

Kindergarten Start-Up Procedures

We are delighted that your child will begin their academic learning adventure as a student at Leary Integrated Arts & Technology Elementary School! It is a wonderful place to work, play and learn! In order to make the transition from home to school as comfortable as possible, several activities will take place during the first two weeks of school, as outlined below.

SCHOOL VISITS – Tuesday, September 6th to Thursday, September 8th

School visits are approximately 20 minutes long and provide us with a wonderful way to get acquainted with you and your child in a comfortable atmosphere. It is also a terrific opportunity for us to gain some valuable knowledge about your child. At this time, we will have some forms for parents/guardians to sign and a few assessment activities for the students (these assessments will provide us with a beginning outline of your child's academic strengths and areas for growth). It is also a great time for you to ask any questions you may have. Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet the Kindergarten Teachers. When you arrive at school for your scheduled time, please wait by the office for one of the teachers to come and get you.

MINI SESSIONS – Friday, September 9th

Kindergarten students will be divided into two groups (Group A and Group B), with each group attending school for 1 session ***either*** from 8:15am-9:45am OR from 10:35am to 12:05pm on Friday, September 9. This will provide an opportunity for small group orientation and introduction to school rules and expectations. Kindergarten teachers will be co-teaching these mini sessions so students will get a chance to get to know both teachers. When students arrive for their mini sessions, please have them line up on the tarmac on the side of the school behind the kindergarten cone. *Please note that your child does not need to bring a backpack or inside shoes.*

WHOLE GROUP ORIENTATION – Monday, September 12th

All students will attend school for 2 hours from 8:15am until 10:10am. Each group will spend time with the Kindergarten teachers. When students arrive for their whole group orientation, please have them line up on the tarmac on the side of the school behind the kindergarten cone. Please note that your child does not need to bring a backpack or inside shoes.

GRADUAL ENTRY DAY 1: Tuesday, September 13th (8:15am to 10:40am)

All students attend school and **bring a recess snack**. This is the first day that students will be experiencing recess with the rest of the school. Students go home at the end of the recess break at 10:40am. Please note that your child does not need to bring a backpack or inside shoes.

GRADUAL ENTRY DAY 2: Wednesday, September 14th (8:15am to 11:45am)

All students attend school and **bring a recess snack**. Please note that your child does not need to bring a backpack or inside shoes.

GRADUAL ENTRY DAY 3: Thursday, September 15th (8:15am to 12:35pm)

All students attend Kindergarten from 8:15am to 12:35pm. This is the first day that students will be experiencing lunch. Please send your child with a **recess snack and a lunch**. Students go home at 12:35pm. Please note that your child does not need to bring a backpack or inside shoes.

GRADUAL ENTRY DAY 4: Friday, September 16th (8:15am to 12:35pm)

All students attend Kindergarten from 8:15am to 12:35pm. Please send your child with a **recess snack and a lunch**. Students go home at 12:35pm. Please note that your child does not need to bring a backpack or inside shoes.

*****On Friday, September 16th, classes will be set and parents will be notified of whom their child's classroom teacher will be. Information packets will be sent home regarding specific classroom procedures and routines. *****