

September 2016

Welcome to our Kindergarten Students!



**Important information for all Parents and Guardians*
*Please keep handy**



A warm welcome to all of our Kindergarten students! We are happy to have your child in our school and wish them a most successful year. The following information will assist you in helping to make your child's Kindergarten days as pleasant as possible.

French Immersion Program: The students will remain in their homeroom class every day. Ms. Tegano will be teaching in English each morning, Mme Joanne will be teaching in French each afternoon. Ms. Dunn will be the Early Childhood Educator (ECE) in our class throughout the entire day.

Class Website: Check out <http://kinderkjl.weebly.com> frequently for monthly newsletters, student and parent resources, and other great information. **We will not be sending home paper newsletters this year.**

Class Twitter Account: We tweet too! Check out @kinderKJW and @teg_grace . (The Twitter feeds are also on the website if you don't have a Twitter account).

School Website: Check out <http://and.ocsb.ca/> to get updated information about upcoming events and general school information.

School Hours: School hours for Kindergarten students are from 9:10 to 3:40 pm. At 9:10, all students will be received at the doors at the back of the school. Parents/caregivers are asked to **say "good-bye" to their children at the fence**. The buses will drop students off at the side of the school by the parking lot, where a teacher will escort the children to the back doors. For dismissal at 3:40pm, parents/caregivers of walkers are asked to come and pick up their children in the yard behind the school at 3:35pm, where they will be waiting with their teacher. Please **remain in the designated area, behind the line in the school yard**, when picking up your children. Bussed students will be escorted to their buses at this time as well.

Attendance: If your child is absent, please call the school at **613-843-0050**. For your child's safety, always send prior written instructions about changes in routine, i.e. a different caregiver, if you will be picking up your child, if someone else is picking up your child, etc.

Illness: Since the Kindergarten program is activity centered, a child who is unwell is unable to participate in the activities of the day and should not be at school. A child with a fever, nasal discharge or a heavy cough should remain at home until these symptoms have cleared.

Name tags: Please affix the name tag *given to you at the interview* (JK students) to your child's backpack. SK students will receive their tags at school. You may also include on the back of the name tag your home phone number and address. It is very handy for bus drivers, teachers and supply teachers to have this information readily available *throughout the school year*, not just for the first month of school.

Dress: The children are encouraged to dress themselves to establish independence and responsibility. When purchasing clothing and footwear for school, try to choose items that your child will be able to manage by him/herself. Please dress your child in comfortable play clothes as the children may be working with sand, water or paints or going outside to play. Please send a pair of slip-on or Velcro closing *running/rubber soled shoes*, preferably with non-marking soles, to be left at school. *Please label all items of clothing.*

In the event of an accident, please leave a spare set of clothing in a labeled Ziploc bag in your child's backpack. We will put it in their cubby.

School Bags: School bags should be large enough to hold large crafts made in the classroom, scrapbooks, snack and letters.

Message/Mail Bag & Agendas: A labeled Ziploc bag will be sent home in your child's school bag during the first week of school containing their agenda. Important notes and class work will be inserted into the bag and sent home. Please check the bag every night and send it back to school daily. The bags will be collected and checked every day. Please use the appropriate day in the agenda to send notes to school.

Picture Day: Individual and class photos will be taken on Thursday October 13th.

Lunch/Snacks: Your child will require a lunch and two snacks each day. Snacks should be small, tidy and nutritious. As we have students in the school who are allergic to nuts, we request that you send **NO NUT PRODUCTS** to school. Your child may bring a drink in a labeled, reusable container that he/she can easily open and close by him/herself. Please label all reusable snack containers so that they may be returned if lost.

Rest Time: In the afternoon, students will have a rest period. Please send in a **labeled yoga mat** that can be kept at school for your child to rest on and a **small blanket** (ex. towel size). We ask that all sleep toys and stuffed animals stay home to sleep. ☺

*** The school is not providing mats for the children to rest on this year***

Toys: Children should NOT bring toys to school unless requested by the teacher for related themes.

Birthdays: Birthdays are a special time for the children. We ask that you do not send in food treats to mark the occasion. Birthdays will be celebrated in a special way in the class, with the student having his/her birthday recognized with songs, prayers, crowns, etc.

Supplies: Donations of one box of tissues and a bottle of hand sanitizer per child would be appreciated. Other items that would be of use include: large Ziploc bags, Ziploc sandwich bags, fold-top sandwich bags, J cloths, markers, art supplies (check out our website <http://kinderkjw.weebly.com> for ideas of art donations). Thank you in advance! ☺

Activity Fee: We will be collecting an activity fee of \$35 which helps to pay for the agenda and any activities, special craft supplies or groups we bring in. Please use the following secure website to make your payment: <https://ocsb.schoolcashonline.com/> .

Volunteers: Information will be sent out when volunteers are needed for the classroom.

Program Night: St. Andrew's Program Night will be on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30pm.

Welcome Back Bash: St. Andrew's Welcome Back Bash will be on Thursday, September 22nd from 5-7pm.

We look forward to working with both you and your child this year. We hope that your child's first experiences at school will be happy and positive. Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call at 843-0050. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mme Joanne, Ms. Tegano & Ms. Dunn