



Hygiene washing • toileting • nose blowing

I can:

- ✓ go to a new bathroom without feeling scared.
- ✓ use the bathroom independently.
- ✓ unzip and zip my pants, jacket, and take down and pull up my tights, unbuckle and buckle my belt, fasten, and unfasten buttons.
- ✓ push down a toilet lever.
- ✓ push a soap dispenser.
- ✓ wash and dry my hands.
- ✓ <https://safeyoutube.net/w/6w4C>
- ✓ cover my mouth when I cough.
- ✓ blow my nose and put the tissue in the garbage.



Eating food • choices • containers

I can:

- ✓ open and close my snack bag.
- ✓ open and close all of my food containers.
- ✓ use a fork and spoon.
- ✓ eat my healthy choices first.
- ✓ peel my orange and eat whole apples and other fruit.
- ✓ remember not to eat and talk at the same time.
- ✓ wipe up small spills.



What Will My Child Learn in Kindergarten?

There are five main areas of focus:

Play Nicely! Social Responsibility: Children will learn to interact appropriately with increasing independence and self-confidence in learning situations and take increasing responsibility for materials and behaviour.

Tell Me More! Oral Language: They will use speaking and listening when engaging in exploratory and imaginative play to express themselves, exchange ideas, ask questions and to expand their spoken and listening vocabulary.

Let's Read a Book Together! Reading & Viewing: Children will engage in reading-like behaviour and will become aware of the connection between, reading, writing, and oral language.

Draw Me a Story! Writing & Representing: Children will participate in writing / representing experiences using emergent symbols (picture, oral description, letters) to communicate meaning.

How Can We Find Out How Many? Numeracy: Children will explore mathematical ideas such as problem solving, number, and space, with materials which are used in everyday life.



School Readiness for Parents

- Students benefit most when at school on time, ready to start the day.

Please arrive at 8:25 sharp.

- Consistent and regular attendance.
- Students are to line up outside of the classroom door.
- **Dress for the weather** - We go outside in all conditions.
- **Your child must stay home if they are sick.**
- Please inform the school office if your child will be absent or has to be picked up early. If you choose to tell your classroom teacher, we still need you to let the office know or leave a message on the school voice mail.
- **Before and After School Supervision** - In the interest of child safety, students must be supervised by their caregiver. School supervision is over at 2:45pm. If you are running late, please call the school so your child doesn't worry.
- **Communication** - The relationship between the school and home is a partnership. Please be sure to bring questions, concerns, directly to the classroom teacher. The process is to always meet with the teacher first, before bringing concerns to the Principal.
- **Water only please** - Please do not send juice or other sweet drinks with your child.
- **Lunch** - Please pack a healthy lunch for your child. Parents will not be able to drop lunches off or come into assist their child eat.
- **Parking is limited to staff.** Parents are required to park on the street and we encourage all families to walk to school.



William Watson Student Reporting

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grade



The assessment and reporting tool that most of our teachers use at William Watson is called **FreshGrade**. It is a digital portfolio of your child's work and progress.

As it is updated in real-time, you will know how your child is progressing from the start of the year (traditional report cards didn't come out until December). At the end of the year, you receive a summative report of your child's progress over the year.

