



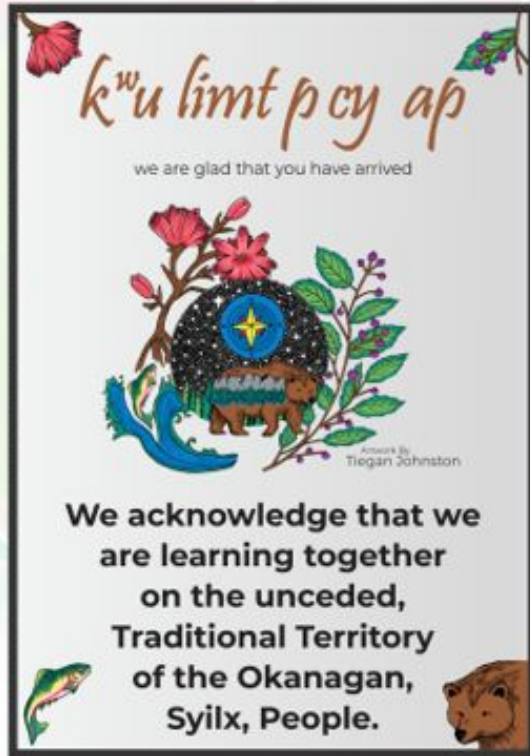
Our Diversity is
our Strength!

Welcome to PSE Kindergarten

2026-2027

Acknowledgment

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We Are a Team!

Our Kindergarten Teachers

MS. MACAFEE



MS. KORZINSKI



MS. PIZZEY



MS. STREET



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Our Kindergarten Teachers

Ms. Samar Aly



Teacher Deb



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Our Office Staff

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Virk



SECRETARY

Mrs. Schaad



SECRETARY

Mrs. Bush



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Non-Enrolling Teachers



TEACHER-LIBRARIAN

FINE ARTS TEACHER



Mrs. Charlton



Ms. DeWolff

PE TEACHER

INDIGENOUS ADVOCATE



Mrs. Collingwood



Mr. Malmstem

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Non-Enrolling Teachers



COUNSELOR

LEARNING ASSISTANT TEACHER



Ms. Zuyderduyn



Mrs. Sinclair

INCLUSION TEACHERS

Mrs. Church

Mrs. Bennett

Ms. Thorarinson



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Non-Enrolling Teachers

ELL TEACHER



Ms. Geary

ELL TEACHER



Mrs. Carter

OTHER DISTRICT SUPPORT

- Occupational Therapists
- Speech Teacher
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing Teacher
- School Psychologists
- District Consultants



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And.....

Parents!



You are your child's first and most important teacher!



*Parent Involvement
=
Student Success*

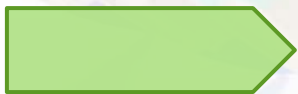
So What is Kindergarten...



It is the bridge between home and school



It is where the foundation is built for future learning at school



It leads to success in future grades



It is where building independence in each child is an important first step



Kindergarten experiences foster the development of the “whole” child in a full day, “play-based” learning environment.



We Focus on...

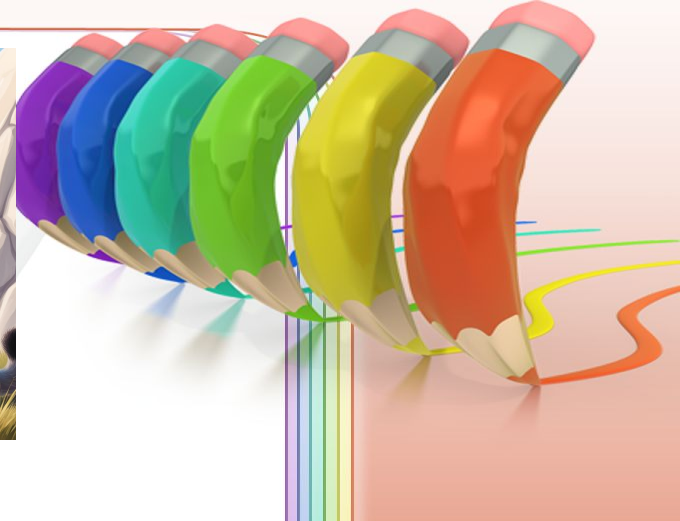
Emotional & Social Development

Physical Development

Intellectual Development

Aesthetic & Artistic Development

Social Responsibility



What's important in Kindergarten?

