



Auguston Traditional Elementary School

July 2019

To the Parents of New Kindergarten Students,

We are looking forward to the coming year, and are busy making plans and getting materials ready for an exciting year of Kindergarten learning.

The Ministry of Education has outlined a six-day orientation process for Kindergarten. During this time all three Kindergarten teachers will be working together in the gym on Tuesday and in Room 132 on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (Students attend two of these three days). This will provide the Kindergarten students with an opportunity to meet the Kindergarten staff members so they are familiar with them if they need assistance on the playground. We will also work together at other points during the year and it is helpful if the students know all of the Kindergarten teachers. On Tuesday, Sept. 10, the Kindergarten students will report to either Room 124, 128, or 132*. Class lists will be posted on the classroom windows on Tuesday morning.

***Please be aware that we are likely to have 3 Kindergarten classes and a K/Gr. 1 combined class with approximately 5 Kindergarten students. The teacher has not been determined at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Colbert, Principal.**

Your child's times for the first six days are listed on the attached sheet titled Attendance groups for the first week of Kindergarten. Please plan to arrive about 5 minutes before your child's scheduled time. Please come to the gym on Tuesday morning. On Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Monday please have your child line up outside the entrance door for Room 132 (Mrs. McAllister's classroom).

Tuesday September 3: All Kindergarten students and parents meet in the gym.
8:45-9:45 am

There will be a brief presentation about the Kindergarten program and some activities that the students need to complete with assistance from an adult.

Please note – students attend in uniform

Wednesday September 4: 3 Groups of students meet in **Room 132**

A 8:30-9:45 am

B 10:15-11:30 am

C 1:10-2:25 pm

Thursday September 5: 3 groups of students meet in **Room 132**

D 8:30-9:45 am A 10:15-11:30 am B 1:10-2:25 pm

Friday September 6: 2 groups of students meet in **Room 132**

C 8:30-9:45 am D 10:15-11:30 am

Monday, September 9: All students report to Room 132 – you will get an email on Friday to tell you whether your child is am or pm.

8:25-10:25 am or 12:25 - 2:25 pm (Please send a snack)

Tuesday, September 10: Tentative class lists posted at 8:15 am on classroom windows of Room 124, 128, 132.

10:00 am - 1:40 pm (Please send a recess snack and a lunch)

Wednesday, September 11: Wednesday is a regular school day, and classes will be finalized. All students attend all day, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. (“get ready” bell at 8:25 am).

8:30 am - 2:30 pm (Please send a recess snack and a lunch!)

Good attendance is important in Kindergarten. Please support your child’s program with regular, punctual attendance. Please note – if your child arrives after the second bell in the morning, you will need to take him/her to the front office to get a late slip.

Please provide a small nutritious snack for your child - fresh fruit, vegetables and dip, muffin, yogurt, etc. Please also send a lunch which includes a reusable container of water and something substantial such as a sandwich, a wrap, a thermos with pasta or soup, or cheese and crackers. We are a nut aware school. Please do not send any snacks that contain peanuts or nut products due to severe allergies in the school.

Supply list:

- 2 containers of foaming hand soap, to contribute to our handwashing station for snack time and lunch time
- 1 box of tissue to contribute to our class for all those runny noses
- one set of good quality headphones (not ear buds), in a labeled ziploc bag
- a pair of velcro or slip on shoes to keep at school as “inside” shoes. Clearly label these with your child’s name or initials. We wear these for gym as well, so be sure they are non-marking.
- one zipper style backpack large enough to hold library books, a duotang, a sweater and snacks. Please label the backpack clearly with your child’s name and remember to check daily for notices.

Please send the above supplies on Tuesday, Sept. 10 (once classes have been formed).

Please also make sure school uniform items that may be removed during the day such as sweatshirts, sweaters, and vests are clearly labeled with your child's name.

Information regarding payment for school supplies will be sent home in September. School supply materials are purchased in bulk to save on costs.

If you have not completed or handed-in the questionnaire from the Ready, Set, Learn session, please do so at your earliest convenience. This helps us to know your child better and notifies us of any particular medical conditions.

Also, please take a moment to discuss the upcoming school year. Talk to your child about coming to school and the changes it will make in his or her life. Try to accentuate the positive (new friends, new things to do and learn, using the gym and computer lab, etc.). It would also be helpful to discuss any fears he or she may have about leaving you and facing a new situation.

We look forward to having your child attend Auguston Traditional Elementary School. Enjoy the rest of your summer knowing that school will soon be back in session and we have lots of fun things planned!

Thank you!

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The Auguston Kindergarten Team