

Welcome to Kindergarten

Pearson Road Elementary School





Acknowledgement

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.



Arrival



"Bye Bye, Momma!"



Dismissal



"We had a great day!"

Developing Independence

Students will practice:



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



Packing, emptying and carrying own backpack.



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



Proper bathroom etiquette and independence.



Encouraging independence...



...with Kindergarten routines.



Indoor Shoes

Changing into our
inside shoes.
No laces please!



Backpacks

Taking out our 2
daily snacks.



Daily tasks

Students doing
attendance on the
Smartboard.



Communication Skills

Students will practice:



Observing others before speaking.



Being an engaged listener.
Facing the speaker.



Raising hand and waiting turn to speak.

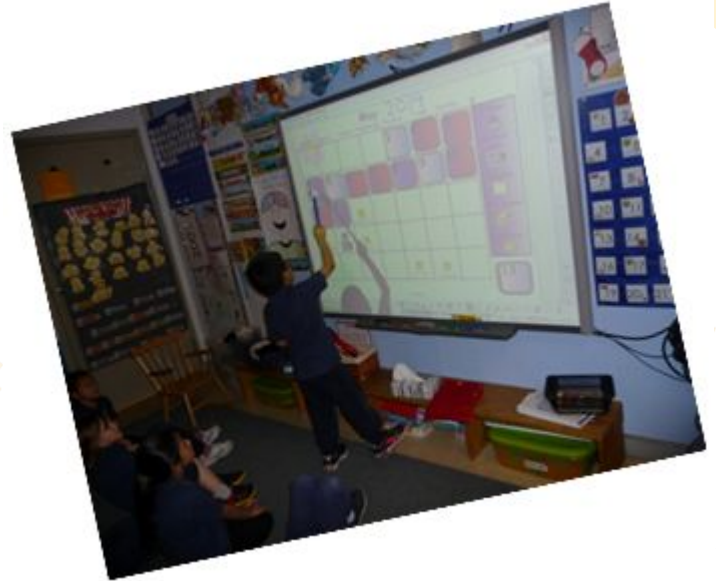


Contributing to discussions.
Using polite words.



Morning Meeting

(Calendar Time)



Hello song, calendar, weather, counting days in school, stories, learning games, and opportunities to share.



Academics

Some of the things we learn in Kindergarten...



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



Literacy

Learning Centres



Making Patterns



Practicing Numbers



Sorting

Numeracy

Learning Centres

Letter and Word
work.



Enjoying Book Time



Writing



Science Exploration



Butterfly Life Cycle



Owl/Local Animals



Plants

Celebrations

At PSE we celebrate our diversity!



Halloween



Christmas



Diwali



Easter



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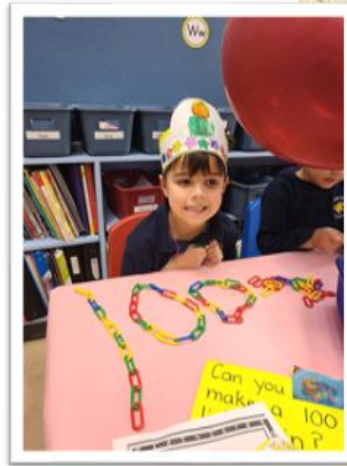


Celebrations

(All sorts of fun days)



PJ Day



100 Day



St. Patrick's Day



Valentine's Day

Play Centres

We get to explore and play in the different areas of the classroom.



Rice Table



House Centre



Sand Table



Painting



Building



Play Centres (cont.)

Play Dough



Doll House



Make and Take



Puzzles

StrongStart Room and Teacher Deb



We get to visit Teacher Deb's room once a week! Teacher Deb also visits the Kindergarten classes in the afternoons.



Field Studies...



...and Land-Based Learning



Lunch and Recess Breaks



Supplies

What will my child need for Kindergarten?

Please see our Welcome to Kindergarten newsletter for a complete list of items to bring.



Indoor Shoes

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



Backpacks

Buy a backpack big enough to put big library books, extra clothing, lunch kit, water, etc. in.



Provided...

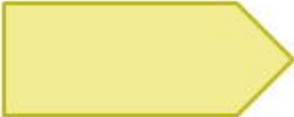
School supplies are provided by the school for a small fee - so please do not provide your own as we do not use them.



Important Documents



If you child has a medical condition: please see the secretary in the office or Mrs. Ferguson to get the required forms to ensure we are prepared to care for your child



Medications- staff are not able to give out medication to students without a signed release form by the parent and the physician.



Custody Orders- The school is an impartial party in any parental disputes. Schools go exclusively by the Custody Order that is signed and stamped by the court.



Volunteers When approved, we appreciate many parent volunteers for various activities. All volunteers must complete a Criminal Record Check. The secretary in the office can help with this.



Stay Connected



Please ensure that the office has correct phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contact and caregiver information.

Please also help your child's teacher to know about things that happen at home that might affect your child's day (especially changes in your family situation).

**We can't
wait to meet
you!**



Frequently Asked Questions



Q- How many children will be in my child's class?

A- Ministry regulations indicates that there can be up to 20 Kindergarten children per class.

Q- Who will be supervising my child at lunch and recess?

A- The school has lunchtime supervisors to ensure your child's safety. Your child will go outside with a lunchtime supervisor to play from 11:00-11:25 and then they will eat in their classroom and be supervised by our support staff and/or a lunchtime supervisor from 11:25-11:58. At recess we have 3 teachers supervising different areas of the school grounds.

Q- Do students have a nap time?

A- We do not have a nap time and activities are strategically structured to help students transition into a full-day Kindergarten program. From experience, children are usually tired when they get home from school for the first few weeks in their new Kindergarten experience.

Q- When do I meet the teacher and what is a gradual entry to begin the year?

A- This year we will be doing a parent-teacher Zoom meeting to help answer any more questions you may have. Kindergarten students begin the year with some mini sessions gradually leading up to full days around mid-September. We will send out a schedule of the Kindergarten gradual entry in June

Q- When can I purchase uniforms for my Kindergarten child?

A – We will confirm these dates in August. We usually have designated times when Kindergarten parents can come purchase uniforms.

School Messenger App

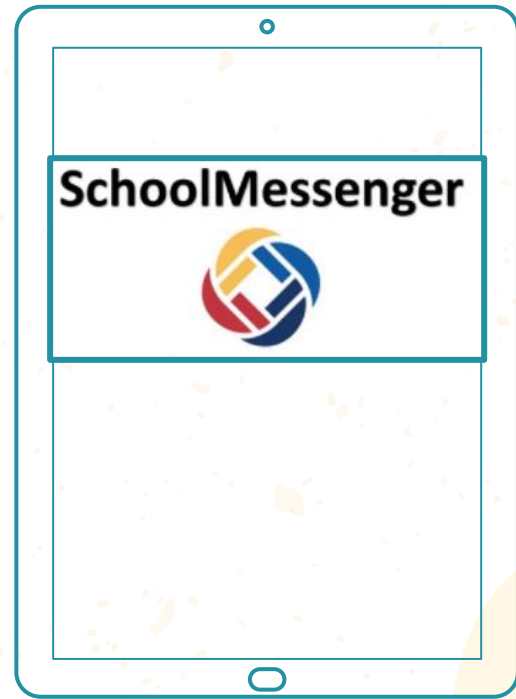
This app allows you to report and receive important attendance information.

We also communicate important student/school information using SchoolMessenger. Please register!

Please follow this link to learn more and register.



[SchoolMessenger](#)



Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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