◆ Social interactions

- Taking turns
- Using eye contact and polite words
- Speaking in complete sentences using a five-year-old voice
- Keeping hands and feet to self
- Learning to talk out social problems rather than hitting or shoving



Communication Skills

- Observing others before speaking
- Being an engaged listener
- Facing the speaker
- Raising hand and waiting turn to speak
- Contributing to discussions
- Using polite words



Developing Independence



Dressing independently (shoes, jackets, zippers, snaps, buttons).

Packing, emptying and carrying own backpack.

Being responsible for library books, show and share items, notices and notes.

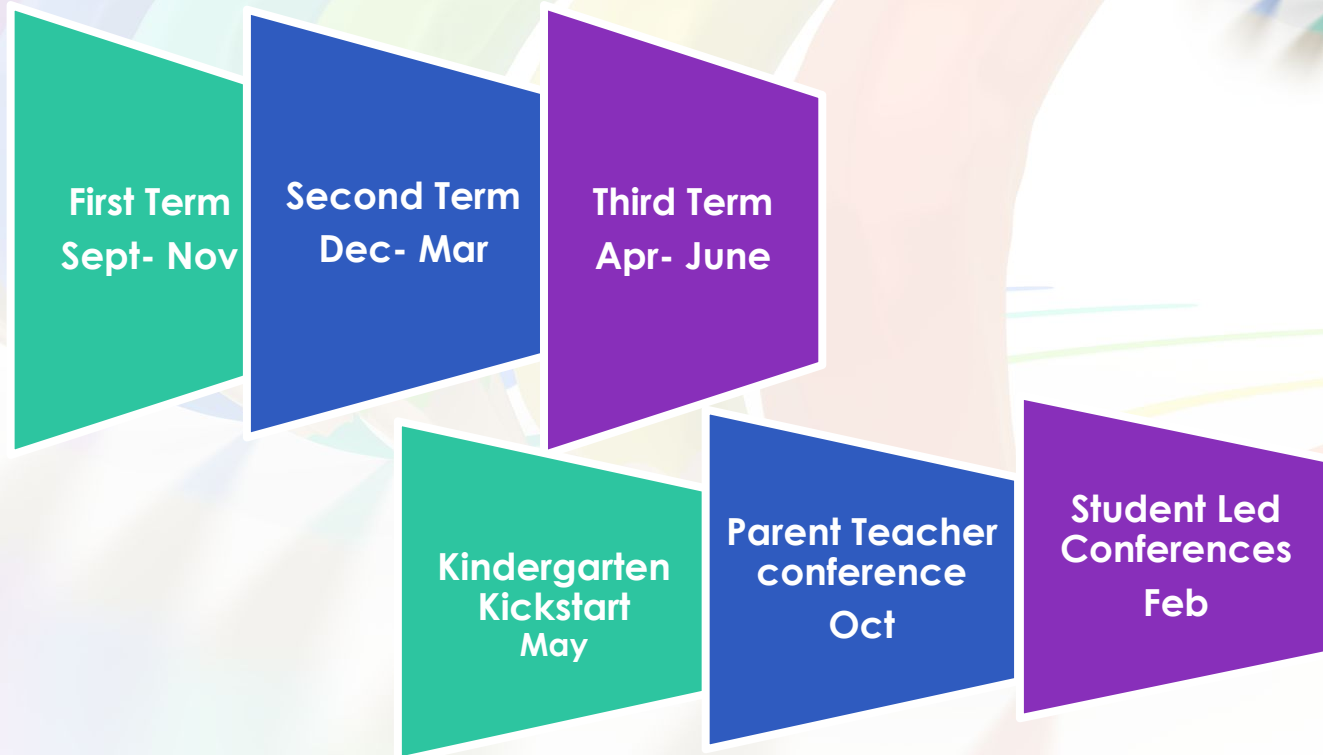
Proper bathroom etiquette and independence

Academics

- Recognizing and naming letters
- Learning letter sounds
- Recognizing that letters make up words and words make up sentences
- Rhyming
- Recognizing numbers
- Counting from different points, and forward and backward within the 1 to 10 range
- Patterning



Three Reporting Terms



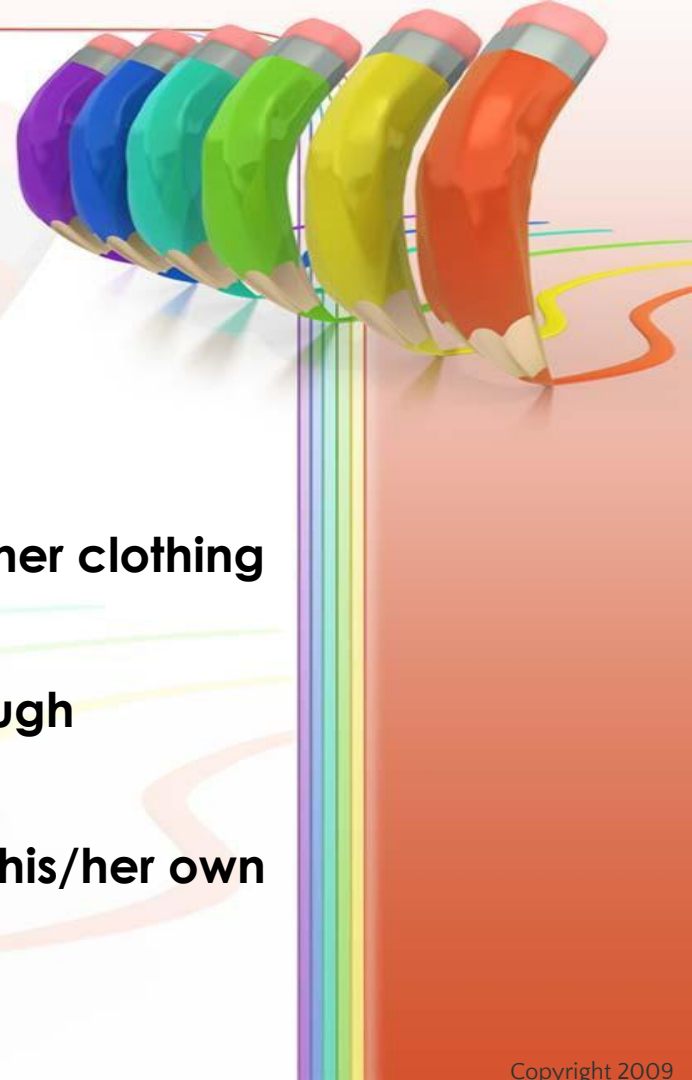
Getting Your Child Ready

Give your child little duties at home to help develop self-confidence and responsibility

Teach your child to put on, take off and hang up his/her clothing

Encourage development of a larger vocabulary through conversations with your child.

Encourage your child to recognize and learn to print his/her own name





Visit the public library



Read to your child daily



**Talk to your child-
Limit screen time**

Supplies



Buy a backpack big enough to put in
big
library books, extra clothing....
Lunch kit- water bottle

A pair of indoor school -
Velcro/easy to put on



The school supplies are provided at
school for a small fee - so please do
not buy your own.



What to expect in September

First Week of School

Tuesday, September 8 – School starts – NO KINDERGARTEN

Wednesday, Sept 9 – All K students come from 8:30-11:00 am

Thursday, September 10 – All K students come for a full day- 8:30-2:30

Friday, September 11 – No Kindergarten- Class lists will be finalized

Monday, September 14 – Mini Sessions.

