

July 13, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians;

We are very pleased to welcome your child to kindergarten in School District 42. Our full day kindergarten program offers young children meaningful learning opportunities in a play based/hands-on environment. For many children, kindergarten is the first step in transitioning from small preschool/daycare settings or home environments to a formal school setting. In order to help children in this transition, we offer and support a gradual entry process, which includes smaller groups, an increasingly longer day and an opportunity for you and your child to meet individually with your child's teacher. We have found that this proactive approach to school entry provides a safe, comfortable, and stress-free start to your child's school career.

The gradual entry process that your child's school will be using will be the following:

- Tuesday, September 7 **GROUP A ONLY - SESSION CANCELLED**
- Wednesday, September 8th to Friday, September 10th – BOTH **GROUP A** and **GROUP B**- Children will attend in small groups (approximately 10 students) for ½ a day, either in the morning or afternoon.
- Tuesday, September 14th **GROUP B ONLY** - Children will attend in small groups (approximately 10 students) for ½ a day, in the afternoon.
- Monday, September 13 and Tuesday, September 14 (morning only) – You and your child will be provided with an opportunity to meet individually with your child's teacher.
- Wednesday, September 15th to Friday, September 17 – Children attend in their class group from 8:30am until 1:30pm.
- Regular hours begin on Monday, September 20, 8:30 – 2:25pm.

Since implementing full day kindergarten, this gradual entry process has proven to be successful and highly beneficial. It promotes a safe and healthy start to full time attendance and allows children to gradually understand routines, make friends, connect with their teacher, and feel comfortable at school. It also provides parents with comfort and reassurance that their child's adjustment needs have been well considered. If you believe your child requires a longer period to transition to a full day kindergarten program, please discuss this with your child's teacher/principal so that school staff can collaboratively plan with you to ensure your child is successful.

We are looking forward to having your child as part of our School District No. 42 family.

Yours sincerely,



David Vandergugten
Assistant Superintendent

September 2021 Gradual Entry

Group A: Last name of child: A through L

Group B: Last name of child: M through Z

	Mon, Sept 6	Tues, Sept 7	Wed, Sept 8	Thur, Sept 9	Fri, Sept 10
8:30 – 11:05	Labour Day	KINDERGARTEN SESSION CANCELLED	1/2 class (Group A)	1/2 class (Group A)	1/2 class (Group A)
11:05 – 11:45			Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:45 – 2:25			1/2 class (Group B)	1/2 class (Group B)	1/2 class (Group B)

	Mon, Sept 13	Tues, Sept 14	Wed, Sept 15	Thurs, Sept 16	Fri, Sept 17
8:30 – 11:05	Intake meetings	Intake meetings	Both Groups	Both Groups	Both Groups
11:05 – 11:45	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:45 – 2:25	Intake meetings	1/2 class (Group B)	Dismissal 1:30	Dismissal 1:30	Dismissal 1:30

	Mon, Sept 20	Tues, Sept 21	Wed, Sept 22	Thurs, Sept 23	Fri, Sept 24
8:30 – 2:25	Regular School Hours				

Where to go on the first day:

