



Auguston Traditional Elementary School



July 4, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian of a New Kindergarten Student,

It was great to meet many of you during our Ready, Set, Learn event. We are looking forward to the coming year and are busy making plans and getting materials ready for an exciting year of kindergarten learning.

In September, we will be welcoming your child to school with a gradual entry process. While we know that the gradual entry process can be challenging for parents, it provides the children with the opportunity to adjust to Kindergarten, beginning in small groups for short time periods, and building up to full days. This gradual transition allows them to build their comfort, confidence, and stamina for being in the classroom setting.

During the first week of classes, September 6-9, you and your child will be invited to have a one-on-one meeting with one of the three Kindergarten teachers. Please sign up for your appointment using the Pick-A-Time instructions (attached). More information on which room to attend for this meeting will be sent when the school office reopens during the week of August 29–September 2.

During week two, it is our hope that we can get to know your child better, and that they can get to know all three kindergarten teachers. We have assigned your child to one of four groups for the week (attached). All students will report to room 132 for these sessions (Mrs. McAllister's class, closest to the parking lot). Please **DO NOT** send your child with a backpack or snack until Friday, Sept. 16. Inside shoes and other supplies can come on Monday, Sept. 19. We know they are excited to use these new items, but with the sessions being so short, we lose too much time collecting and distributing them.

- Sept. 12: All children will attend school for 1 hour, in a small group.
Group A: 8:55-9:55 Group B 10:10-11:10 Group C: 12:10-1:10 Group D 1:25-2:25
- Sept. 13: All children will attend school for 1 hour, in a small group.
Group D: 8:55-9:55 Group C 10:10-11:10 Group B: 12:10-1:10 Group A 1:25-2:25
- Sept. 14: All children will attend school for 2 hours (either am or pm).
Group A and B: 8:55-10:55 Group C and D: 12:00-2:00
- Sept. 15: All children will attend school for 2 hours (either am or pm).
Group C and D: 8:55-10:55 Group A and B: 12:00-2:00
- Sept. 16: All students attend school for the morning (2 hours 20 minutes), including a snack/recess break. (9:05-11:25) **First day for backpacks and lunch kits!**

Students will be placed into classes at this point. Class lists will be emailed to you, as well as posted in the windows of the three kindergarten classrooms.

- Sept. 19: All students attend school for the morning (3 hours 20 minutes), including a snack/recess break and the lunch period. (10:00-1:20) **Please send inside shoes, tissue, soap and headphones.**
- Sept. 20: All students attend school for the morning and part of the afternoon (4 hours 20 minutes), including a snack/recess break and the lunch period. (9:00-1:20)
- Sept. 21-23: All children attend school for the full day.

Getting Ready for September

Supplies that you will need for September: (we will let you know when to bring these items):

- 3 containers of foaming hand soap, to contribute to our handwashing station
- 1 box of tissue to contribute to our class
- one set of good quality headphones (not ear buds) in a large, labeled ziploc bag
- a pair of, non-marking, velcro or slip-on shoes to keep at school as "inside" shoes.
- one zipper style backpack large enough to hold library books, a sweater and a lunch container.



Please make sure all your child's personal items, including uniform sweatshirts, sweaters, and vests are clearly labeled with your child's name.

For the rest of your child's school supplies, the school has put in a bulk order and information regarding payment for these will be sent home in September.

Here are few things you can do this Summer to help your child be prepared for Kindergarten:

1. Purchase a **large backpack, lunch container, and spill proof water bottle**, for your child to use at school. Have a few "school lunches" at home. When your child attends full days, we would ask that you pack a small nutritious snack for your child (fresh fruit, vegetables and dip, muffin, yogurt, etc.), a main food (a sandwich, a wrap, a thermos with pasta or soup, cheese and crackers, etc.) For your practice lunches, you could ask your child to put their lunch container into their backpack and take it out, and have them practice opening their containers and eating independently.
2. Students will be asked to have a pair of **Velcro or slip-on shoes** to keep at school as their inside shoes. Please work on having your child put on and take off their own outer wear. We change our shoes and take jackets on and off several times each day. Independence with zippers, buttons, and shoes is a big help!
3. Talk to your child about the things they can look forward to at school (new friends, learning new things, outdoor learning in the garden and on the school grounds, art, sports, etc.) Separating from parents is difficult for some children at the beginning of school. Talking about what they can expect can help.

We hope you have a wonderful Summer and look forward to getting to know you and your child in September.

Thank you,

Mrs. Hambly, Mrs. McAllister, and Mrs. Puglisi
The Auguston Kindergarten Team

Pick-A-Time Instructions:

- 1) Go to the scheduling link.
 - If you are a first-time user, you must first create an account by clicking on the "Login / Create Account" button. Enter your email address and create a password and fill in your First Name, Last Name and any other requested information.
 - If you do not have an email address, you can enter a proxy email address using this format: yournamefirstname.yournamelastname@noemail.com. For example, type in john.smith@noemail.com.
 - If you have previously registered, enter your email address and password and press the "Login / Create Account" button.
- 2) Once you have registered or logged in, **click on the day Sep.6, 7, 8 or 9 and the session time** (the "open" appointment times will show).
- 3) If a time slot is available, the time will be showing. To select your time, simply click on the time that you want.
- 4) Click on the "Create Appointment" button. This will confirm your appointment for the date and time you selected.
- 5) To end your session, select the "Logout" button.
- 6) If you need to change or cancel your appointment, please log in to the site to first cancel your current appointment, then to book a new appointment. The cancel button is at the top of the screen when you log back in.

**Please use the link below to
select one 15-minute
meeting time.**

**The link will be open until
Monday, August 29, at 3pm.**

[Kindergarten Sessions](#)

SUPPORT:

If you need assistance, please contact the school office at Ph: 604-557-0422 or auguston@abbyschools.ca. Note that the school office will be closed from July 7 to August 26 (reopens Monday, August 29).

Attendance Groups for Week Two

Group A – Sept. 12 (8:55-9:55) Sept. 13 (1:25-2:25) Sept. 14 (8:55-10:55) Sept. 15 (12:00-2:00)
Alexander, Atlas, Dawson, Elliot, Finley, Halle, Harper, Jack, Lochlan, Mia, Niyamat, Nova, Rosalie B.

Group B – Sept. 12 (10:10-11:10) Sept. 13 (12:10-1:10) Sept. 14 (8:55-10:55) Sept. 15 (12:00-2:00)
Angad, Anika, Archer, Caleb, Claire, Dax, Dylan, Hudson, Jake, Layla, Rosalie K., Taya, Vaneeza

Group C – Sept. 12 (12:10-1:10) Sept. 13 (10:10-11:10) Sept. 14(12:00-2:00) Sept. 15 (8:55-10:55)
Alisha, Amelia, Austin, Grace, Isla, Jaywin, Jedam, Josie, Logan, Lucy, Maja, Naytiri, Prabhnoor, Samuel

Group D – Sept. 12 (1:25-2:25) Sept. 13 (8:55-9:55) Sept. 14 (12:00-2:00) Sept. 15 (8:55-10:55)
Arland, Bennett, Dilbir, Ella, Emily, Jameson, Joséphine, Maycee, Willow, Wren, Wynnsley, Youngwoo