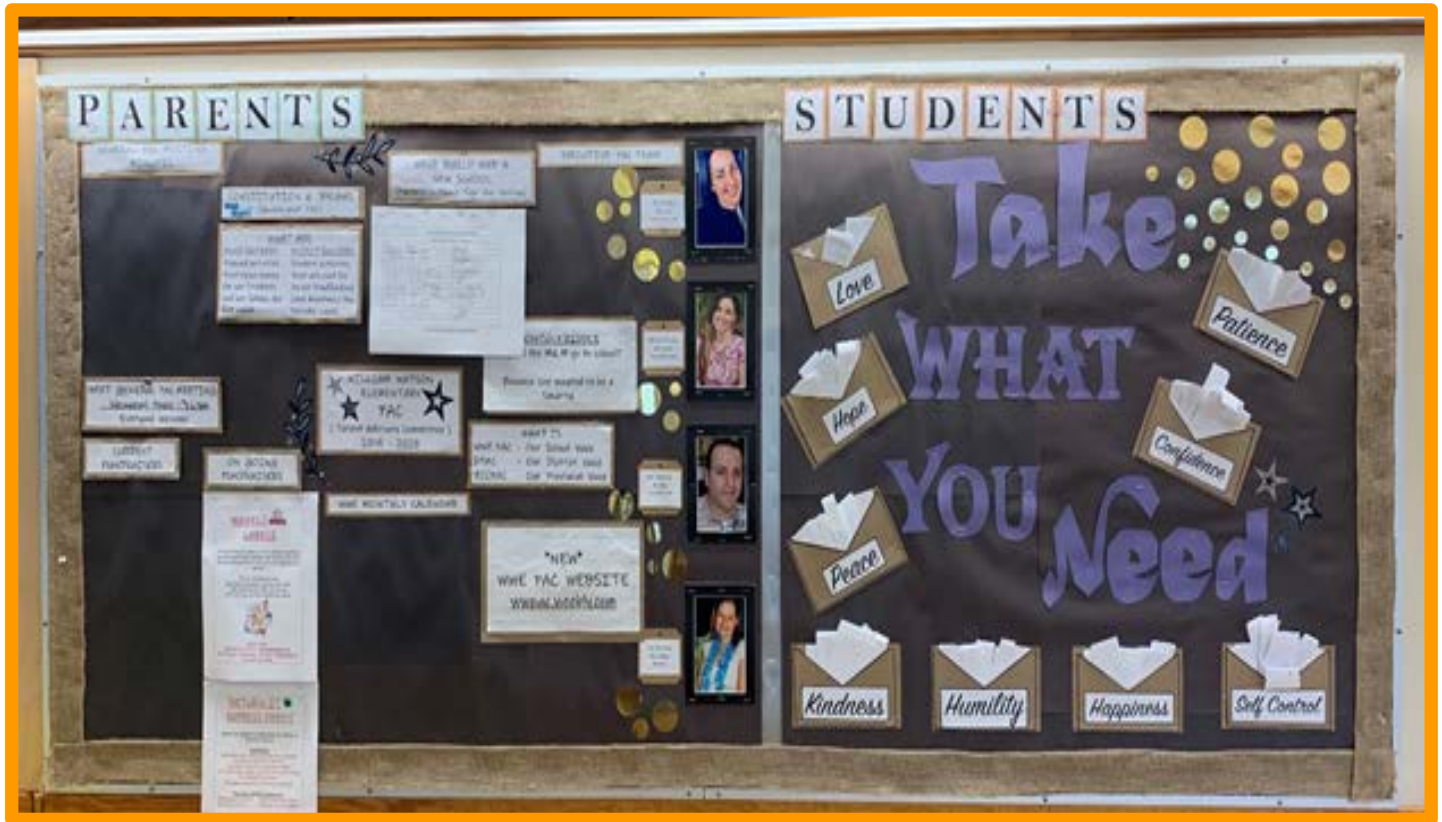
Digital portfolios are designed to be interactive between the teacher, yourself and your child. We encourage you to participate by commenting on your child's work.>>

We also encourage you to both celebrate their learning with positive comments but also to ask questions that may push their learning even further.

****As this is a child's permanent record of progress, please keep comments positive. If you have questions about an assignment, that is an email to the teacher, rather than a comment on the portfolio**



William Watson P.A.C. (Parent Advisory Committee)



Who are we?

The William Watson PAC (Parent Advisory Council) is a volunteer group comprised of all parents/guardians of students from William Watson Elementary. We facilitate fundraising events for the school, promote school safety & run the hot lunch program working with great programs like Munchalunch.com! For more information, please email the PAC at wwschoolpac@gmail.com or if you would like volunteer opportunities, or have any further questions, please visit our website

<https://wwpac.weebly.com/>



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Parent Planning Calendar 2021 - 2022

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| September 7, 2021 | Students in Attendance 10:00 to 11:00 |
| September 27, 2021 | Non-Instructional Day |
| October 11, 2021 | Thanksgiving Day |
| October 22, 2021 | Non-Instructional Day |
| November 11, 2021 | Remembrance Day |
| November 12, 2021 | Non-Instructional Day |
| Dec. 20 - Dec. 31, 2021 | Winter Break |
| January 3, 2022 | Schools Reopen after Winter Break |
| February 21, 2022 | Family Day - No School |
| February 25, 2022 | Non-Instructional Day |
| March 14 - March 18, 2022 | School Closure Days |
| March 21 - March 25, 2022 | Spring Break |
| April 15, 2022 | Good Friday - No School |
| April 18, 2022 | Easter Monday - No School |
| May 6, 2022 | Non-Instructional Day |
| May 23, 2022 | Victoria Day - No School |
| May 30, 2022 | Non-Instructional Day |
| June 23, 2022 | Last Day for Students - Early Dismissal 1:30 |
| June 24, 2022 | Administrative Day - Schools Close for Summer |
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Please Note: Not all calendar events are listed and some scheduled events are subject to change. Calendar Continued on Next Page

How to Keep Informed...

Sign up to receive communications from William Watson Elementary! This is how we will be communicating with our incoming families.

Website Information:

www.surreyschools.ca/schools/williamwatson

EMAIL LIST

Sign up to receive communications from William Watson:

I agree to the [terms and conditions](#)

Please filter your junk mail settings!