

Important Information to Help Both You and Your Child Prepare for School



GENERAL PROGRAM INFO

- Full Day Kindergarten is currently a 2 year program.
- The program focuses on four main areas or 'frames':
 - Belonging and Contributing
 - Self Regulation and Well-Being
 - Language and Mathematics Skills
 - Problem Solving and InnovationThrough these frames we explore: science and technology, health and physical activity, the arts (drama, dance, music, and visual arts), language, math, personal and social skills
- Includes opportunities to explore the school yard, visit the school library, gym and work with older 'learning buddies'.

SCHOOL ROUTINES

- School starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m.
- Supervision on the school yard starts at 8:45 a.m. (Students shouldn't be at school before this time unless they are involved in extracurricular activities or have adult supervision.)
- There are two nutrition breaks each day: 11:00 – 11:50 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:10 p.m. Students eat from 11:00 until 11:30 and then go outside from 11:30 until 11:50. For the afternoon nutrition break students eat from 1:30 until 1:50 and then go outside until 2:10.
- Upon arrival, students are expected to walk to the rear of the school where the Kindergarten classroom doors are, and wait there for the bell 9:00 a.m. Students will only enter through the front doors when they arrive late.
- Please wish your child a good day as s/he independently enters the building at 9:00 a.m.
- At the end of the day, greet your child outside of our classroom doors to hear about his/her exciting day.
- Bus students will be met at the drop off zone in the morning and escorted to the bus loading area at the end of the school day.

ABSENCES

- If your child is going to be absent, please call 1-844-305-3756 or via email tvdsb.schoolconnects.com and follow the instructions to report your child's absence before the school day begins.
- If your child will be leaving during the day, please send an email message or note to your child's teacher.
- If there are any changes regarding home time routines, please inform your child's teacher. (e.g., Your child normally goes on the bus and grandma is picking them up.)
- If your child is late, please enter through the front doors and go to the office. You will be required to sign your child in and s/he will get a late slip from the secretary.

SCHOOL NUMBER/WEBSITE

Telephone: 519-684-7436

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Website: plattsville.tvdsb.ca

Tips to Help Your Child Prepare for School

BEFORE THE FIRST DAY AND IN THE WEEKS LEADING UP TO SCHOOL:

- Give your child opportunities to be as independent as possible: dressing, putting on his/her own shoes and toileting.
- Practise walking to school or to the bus stop often, so it begins to feel like a familiar routine.
- Go shopping together for school items.
- Read books and visit the public library.
- Make several trips to the school and to the primary playground.
- Talk enthusiastically about the start of school.

A WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS:

- Begin getting your child and yourself used to the bedtime and wake-up schedule that will be required during the school week.
- Teach your child to independently pack and unpack her/his lunch bag and to open containers by her/himself.
- Have your child practise packing and unpacking his/her backpack. (Provide a backpack that will hold a lunch, library books, change of clothes, schoolwork and crafts.)
- Start putting your child's name on everything (e.g. clothing, footwear, lunch paraphernalia, etc.)

THE DAY BEFORE:

- Let your child pick out what s/he is going to wear on the first day of school. Let him/her choose a favourite outfit from clothes that are already "broken-in" and comfortable.
- A good night's sleep is beneficial to all!

THE FIRST DAY:

- Get yourself and your child up early enough to eat a calm, unhurried breakfast.
- Keep things as normal as possible – if your child normally has cereal for breakfast, make cereal this morning.
- Your child will be reassured by a warm hug and a reminder that you – or your usual caregiver – will be picking her/him up or waiting at home after school is finished.
- Please wish your child a good day as s/he independently enters the building at 9:00 a.m.
- At the end of the day, greet your child outside of our doors to discuss his/her exciting day.

