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WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

Dear Kindergarten parents,

This September, your child will be entering either their first or their second year **the two-year bilingual kindergarten program**, in which 50% of the instruction will be in English and 50% will be in French. The delivery model will be alternating days; one day will be taught in English and the following day in French (with many English words). Your child will be staying with the same group of students for their second year.

Our Kindergarten curriculum can be found on the Ministry of Education's website at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/kinderprogram.html>. The integrated nature of the new curriculum and how it represents the natural course of learning is highlighted when discussing inquiry and play-based learning. For these reasons, all areas of the curriculum will be addressed in both languages.

Your child will have both an English teacher, alternating the second day with a French teacher. If your child will be going into their second year in kindergarten, they will be continuing with their current teacher as their English teacher, alternating the second day with a French teacher.

As a two-year program, both the year one and year two students will be integrated in the same class. The learning will be differentiated to support your child at their capacity, preparing them well for grade one. Grade one becomes the entry point for the Early French Immersion program as a result of our new program.

Communication between parents and educators is vital. You will have ample opportunity to hear from all of your child's educators throughout the year. Strategies for on-going communication about your child's development and learning will include the "Communication of Learning" reports that you will receive twice a year.

This is a very exciting and optimistic time for our District as we implement this new program and its curriculum.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Lisa Clayton
Principal