

SEPTEMBER 2021

Building the Foundation for Growth



Getting Ready for School

After a good summer break, the new school year is next. Many children and families are excited and nervous at the same time. They might be excited to meet new peers, spaces, and routines, or they might be anxious for the same reasons. Newness is not always welcoming to children. Many children love and are comfortable structured and ordinary routines. They know what is expected and what to do. When they go back to school or go to school for the first time, it could be a big change and will take children time to adjust. Here are 5 important points for children and families to remember when getting ready for school that will make it easier for the kids to transition into.

1. Backpacks

Once they begin diving into the school system, a backpack is their best friend. It must be big enough to free up the child's hands and unique enough to distinguish their backpack amongst other's.

Keychains are great vivid point to give a child's backpack an identity. Durability is also something to keep in mind. It could be very awkward for a child to have a broken backpack on their first day of the school.

2. Stationery

Children will try to orient themselves for the first few days or weeks. Stationery is needed so that they can write their name, take notes, doodle while waiting or play games with their friends, and of course, to stay organised. Having names on their stationery is a must since there are many friends with similar or same ones.

3. Extra Clothing

If your child is going to kindergarten, an extra change of clothes is necessary.

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Important Dates

FRI SEPT 3

Last Day of Summer Camp.

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Preschool Orientation 9:30 – 10:00.

MON SEPT 6

Labour Day, Center closed.

TUES SEPT 7

First Day of School (SD 43)

WED SEPT 8

First Day of Preschool.

THUR SEPT 30

Truth and Reconciliation Day,
Center Closed.

Reminders

- Emergency Comfort Kit: If you are new to our program, please assemble an emergency kit for the first day of your child's attendance. We must need children's immunization record and photo before the start date.
- If your child is attending Kindergarten and require care during the gradual entry weeks (September 7th – 17th). Please let us know. The fee is \$20 per day.
- Please note there will be no drop-off or pick-up on Tuesday, September 7th for ALL groups.
- Thursday September 30th is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – statutory holiday. Center is closed
- Please note, summer camp last day is Friday, September 3rd.
- REMINDER: if children are not attending daycare on any given day, please notify staff so that we know not to expect them.
- Please note, we are Nut free and low sugar facility. Please do not pack any nut or high sugar snacks, lunch, or drinks.
- Preschool Program families, orientation will take place on Friday September 3rd 9:30am – 10:00am. And first class will be on Wednesday, September 8th.

Program Highlights

Back to School, All about me, Friendship, and My Pets!

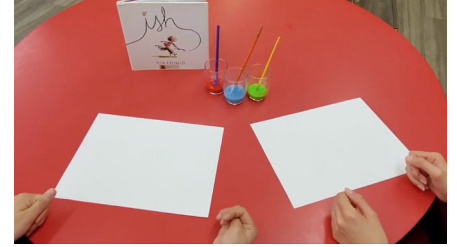
Activities for Home and at School



Back to school anxiety during COVID times

The pandemic is not over yet, and we are facing another school year that is just around the corner. Some families and children who are entering Kindergarten may face some challenges when going to school with COVID-19.

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Crumpled Paper Art Inspired by "Ish"

This activity is great to connect literary works and real world art. Also, the child can learn that perfection is not necessary in art.

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Our Group Daycare class during circle time.



Learning about health and self-care.



Out of School kids making a fort!



Kids using recycled material to build a marble track.

FOR ANY ENQUIRIES, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT BY EMAIL OR PHONE.

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