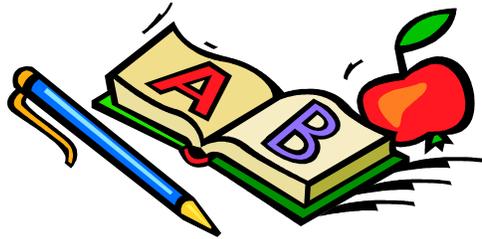




2016 KINDERGARTEN BOOKLET

Welcome Parents and Kindergarten Students!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you and your child to our school. The enclosed information will provide you with some details pertaining to our school and school schedule in order to get you started. Many of your questions will be answered during our curriculum night which will be held in September. We are looking forward to an exciting Kindergarten year filled with rich and meaningful learning experiences. As a collaborative parent, teacher and school team, we can make a tremendous difference in your child's life.



Principal
Assistant Principal
Kindergarten teachers

Ms. Rosanne Collett
Ms. Stephanie Snow
Ms. Leanne Conroy/
Ms. Terina Legge

Secretary
Guidance

Mrs. Joyce Davis
Mrs. Francine Doyle

School Phone Numbers
School Fax Number
School Web Site

753-9892
753-9220
<http://www.stmaryselementary.ca/>

Kindergarten Schedule:

Our school doors open at 8:10 a.m. Students are expected to be in their classrooms by 8:25 a.m as classes begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

*It is important that children be picked up promptly at dismissal time. If you know that you are going to be late, please call the school to inform us.

Outdoor Learning Environment:

Your child will be spending a portion of each day outside. It is very important that your child is dressed warmly and comfortably when they are engaged in outdoor learning. Each child will need to have a hat and mittens as well as a suitable coat and appropriate footwear **each day**. **Please send in an extra hat and mittens in a clearly marked zip lock bag for your child to keep in his/her locker. It is recommended that each child also keep a change of clothing in his/her locker.**

Recess: (10:30 am-10:45 am):

*****Allergy Alert:** We are a peanut, nut and seafood free school.

Children bring their own recess snacks from home. PLEASE NOTE: To promote and encourage healthy living, every day will be "Healthy Snack Day".

The following items may be purchased at the school: Apple/Orange Juice (\$1.25); White or Chocolate milk (\$0.55). **Milk tickets can be purchased in bulk at the office. This is the easiest method for ordering milk at recess and lunch.**

Students are asked to bring along a water bottle each day

Lunch: (11:45am-12:30pm)

Children will eat lunch in the classroom. Some parents choose to take their children home for lunch whenever possible so please feel free to do this. During the first half of lunch, the children sit to eat. Every Friday the children have the option of ordering either cheese or pepperoni pizza at \$1.75 a slice; the children love this special treat!

The second half of lunch is designated for play. **Lunch time play will occur outside whenever possible so please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather each day.**

It will take a little while for the children to get used to eating only a small amount for recess and the majority of their food for lunch. Please help your

child to understand how to make these choices; this is definitely a learning process!!

Gym Clothing:

Children will have regularly scheduled physical education classes. Sneakers (non-marking soles) should be worn as well as comfortable clothing that is appropriate for physical activity. Please **dress your child in his/her gym clothing before coming to school on gym days.** This will enable us to move from the regular classroom to the gymnasium quickly and with minimal loss of instructional time.



Notes/Monies:

When children have to bring notes or money to school (for field trips, book orders, milk etc.) please put it in an envelope/baggie with your child's name on the outside.

Changes:

If you change your address or phone number, please let us know immediately so that we can update our emergency forms. Also, it is very important that you advise us, in writing, should you be going away (e.g. on vacation or a business trip) and leaving your child in the care of someone else. Please ensure that the teacher has been advised of this in advance.

Labeling

Please label items belonging to your child including boots, coats, hoodies and lunch bags and book bags.

Curriculum Night:

An orientation session will be held in the fall for all Parents/ Guardians. This will be an opportunity to become acquainted with the Kindergarten program and help Parents/ Guardians understand the classroom routines, how they can help their children, what to expect, etc. Please plan to join us in September for this.

Thank you. We look forward to seeing you and your child on Thursday, September 8th!

KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST:

Your child will need the following items:

- 2 glue sticks
- 2 packages of crayons (packages of eight please)
- 1 package of pencils (please sharpen)
- 1 Eraser
- 3 hard plastic duo-tang folders (1 green, 1 red and 1 blue-if possible)
- 2 journal exercise books (1/2 page blank and 1/2 page lined)
- 1 pair of children's scissors (blunt tip)
- 1 dry erase marker
- Sneakers for Gym
- 1 T-Shirt (old and oversized) for painting

***Please do not label school supplies**



BOOKBAG:

Your child should also have a book bag which they will bring to school every day. This is the best system for conveying messages between home and school. Your child will be provided with a large plastic bag at the beginning of the school year which will travel with them between home and school daily. **Please ensure that you check your child's "Mail Bag" on a daily basis.**

Bussing

According to the District's Policy:

There will be no bus services for Kindergarten on the first week of school. Busses will begin on the Monday of the second week.

Parents/ Guardians are required to provide the school with one pick-up and drop off address so that children can be assigned to their designated bus for the remainder of the year. Please ensure that there is only one address given as busses are not permitted to drop your child off at varying locations.

