



Watson Road Elementary

Red Wings

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten Students,

Welcome to Watson Road School! We are delighted that your child will begin his/her formal schooling with us. As partners in education, we are committed, like yourselves, to the growth and development of your child. Parents are a fundamental part of a child's education. For your child to be successful at school, we need you to become involved and remain active throughout each school year! We look forward to working with you and hope to see you at our school regularly.

Our district has always acknowledged the need for a gradual entry into Kindergarten. This important transition phase is aimed to set students up for success for the rest of their school years and often involves a variety of visits, communications and opportunities to connect young children and their families with their schools leading up to the first full day of Kindergarten. Prior to the first full day, we have the following activities planned for all Kindergarten students and parents/guardians:

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE:

Tues., Sept. 2	Wed., Sept. 3	Thur., Sept. 4	Fri., Sept. 5	Mon., Sept. 8	Tue., Sept. 9	Wed., Sept. 10
A-I: 8:45 – 9:45 am M-Z: 9:50 – 10:50 am	A-L: 8:45 – 10:45 am M-Z: 12:15 – 2:15 pm	A-L: 8:45 – 10:45 am M-Z: 12:15 – 2:15 pm	Parent, teacher, child meeting	A-L: 8:45 – 2:15 pm	M-Z: 8:45 – 2:15 pm	All students' first full day ☺ 8:25 – 2:25 pm
		** Emailed 'classroom teacher's name'				

Tuesday, September 2nd: Kindergarten students will come to school for one hour on this day. Students whose last name begins with the **letter A – L** will come from 8:45 – 9:45 am, and those whose last names starts with the **letters M– Z** will come from 9:50 – 10:50 am. The students will line up outside at the marked area, and the teachers will bring them into the school, where they will work in groups with our kindergarten teachers. Students will have the opportunity to meet other kindergarten classmates, our kindergarten teachers, and some key staff members, as well as learn some new classroom routines.

Wednesday, September 3rd and Thursday, September 4th: Only those students whose last name begins with the **letter A – L** will come to school from 8:45 – 10:45 am. Students whose last name begins with the letter **M– Z** will come from 12:15 – 2:15 pm. The students will line up outside at the marked area, and the teachers will bring them into the school, where they will work in groups with our kindergarten teachers. Students will have the opportunity to meet other kindergarten classmates, our kindergarten teachers, and some key staff members, as well as learn some new classroom routines.

On Thursday evening, September 4th [parents will receive an email informing you of who your child's teacher will be for the school year and what your interview time is on Friday.](#)

Friday, September 5th: "Happy Visit" aka Student-Parent-Teacher Conference: As part of our kindergarten orientation, our teachers will be offering an introductory 15-minute conference to allow new students and their families to be introduced to their classroom teacher. The purpose is two-fold: i) to have the child gain familiarity with their new environment; ii) to build relationships and an opportunity for the classroom teacher to get to know your son/daughter. Please bring your child to the interview.

Monday and Tuesday, September 8th and 9th : Only those students whose last name begins with the **letter A-L** will come to school for the full day on Monday, and those whose last names begins with the letters M – Z will come for a full day on Tuesday. The students will line up outside at the marked area, and the teachers will bring them into the school, where they will work in their new classrooms. **Please bring a snack, lunch and a labelled water bottle on this day.**

1. The first full day of Kindergarten for all students will be on Wednesday, September 10th, 2025

Entry bell: 8:25 am & Dismissal Bell: 2:30 pm

Lunch break: 11:10 – 12:02 pm (Students will play first, then eat!)

To make the first **FULL day of kindergarten** a success, your child will need to bring the following:

- a backpack (preferably large enough for hard cover picture books and a lunch kit – which they have practiced putting their lunch kit into 😊);
- a packed/bagged lunch and snack (label the snack to make it easy for your child to independently find and open)
 - Snacks are a fruit/vegetable/dairy item
 - Only water to drink please
- one pair of indoor shoes - no laces;
- a change of clothes, in a labelled plastic bag (in case of accidents😊);
- Please pay the \$50.00 school fees online. See our website for details. This will cover the cost of cultural performances and supplies for the year – no other supplies need be sent to school.

We look forward to having you at our school. This marks the beginning of your child's educational journey. We're happy to be part of it! The Watson Road team is committed to making your child's first year an exciting and happy learning experience.

*Please note that if you are registered at another school, please call our office immediately so that we may remove you from our list.

For those families who wish a longer gradual entry for their child, parents are encouraged to meet with the child's teacher and the school principal to discuss required adaptations. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Most sincerely,

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