



CEDAR GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION INFORMATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted that you have registered your child to start Kindergarten at Cedar Grove Elementary School in September 2019. We look forward to working with your family this upcoming school year.

GRADUAL ENTRY

The first days of school in September are designed to make starting school a positive, successful experience for all. In order to achieve this, we plan for a gradual entry through shortened attendance times. This gives the children the opportunity to become acquainted with their new learning environment, classroom routines, teacher and classmates. Gradual entry also provides time for invaluable "Getting to know your child and goal setting" parent/teacher meetings.

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

As soon as our final numbers of Kindergarten students are determined, the classes will be created. It is very likely that we will be forming a class of Kindergarten students, as well as a Kindergarten/Grade 1 split class. The class placements will be confirmed in September.

NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 4th:

On this date, all Kindergarten students will have a one hour getting acquainted session from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This will give your child an opportunity to meet other children in the Kindergarten group.

Thursday, September 5th to Friday, September 6th:

Your child will attend school from 8:35 - 9:35 a.m.

Monday, September 9th to Friday, September 13th:

Your child will attend school from 8:35 - 11:35 a.m.

- Small snack required for first recess at 10:00 a.m.
- Children go home for lunch.
- They will be dismissed from their classroom door.

Monday, September 16th:

Regular sessions will begin with students attending full time from **8:35 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

- Snack and lunch required.
- Classroom door will open at 8:25 a.m. If you arrive earlier, please wait with your child in the undercover area outside the Kindergarten classroom or outside the K/1 classroom.
- The children will be dismissed from their classroom door at 2:30 p.m.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supplies (including a student planner book) will be supplied by the School District. There will be no costs for each student.

As is customary at Cedar Grove, if any requests for supplies/equipment or field trip payments cause hardship for a family during the school year, please contact the principal.

STUDENT BACKPACK

Your child will need a backpack to bring to school daily. It needs to be big enough to hold the 8½" x 11" student planner book, library books and his/her lunch box or bag, and water bottle.

CLOTHING AND SHOES

We like to give students the opportunity to get fresh air and play outside as much as possible so most days are "outdoor days". Unless there are severe winds, a storm or the temperature is well below zero, students will go outside after they have eaten their morning snack and lunch. Please send your child to school with appropriate footwear and outerwear so that he/she can continue to enjoy being outside, even when it rains and snows.

- Running shoes with clean, light-coloured rubber soles are needed for our P.E. activities in the school gym. Please also ensure that your child has a pair of runners which can be kept at school to wear on gym days, as well as to change into on days that boots are worn to school.
- Please also provide your child with a spare pair of underwear in a labelled Ziploc bag which will be kept in his/her cubby box in the classroom in case of accidents.

It is very helpful if every item of your child's property (clothing, shoes, backpack, and lunch bag etc.) is clearly labelled with a permanent marker as this helps to avoid anxiety over lost belongings.

We are looking forward to a happy start to Kindergarten for your child and to working with you to ensure that he/she has a successful first year at our school.



Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer!

Lorraine Radford and Karen Van Bommel

Kindergarten Team, Cedar Grove Elementary School