

Kindergarten Beginning of School Information



Dear Kindergarten Parents,

I am so excited to be welcoming your children into Kindergarten next year! We will be having two Kindergarten classes. Kindergarten days are full days with the students coming on alternating full days. One group will attend on the odd days of the 6 day cycle, and the other group will attend on the even days. You will receive info on which group your child is in, along with a calendar of the dates of classes for them.

First two days of classes

On the first two days of classes, **Thursday, September 4** and **Friday, September 5**, we will be inviting each class to attend for only a **half day** to help the students have a gentler transition into Kindergarten and being away from home.

Group A (odd days) will attend on the mornings of Sept. 4 and 5. They may take bus transportation to school (if they are a bus student) but will be need to be picked up at 11:30

Group B (even days) will attend in the afternoons of Sept. 4 and 5. They will need to be brought to school for 12:30 and may take bus transportation home.

On **Monday, September 8** we will begin with the regularly scheduled alternating full days.

School Hours

Our regular school days begin at 8:45. Supervision on the playground begins at 8:25 for both bus students and those that get dropped off/walk. You should receive information on bussing before the start of school from the transportation department or your bus driver. Our school day ends at 3:20, but would head to the buses or pickup by 3:15.

What to Bring

- School supplies are covered by the student supply fees that you pay to the school.
 - Indoor pair of running shoes that students are able to put on without help (that will stay at school). Please do not send tie shoes! They should have a pair of "outdoor" shoes that they come to school and go home with. Again, these shoes should be easy for students to put on and off themselves.
 - Regular size backpack that can hold their lunch bag as well as larger books that may go home at times.
 - A very basic extra set of clothing for your child to keep in the classroom for the year. A very simple t-shirt, sweatpants/tights, pair of underwear and socks all in a big, labeled Ziploc bag would be great.
 - Students need to bring a snack for the morning, and a lunch. We will also have an optional afternoon snack time for students who do not finish their food at lunch time or those who do need an extra snack.
- I plan to send out "welcome" emails in August which will include links to a video tour of our classroom and introduction of myself for those unable to attend our Kindergarten Info Night (and as a refresher to those that did!) I will be providing more detailed info on our routines and expectations on the first day of Kindergarten. If you have other questions in regards to the beginning of the year, please email me at tbartel@rrvsd.ca.

I am looking forward to a great year!

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