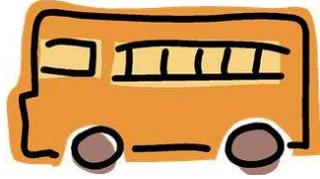


Kindergarten at Roch Carrier - Information Package



Welcome! We are very excited to welcome you and your child to our Kindergarten learning community. We hope that this information package helps to answer some of your questions and will help us all to have a smooth transition into a wonderful year of learning.

Daily Routines

7:00 a.m. – The Extended Day Program (EDP) begins for those who have registered their child in this program.

8:15 a.m. – Supervision on the Kindergarten yard begins. We have a direct hand-over policy. Please walk your child right to the gate and make contact with an Early Childhood Educator (E.C.E.) on the yard. Your child will play outside before the bell rings. In case of inclement weather (e.g., rainy days) please meet a supervising adult at the rear Kindergarten doors. Parents will be asked to say goodbye at the doors. Bus students will be walked by an E.C.E. to the Kindergarten yard or to their classrooms.

8:30 a.m. – Please ensure your child is here **before** the bell rings at 8:30 so that they have a smooth transition into their day. Students will say goodbye and line up alongside the fence for O' Canada.

Nutrition Breaks – There are two nutrition breaks during the school day. **Please note** that part of the Kindergarten Curriculum includes proper nutrition and healthy choices. A variety of vegetables, fruit, and protein is recommended. A healthy school lunch is a great way to help your child have a successful day. All food items are peanut-free.

3:00 p.m. – Bus students will be placed on their buses. Students in the Extended Day Program will be supervised in the Kindergarten yard. Students who are walking home can be picked up by their parents/guardians at the Kindergarten yard gate.

Absences

Our safe arrival procedure identifies students who are absent from school. If your child will be absent or late, please email both your child's educators and the school absence account at absent.rces@ocdsb.ca. Students who arrive later than 8:30 am must be signed in at the office, and then will be accompanied down the hall to our classroom. If you are picking up your child early you must sign them out in the office.

Parent/Educator Communication

If you need to contact your child's teachers you can reach them by sending an email using the educator's first and last names: firstname.lastname@ocdsb.ca or call the school office and (613)-254-8400

Dressing for the Weather

Outdoor learning is a key component of the new Kindergarten Program, so we will plan to be outside even if it is lightly raining or if it is cold outside. We will be working on building self-help skills during dressing time, and kindly ask that have your child **practice dressing themselves with you at home**. We know that zippers and buttons are especially hard for some of our younger friends, so we will of course assist them while teaching them how to become "Zipper and Button Experts."

Suggested Fall/Spring Clothing Items

- rain coat with hood (or rain hat) – no umbrellas
- rain boots
- lighter mittens or gloves
- splash pants
- a sweater or jacket on cooler days
- sunhat or baseball cap

Suggested Winter Clothing Items

- snowsuit
- snow boots
- neck warmer (instead of scarf)
- mittens (2 pairs)
- hat
- extra sweater
- extra socks

Birthdays and Events

Please feel free to send in special **non-food items** to be shared with the class on your child's birthday, Halloween, Valentine's Day, etc. Due to allergies, sensitivities, and dietary restrictions we will only provide your child with the food you send in for them. Some ideas for treats that are always a big hit are stickers, erasers, or pencils.

Parent Volunteers

Volunteers are appreciated in our school. Whether it is making play dough at home with your child to send in to our class, coming with us on a field trip, or coming in to share an interest of yours, your child will benefit from your participation in our classroom.

Please watch for invitations for volunteering in your child's note tote, which we will send home later in the year, after we have settled into our new routines.

Please note: All visitors/parents are required to sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's badge. For safety reasons, we ask all parents and guardians to only use the MAIN doors at the front of the school. Please do NOT use the Kindergarten doors by the cubbies. We appreciate your cooperation with this.