

****Please keep this schedule for reference until September 20th**

Dear parents,

In order to facilitate a smooth and happy start into school, we are planning a gradual entry into school for our kindergarten pupils. This consists of a series of "mini-sessions" during the first 10 days of school where the children will attend for shorter periods of time and with fewer children. **Full days, every day, will begin on Sept. 20th.**

Parents will be responsible for the transportation of their children to and from school until Thursday September 20th. Children should be picked up upon dismissal until the 20th. Dismissal times vary during gradual entry so please note the times below on your calendars.

Your child is in group _____.

Tues. Sept. 4th

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Wed. Sept. 5th

Children in Group A

8:30 to 9:30 am

Children in Group B

8:30 to 9:30 am

Children in Group C

10:30 to 11:30 am

This session is to acquaint your child with his/her classroom teacher. **Parents or caregivers should stay for this session.**

***PARENT MEETING AT 7:00 PM**

Thurs. Sept. 6th

Children in Group A

8:30 to 11:00 am

Children in Group B

8:30 to 11:00 am

Children in Group C

12:00 to 2:30 pm

Fri. Sept. 7th

Children in Group A

8:30 to 11:00 am

Children in Group B

8:30 to 11:00 am

Children in Group C

12:00 to 2:30 pm

Mon. Sept. 10th

Children in Group A

8:30 to 11:00 am

Children in Group B

8:30 to 11:00 am

Children in Group C

12:00 to 2:30 pm

Tues. Sept. 11th

Children in Group A

8:30 to 11:00 am

Children in Group B

8:30 to 2:30 pm

Children in Group C

NO SCHOOL

Wed. Sept. 12th

Children in Group A

8:30 to 11:00 am

Children in Group B

NO SCHOOL

Children in Group C

8:30 to 2:30 pm

Thurs. Sept. 13th	Children in Group A Children in Group B Children in Group C	8:30 to 11:00 am 8:30 to 2:30 pm NO SCHOOL
Fri. Sept. 14th	Children in Group A Children in Group B Children in Group C	8:30 to 11:00 am NO SCHOOL 8:30 to 2:30 pm
Mon. Sept. 17th	NO SCHOOL: PRO-D DAY	
Tues. Sept. 18th	Children in Group A Children in Group B Children in Group C	8:30 to 11:00 am 8:30 to 2:30 pm NO SCHOOL
Wed. Sept. 19th	Children in Group A Children in Group B Children in Group C	8:30 to 11:00 am NO SCHOOL 8:30 to 2:30 pm

******FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN CLASSES BEGIN ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th**

All kindergarten students attend Monday to Friday; 8:25 am to 2:30 pm. Bus service begins and is available to students within the OKL catchment area beginning on September 20th for kindergarten students. You must register with the transportation department at the school board office if your child will be taking the bus.

Please note that all class placements are tentative. Our class lists may have to be revised somewhat as we expect further registrations in the first week of September. Please bear with us for the first two weeks, as it is often confusing for various unforeseen reasons.

***Please mark this date on your calendar. **There will be a meeting for all parents of kindergarten children on Wednesday Sept. 5th at 7:00 pm at Okanagan Landing School.** At this time we will give you the condensed version of everything you ever wanted to know about kindergarten but were afraid to ask. We will discuss objectives of the kindergarten program, answer any questions you may have and talk about bussing, supervision and any other concerns you may have. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

We would like to be sure that each child has a positive beginning to the full day everyday program and that they attend school everyday unless they are ill or have been excused from school in advance. It is important that you communicate any concerns you may have for your child to us. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher individually regarding specific concerns (health, behavior, speech, development etc.) please call the school to set up an appointment (250-542-1181).

Supplies:

1. **Runners** – please provide a pair of running shoes to be worn in class. These will double as gym shoes throughout the year so they should fit well. They should be left at school so that they can be worn instead of street shoes in the classroom. These should **not** be shoes that tie. Even if children at this age know how to tie they cannot usually tie tight enough and their shoes continually come undone. Outdoor shoes should also be easy for your child to get on and off independently.
2. **Water Bottle** - every child will need a water bottle which will go back and forth from school each day so that it can be cleaned and filled at home.
4. **Supply fee is \$45.00** – to cover the cost of all other school supplies including Kleenex, pencils, markers, paint, scissors, erasers, art and craft supplies and an activity fee.
5. **Backpack** – should be large enough to hold a library book, snacks and lunch kit, information papers and completed art work.