

Good Afternoon

I know that we still don't know when our first day of school will be, but you may have questions about what that day will look like. I will outline it for you and if you have any questions please feel free to email me back.

This information is being sent to all families but **does not include Kindergarten**. ***I will send out information to Kindergarten parents about start up once we have a confirmed start date, as gradual entry may need to be adjusted.***

When we do go back to school (remember to keep watching news and monitoring the district website), the students will still only come for a short period of time on the first day. We will then get children into their new classes as quickly as we can. This does take a few days, however, as we have to wait until we know for certain who is returning to our school, and who the new students are.

If you order school supplies they have arrived at the school and once the children are in their new classes, their new teacher will give them their supplies and planner. For the first week of school they could bring a ziplock bag with some crayons, scissors, felt pens, pencil and eraser – if you have old/used supplies at home. If you don't have old supplies to send please don't buy more, the teachers will have extra for the children to use during the first few days.

- On the first day back to school the children (grade 1-5) come from **8:45-9:30**. We meet in the gym and then they go back to last year's classroom for a quick visit and attendance.
- There will be signs on the doors to let you know which class your child will go to for attendance starting on the second day, and until they are in their new classes. (a few days)
- For the next three days (approximately) the children (grade 1-5) will stay in grade level grouping (e.g. all grade 1s together with two or more teachers (depending on numbers)).
- They will sometimes be all together and sometimes they will break into smaller groups for different activities.
- This allows us to confirm the numbers and set the classes for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Once classes are made (approx. three days) the children will come home with a note letting their parents know who their new teacher is and where the classroom is.
- The following day they go to their new classroom where they will be for the remainder of the year.

Once we know the actual start date I will resend this information. I only send it now in case you are wondering what the startup will look like. Please email or call me at the school if you have any questions.

Thanks very much. We all hope you will get an email from me soon with a start date!

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