



July 4, 2025

Dear Families,

We are excitedly planning for your child's arrival to Kindergarten in September. We know that there are lots of emotions for both you and your child around beginning Kindergarten. Please know that this is normal. Our Kindergarten teachers are ready for those who will jump in with both feet, and for those who will be more cautious. We know that planning around the gradual entry can be difficult, so we hope this advanced notice will help.

Kindergarten drop-off and pick-up are outside by our playground.

The gradual entry schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, September 2nd – Kindergarten Students Do Not Attend

Wednesday, September 3rd – All Kindergarten Students Attend

9:30 - 11:00 *Please do not send any items with your child.*

Thursday, September 4th – Morning OR Afternoon Attendance

9:30 - 11:30 – Only students with last names A-M will attend. *Please pack your child a snack and water bottle.*

12:30 - 2:30 – Only students with last names N-Z will attend. *Please pack your child a snack and water bottle.*

*On Thursday afternoon, you will receive a welcome email from your child's Kindergarten teacher, which will include instructions for scheduling either an in-person meeting or a phone conversation on **Monday or Tuesday** of the following week. We ask that you complete the booking promptly, as your selected meeting day will determine your child's attendance for either Monday or Tuesday.*

*Please note: your child will attend school **only** on the day of your scheduled meeting with the teacher (Monday OR Tuesday).*

Friday, September 5th- Morning OR Afternoon Attendance

9:30 - 11:30 – Only students with last names N-Z will attend. *Please pack your child a snack and water bottle.*

12:30 - 2:30 – Only students with last names A-M will attend. *Please pack your child a snack and water bottle.*

Monday, September 8th – Monday OR Tuesday Attendance – 9:00-1:00

If your child is attending today, please pack your child a snack, lunch, and a water bottle.

Families of children attending this day will meet with their child's teacher—either in person or by phone—at a scheduled time between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. See the September 4th email for booking details.

Tuesday, September 9th – Monday OR Tuesday Attendance - 9:00 – 1:00

If your child is attending today, please pack your child a snack, lunch, and a water bottle.

Families of children attending this day will meet with their child's teacher—either in person or by phone—at a scheduled time between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. See the September 4th email for booking details.

Wednesday, September 10th – Full Day Attendance Starts

Our school has a 9:00 am start time and a 2:51 pm end time. Please make sure you sign up for the school newsletter so you can keep updated with current information. You can click the link and scroll down to the bottom of the page to sign up for our newsletter. <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/SES>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 250-248-2038. Administration and office staff will be at school until July 4th and will be returning August 18th, 8:00am-3:30pm.

Have a lovely summer!

Mr. Jesse Witte (Principal) & Mrs. Lauren Nikirk (Vice-Principal)