



Prince Philip School

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Dear Up and Coming Kindergartener and Caregiver,

Hello! This is Mrs. MacDonald and as you likely already know, I will be your Kindergarten teacher at Prince Philip School this year. I hope you will have a fun summer and are looking forward to Kindergarten! I definitely am! I just know we are going to have a lot of fun! ☺ Here are a few details that you might like to know...

Currently we are able to offer a morning and afternoon kindergarten program for the 2020 - 21 school year. Attached to this email is a tentative class placement. However, as our kindergarten registration finalizes throughout the summer and first few days of school, there may be a need for adjustments. If there are any changes needed, we will contact our families as soon as possible.

Kindergarten students will begin their first "official" day of school in a small group (what we call staggered start). Staggered start dates are from Wednesday, September 2nd to Friday, September 4th from 8:40 a.m. until 11:33 a.m. and from 12:18 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.

Registration day for Kindergarten is on **Tuesday, September 1st**. This is a brief registration confirmation to allow students and caregivers to become familiar with the Kindergarten classroom.

The following information indicates the registration times.

- 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for students who have a staggered start date of Wednesday, September 2nd.
- 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for students who have a staggered start date of Thursday, September 3rd
- 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for students with a staggered start date of Friday, September 4th

Your child will attend the below for their staggered start.

Wednesdays, September 2 nd 8:40 - 11:33 a.m.	Thursday, September 3 rd 8:40 - 11:33 a.m.	Friday, September 4 th 8:40 - 11:33 a.m.
Please email school for your child's time.		
Wednesdays, September 2 nd 12:18 - 3:05 p.m.	Thursday, September 3 rd 12:18 - 3:05 p.m.	
Please email school for your child's time.		

The staggered start days gives us a chance to get to know each other better in very small groups, to learn some of the expectations and routines and get to know the school a little bit. Parent(s) please plan to stay for about 10-15 minutes on our staggered start day before departing.

At Prince Philip School every student is **Known • Valued • Believed In**



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The first half day for all Kindergarten students will be Tuesday, September 7th.

Please Label:

- ✓ one pair of VELCRO runners for indoor use only
- ✓ a large backpack with last name only and phone number inside
- ✓ a complete change of clothes (underwear, pants, shirt and socks) in case of emergency/accidents, placed in a large Ziploc bag with your name on it, to remain in your backpack for school
- ✓ 1 reusable snack container with a healthy snack or two and a water bottle for daily use; snack suggestions of fruit, veggies, meat, cheese, crackers, yogurt in this container for the first staggered day of school and thereafter.

School Supply List:

Here is a list of the items needed for school this year. You may bring these items on the first $\frac{1}{2}$ day of school. These items need NOT be labeled, as they will be shared amongst all of the children.

- ✓ 1 Hilroy 20 Sheet scrapbook
- ✓ 2 Hilroy Exercise Book- (green) 72 pages are $\frac{1}{2}$ interlined and $\frac{1}{2}$ plain
- ✓ 1 Hilroy Exercise Book - (blue) 72 pages pages are all plain
- ✓ 1 Triangle Shaped Pencils - "Triconda" brand
- ✓ 1 pack of 24 Crayola Crayons - not twistable
- ✓ 1 pack of 10 Crayola Large Tip Markers
- ✓ 1 dry erase marker - thin tip
- ✓ 1 box of Kleenex
- ✓ 1 Elmer's White Glue
- ✓ 3 UHU Glue Sticks
- ✓ 3 Packs of 2" x2" Post It Notes
- ✓ 5 Large Zip Lock Bags - zipper seal
- ✓ 1 Courier Bag - 15" x 10" x 2" (purchase of Dollarama)
- ✓ Loose Parts: Please consider bring a few items form the list. Clothes pins, branches, feathers, golf t's, Q-tips, PVC pipes and connectors, hole punches, silk flowers, glass beads, necklaces, corks, thread spools, small wood chips, small rocks, cotton balls, small stickers, beads, buttons, washers, yarn, ribbon, tooth picks, magnets, pipe cleaners, wooden bowls, baskets, CD's, CD cases.

Why the loose parts?

Giving meaning to lose parts requires us to think about the possibilities of how a child learns and consider the materials and environments he/she uses. Loose parts create endless possibilities and invite creativity. For example, if a child picks up a rock and starts to play, most likely that rock can become anything the child wants it to be. Imagination, creativity, curiosity, desire, and need are the motivation of loose parts. Loose parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. Loose parts can be used alone or combined with other materials. There is no set of specific directions for materials that are considered loose parts. The child is the direction.

Well, I believe that is all for now. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we shall see you on your staggered start day. Please feel free to have your parents e-mail anytime, if you or they have questions or concerns. Looking forward to seeing you all as the new school year begins.

Your Kindergarten Teacher,
Mrs. MacDonald ☺

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2020-2021 School Calendar Kindergarten to Grade 12

August 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat

September 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat