Hello Parents,

My name is Melissa Dundas and I am the kindergarten teacher at Dewdney. I would like to let you know about the schedule for kindergarten students, as it is a gradual entry program and students will not be in school full time at the beginning.

**Kindergarten First Weeks of School Schedule 2019**

Tuesday, September 3: Students at school from 9-10.

 Parents are asked to stay during this time.

Wed or Thurs, September 4 or 5: Small group meetings with parents and children.

 Parents will have signed up on Sept 3 (the first day of school) for the time and day they prefer.

Friday, September 6: No school for kindergarten children.

Mon and Wed, September 9 and 11: Group A children at school 8:30 – 11:45.

 Students will need a recess snack only.

 Parents will have signed up on Sept 3 (the first day of school) for the group they prefer.

Tues and Thurs, September 10 and 12: Group B children at school 8:30 – 11:45.

 Students will need a recess snack only.

 Parents will have signed up on Sept 3 (the first day of school) for the group they prefer.

Friday, September 13: All children at school 8:30 – 11:45.

 Students will need a recess snack only.

Starting Monday, September 16: All children at school full days from 8:30 – 2:23.

Friday, September 20: Non-instructional day. No school for students.

If you need more information about the first week of school schedule or need a specific time or day for the small group meeting, please contact the school secretary. She will be back in the office on Monday, August 26.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:**

I strongly encourage parents to purchase school supplies through the Staples School Tools program. Not only do you save money through this program, but also Staples will assemble and deliver your order directly to the school! **You must order before July 7, 2019**.

If you would like to purchase your own supplies, please purchase good quality school supplies, using our school supply list found on the following page.

Please DO NOT label supplies with your child’s name. We will be using communal supplies in Kindergarten and I will label the individual items I need personally labeled. Supplies can be brought to school any time during the first week of September in a bag (or two!) labeled with your child’s name.

**C.O.R.E:**

Dewdney features an outdoor education program called CORE (Community Outdoor Recreation and Environment Education Program). See details here: <http://dewdney.mpsd.ca/core/>

Students will be learning outside every day and will need proper clothing at school. I require all kindergarten students to have a full change of clothing to keep at school for ‘just in case’ situations.

I also require students to come to school dressed in weather appropriate clothing and footwear. All kindergarten students must wear rain pants and rubber boots EVERY DAY. Not only will legs and feet stay dry, they will also be protected from getting scratches while we are crawling and sitting on the ground during learning and play times.

Remember this Scandinavian saying: There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing!

**OTHER INFO:**

During the first week of school, we will be meeting and exchanging quite a bit of information. If you have any questions that need answering before the first day of school and you cannot find the answer on the school website (http://dewdney.mpsd.ca), feel free to email me at melissa.dundas@mpsd.ca. I will do my best to respond in a timely manner over the summer holidays.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you on September 3!!

Melissa Dundas

Kindergarten Teacher

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