



June 2026

Dear Kindergarten families,

This letter is to provide you with information about beginning kindergarten in September. Currently your child is enrolled in kindergarten with Ashley Long.

This year school begins for most children on **Tuesday, September 8th**. On that day, only grades 1-6 attend half the day. Kindergarten students do not attend.

Your child has been placed in gradual entry **GROUP A**. We invite kindergarten students to attend school on alternate days, as a gradual entry to Kindergarten. Students in **GROUP A** are invited to attend on **Friday September 11<sup>th</sup>** and every other day after that, until September 21<sup>st</sup> when students attend every day. Please see the gradual entry schedule email out.

On **Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup>**, you and your child are invited to meet with classroom teacher 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](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tdGD_4Av_N7s0Jo1K72FO7fUqA6q00OJqNIWb2MV6z8/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

When your child comes to school on Friday September 11, they are welcome to attend **8:35 – 2:35**. 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.**

**Group A** attends September 11,15,17.

**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 that students can independently put on and take off.
- 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 \$45.00 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,

Ashley Long – Kindergarten Teacher  
Danielle Klassen – Principal