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**Blakeburn Kindergarten Welcoming Week**

**September 2019**

Transitioning to Kindergarten goes well when we take the time for children to familiarize themselves with their new surroundings and teacher. Welcoming Week is designed to gradually transition children from home/preschool to a larger classroom setting.

Your child has been assigned to a **number group**. They attend during the times indicated for their number group. This schedule will notinclude a teacher name or your Welcoming Conversation time. *Due to particularly tight enrollment at the Kindergarten level this year, that information will be provided at the end of the first week of school.* You will receive a call or email from your child’s permanent teacher on Friday, September 6th with their Welcoming Conversation time.

**School Supplies**: if you ordered a *Creative Children Package, and you have not already picked it up*, you will be able to pick it up from August 26th – September 4th (9:00am-3:00pm). Supply lists are also available on our website. Please do not label any of the school supplies. Students do not need their school supplies until they are in their permanent classrooms.

**Inside Shoes:** Please bring a set of inside shoes (no laces) with your child’s name on them in the first week.

**Wednesday, September 4th** is the first day for all Kindergarten students. Your child will be assigned a gradual entry week classroom. *Please look at the gradual entry temporary classroom list that will be posted on Wednesday, September 4th in the main lobby. Please note that this is not necessarily your permanent classroom. Permanent placement decisions will happen during that first week.* On Wednesday, we encourage parents to come and experience the routines and expectations first hand if possible. You will provide the extra hands needed while your child learns new routines and it is an excellent opportunity for you to see some of the routines your child will practice.

* We will share with you the morning routines (ie. how to hang your backpack, change shoes…)
* We will share a story together and review bathroom expectations.
* We will introduce exploration centers.
* We will bring you all together again and send you off.

**September 9th to the 13th** are **Welcoming Conversations.** Each family will be given 20 minutes to meet with the teacher. Along with this letter, we will provide you with a hand out as a basis for the conversation. Your permanent classroom teacher will be contacting you on Friday, September 6th with your teacher placement and your Welcoming Conversation time. If the time given does not work, please arrange another time with your child’s teacher.

**Monday, September 9th** or **Tuesday, September 10th** students will attend with their Group until 11:45. Children should bring a recess snack.

**Wednesday, September 11th and Thursday, September 12th** all students will attend from 8:45 to 11:45. *They will go to their permanent classrooms on Wednesday morning.* Please bring a recess snack.

**Friday, September 13th** all students will attend from 8:45 to 1:00. Please bring a recess snack and a lunch.

**Monday, September 16th** Kindergarten students will start their first full day (8:45am - 2:45pm).

**Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule**

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|  | Wed,  Sept 4 | Thurs,  Sept 5 | Fri,  Sept 6 | Mon,  Sept 9 | Tue,  Sept 10 | Wed,  Sept 11 | Thurs, Sept 12 | Fri,  Sept 13 |
| Morning-  Recess  9:00-10:30 | Group 1  (Parent also attends) | Group 2 | Group 1 | Group 1  8:45-11:45 | Group 2  8:45-11:45 | ALL  8:45-11:45  Please go to your permanent classrooms | ALL  8:45 – 11:45 | ALL  8:45-1:00 |
| Recess –  Lunch  10:45-12:15 | Group 2  (Parent also attends) | Group 1 | Group 2 | Recess  Snack | Recess  Snack | Recess  Snack | Recess  Snack | snack & lunch |
| Lunch –  End of Day  1:15-2:45 |  |  |  | WC  WC  WC  WC | WC  WC  WC  WC | WC  WC  WC  WC | WC  WC  WC  WC | WC  WC  WC  WC |

WC – Welcome Conversations