



June 2025

Dear Kindergarten families,

I hope to provide you with more information about beginning kindergarten in September. Currently your child is enrolled in kindergarten with Mrs. T Marken. There is a possibility this could change due to fluctuating enrollment numbers over the summer months, and you will be contacted if any changes are necessary.

This year school begins for most children on **Tuesday, September 2nd**. On that day, only grades 1-6 attend half the day. Kindergarten students do not attend.

Wednesday September 3rd and Thursday September 4th are Kindergarten family meeting days. You and your child are invited to meet with me privately for about 20 min. It is a time to ask questions, get acquainted, and visit the classroom and outdoor spaces.

Please sign up for a meeting time on the google doc.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tdGD_4Av_N7s0Jo1K72FO7fUqA6q00OJqNIWb2MV6z8/edit?gid=0#gid=0

Your child has been placed in a gradual entry group. We invite half the class to attend school on alternate days. This allows the students and teacher to become familiar with a smaller group of children before joining the whole class. Half of the class is invited to attend on **Friday September 5th, and the other half of the class will attend Monday September 8th**. We have divided the class into gradual entry group A and group B. All students are welcome to attend on **Monday September 15th**, and every day after.

When your child comes to school, they are welcome to attend **8:40 – 2:30**. You may like to be available for the first few weeks, or you could have a contact a person who can be available, in case your child becomes overwhelmed or tired. **You are welcome to shorten the day as you wish and pick up your child early if you think that is best.**

Your child has been placed in gradual entry group A

Group A attends September 5,9,11. **Group B** attends September 8,10,12.

It is possible that your child will need more alternate attendance days, and we can accommodate this.

The day will be balanced with active and quiet times, including inside and plenty of outside play. The kindergarten curriculum leaves us lots of time to explore and practice.

Children are welcome to attend kindergarten as much as is optimal for everyone. You know your child best, and you decide how long they stay and how often they attend. We encourage only as much attendance as is comfortable for your child.

Students are welcome to ride the school bus. You may call the school district maintenance staff at 250 352 4871 to check bus pick up and drop off times in your neighborhood.

Once school starts, your child will need:

- A nutritious, substantial snack and lunch.

- A pair of running shoes that can be left at school.

- A good sized back pack to transport papers, library books, and lunch.

- A water bottle.

- A change of clothes to keep at school.

They should be able to manage these items independently.

A \$40.00 school supply fee is paid to the office. You do not need to buy school supplies.

I look forward to meeting with you and your child, and I am looking forward to another exciting year of growth, friendship, and learning.

Sincerely,

Therese Marken – Teacher

Danielle Klassen – Principal