

## SEPTEMBER

### Kindergarten

#### OUR Learning

Welcome to kindergarten!
We are so happy to welcome our students and I look forward to a joy filled year learning together!
I know that each and every one of your children will bring their own gifts, talents, and interests to our classroom. In addition to myself as teacher, we are lucky enough to have an EA, Mrs. Robinson who will be in our class on a part time basis this year.

#### reminders

- Please send your child's school supplies when it is convenient. Remember to label all clothing (especially outerwear and those that may be removed during the daysweaters, hoodies, etc.), shoes, lunch kit, containers, and water bottles.
- Early out is typically the first Wednesday of the month (September 7 this month).
   Students will be dismissed at 2:15pm-keep in mind that buses will arrive an hour earlier than usual.
- Please login to PowerSchool and complete EICS yearly consent and medical forms, which will include any relevant information regarding required medications.
- EICS Medical Policy states that EpiPens need
  to be readily available; if your child requires
  one, please ensure that they have the means
  to wear their EpiPen on their person at all
  times.
- Our Family Wellness Worker, Allison, will be taking time during drop off on September 1&2 to have coffee and chat with any parents who would like to meet her!

#### FROM MRS. FORHIGR

To start our year, we will be focusing on our classroom routines, including transitioning away from parents and onto other activities, attending during circle time, and working cooperatively with our peers.

We will be exploring numeracy as it related to our everyday lives and begin exploring number sense and the language of math.

We will have a big focus on phonological awareness as we start building our sound wall.

#### Better Together

EICS's division theme this year is "Better Together... One Body in Christ." We are so happy to have an opportunity to reconnect with families and our community! In kindergarten this means focusing on connection and building healthy, positive, and respectful relationships with each other, our families, our school community, and beyond!

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#### Health Notes

Please note that students should be kept at home if they are unwell and unable to participate in class as usual.

Masking is an option for all families, and the choice to wear a mask or not will be supported at school.

We are a nut-aware school. Please ensure that school lunches do not contain nuts.

### ASSEMblies

Note that in-person assemblies are back, and parents are welcome to attend! They will (usually) be Monday mornings at 9:00am. Refer to the SMORE or monthly calendar.

#### DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

- If your child arrives late to school, please accompany them to the front door and ring the bell. Our office staff will let you in.
- Please note that kindergarten students must be accompanied by an adult during drop off and pick up. Guardians are expected to stay with their child at the pink dots until a staff member is present (8:30am) and should meet us on the pink dots at pick-up (3:15pm). Kindergarten students are not permitted to walk alone to guardian's vehicles. Students on the bus will be accompanied by a staff member to and from the bus on the school side, and guardians are expected to bring children to and from their bus stop on the home side.
- If pick-up arrangements for your child must be changed, please let our office know (phone call) by 2:30pm.

#### GOOGLE CLASSROOM

We will be using Google Classroom as our platform for class communication. Please use the login information provided (handout) to log in to your child's Google account.

Navigate to classroom.google.com, where you will see our Kindergarten Class shell with the option to select "Join."



#### VOLUNIERS

We are so excited to welcome volunteer back into our classroom for both field trips and classroom help! There is no obligation, but additional hands would be most appreciated from 10:30-11:30am, or 1:00-2:30pm. Volunteers must complete a volunteer package, including a confidentiality form, CRC, and Child Intervention check. Please let me know if you'd like a volunteer package (these are valid for 3 years, contact the office if you are unsure if yours is still valid).



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| MON                                    | TUE  | WED  | THU   | FRI  |
|--|--|--|---|--|
|  | T/Th staggered<br>entry<br>9-11am<br>or 1-3p | M/W staggered<br>entry<br>9-11am<br>or 1-3pm | Nineeka &<br>Jaxon's<br>Birthday            | M/W Class  |
| 5                                      | 6  | 7<br>Early Out<br>2:15pm                     | 8   | 7<br>T/Th Class  |
| Assembly<br>9:00am                     | 13   | 14   | Meet the<br>Teacher<br>Night<br>6:30-7:30pm | 16<br>M/W Class  |
| Opening<br>Mass<br>10:00am             | 20   | 21   | 22  | 23<br>School Closed<br>PD Day  |
| Assembly<br>9:00am<br>School<br>Photos | School<br>Photos                             | 28<br>Orange Shirt<br>Day                    | Orange Shirt Day NDTR Assembly 9:00         | 30<br>School Closed<br>National Day for<br>Truth and<br>Reconciliation |

#### SChool Closures

- Early Out September 7
- PD Day September 23
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30