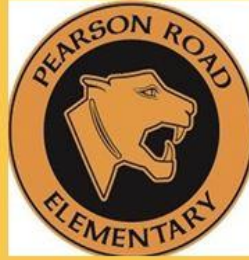
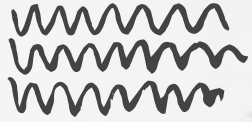
½ class 8:30-11:00 ½ class 12:00-2:30 [teacher will confirm your time]

Tuesday, September 15 – Half class for the full morning - 8:30-11:10

½ class 8:30-11:00 ½ class 12:00-2:30 [teacher will confirm your time]

Wednesday, September 16– Regular Full Day 8:30-2:30





KINDERGARTEN KICKSTART



**MAY 4TH TO MAY 20,
2026**





RATIONALE

We believe that a quality transitional program creates opportunities to build relationships and better understand children's needs prior to their entry into school.

When we provide children these opportunities they are more likely to be confident learners when school starts in September and are able to quickly transition to full days.

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KICKSTART**





MISSION

To create a happy and confident transition for learners to their schooling journey.



VISION

Students participate in a multi-week program (various days), to become comfortable with the environment, the staff and their peers.

PROGRAM FORMAT

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2 GROUPS

Students will be sorted into groups based on parent preference and order of registration



1-2 DAYS/ WEEK

Students will be assigned to one of 2 groupings: either Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs



STAFFING

- Teacher Deb
- Rotating CEAs
- Regular visits with our Kindergarten teachers and other PSE staff
- Community Support Workers

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL DO AT KICK START



WELCOME CIRCLE

Students will start each day in circle with their peers and teachers. This gentle, routined start is how most primary classes start each day.



EXPLORATION CENTRES

Students will explore a variety of centres each day. They may include things like sand table, building structures, lego, kitchen area, art stations and more.



SANITATION ROUTINES

Students will learn the structures and routines we use for the washroom facilities.



SCHOOL TOURS & ACTIVITIES

Students will engage in a variety of activities to help them become comfortable in our school. For example, they will go to the library for storytime, go to the gym for a mini gym class, and visits to the kindergarten classroom!

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PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES



Provide transportation to and from the program. Line up with your child at 12:25pm and pickup at 2:30 promptly



**No Snacks.
Students can drink from the water fountain)**



Apply sunscreen prior to sending



Please label any containers/clothing items with the child's name on it



Extra clothes left in their backpack in a large Ziplock bag with child's name on it (items: underwear, socks, pants, shirt)

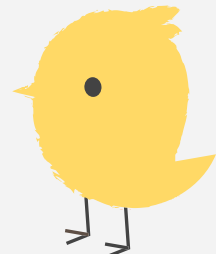


Running shoes (no sandals or flip flops please)

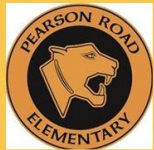


SCHEDULE

◀ April		May 2026					June ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2	
3	4 Group A	5 Group B	6 Group A	7 Group B	8	9	
10	11 Group A	12 Group B	13 Group A	14 Group B	15	16	
17	18 Victoria Day	19 Group B	20 Group A	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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- **Can I arrange to have another adult pick up my child from the program if I am unable to make it?**
- **What do I do if my contact numbers/info has changed?**
- **Is this a peanut free environment?**
- **What do I do if my child has an allergy?**
- **Is there a nap time?**
- **What do I do if my child has some specific needs?**
- **Can the school give children medication?**
- **Will my child always be supervised by an adult?**
- **My child is extremely anxious, do you have some suggestions?**
- **Does my child have to be toilet trained?**



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS





WE ARE **SO**
EXCITED TO
MEET OUR **NEW**
STUDENTS!



THANK YOU

Do you have any questions?

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******Sign up link will be sent to the email on file shortly.***