



Donwood School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward to having your child in our Kindergarten class! We believe that children learn best through exploratory play. You will find activity centres throughout our classroom where small groups of children interact with each other and the teachers. We hope that your child's Kindergarten year will be an enjoyable experience.

Here is some information regarding our Kindergarten program:

1. Parent volunteers

We are required to limit the number of people in our building. We will not be able to accommodate volunteers at this time.

2. Snack

In addition to your child's lunch, we will have a snack break twice a day. We would suggest nutritious items such as fruit, carrot sticks or cheese and crackers. They may bring their own personal water bottle to fill.

3. No toys please!

Our Kindergarten room is well equipped and we encourage the children to explore our activity centres rather than bring their own toys. Toys tend to get lost, broken, or coveted by others.

4. Labeling

Please LABEL ALL your child's belongings! This includes your child's indoor runners (preferably velcro closures until your child has mastered tying shoe laces), jackets, boots, mittens, scarves, schoolbag and snack containers.

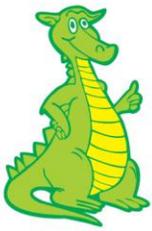
5. Bus children (German Bilingual class only)

If your child is scheduled to take the bus to school, busing will start on Monday, September 14 and Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Please notify us if your child is not to take the bus home on a certain day!

Our policy is that a child must take the bus home unless we receive a note or phone call from the parent indicating a change in plans.

6. Arrival time for walking children

Since children are required to stay outside until the bell rings we would request that you do not send your child to school any more than five minutes before the bell rings. Frau Mose's classes will begin their day at 8:45 am and Ms Kovacs classes will begin at 8:55 am.



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7. Driving your children to school

Please DO NOT use the staff parking lot to drop off your children. Using the staff parking lot is an unsafe practice as small children moving in and out between parked cars are not always visible to other drivers and we would like to eliminate potential accidents. Instead, please use surrounding streets adjacent to the school to park your vehicle and then walk your child to the Kindergarten door. For safety, we will be closing off access to the staff parking lot starting at 8:35 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.

8. Callback program

To ensure your child's safety, Donwood School has initiated a Callback Program. Please call the school before 9:00 am if your child will be absent from school. If we have not been notified of your child's absence, you will receive a phone call from the school to ensure that your child is not lost. Please appreciate that this program takes a lot of time for a school our size. Your phone call in case of an absence makes this program manageable.

9. Gym days

Since Kindergarten children do not change for gym classes, we request that you dress your child in pants and a light t-shirt on those days. Gym days are indicated on the monthly calendars.

10. School supplies & fees - \$60.00

Kindergarten teachers purchase all the necessary school supplies for the children to ensure they get the appropriate materials, get the best pricing and save parents the time searching. This \$60 also includes one or two field trip costs, a communication book and special activities throughout the year. Along with the \$60, students need only bring:

- A pair of runners with velcro closures for inside wear
- A backpack for carrying their books to and from school
- A box of kleenex
- A 4 x 6 inch picture of your family

Thank you!

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten teachers