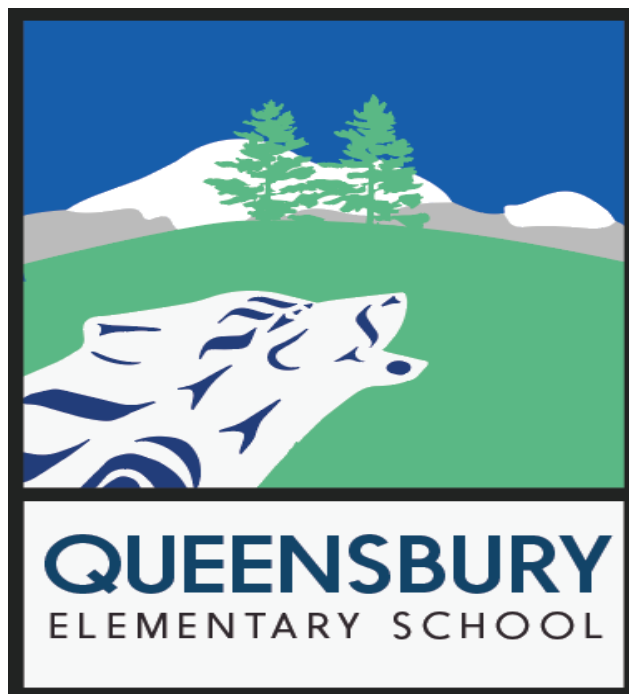


Kindergarten ABC's



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Absences

If your child is absent, please call the callback line at Lynnmour, 604-903-_____. If you know your child will be absent for a period of time due to illness or holiday, please send a note with the dates your child will be absent. This information will be forwarded to the office.

Alphabet Knowledge

We will be learning the letters of the alphabet and the sounds that the letters make in Kindergarten.

Allergies

We have several students in the school who have life threatening allergies. We strive to maintain a safe environment for all our students. To that end, we request the following:

To help reduce the risk of accidental exposure, we need your co-operation in order to provide a safe and secure learning environment. The following precautions are respectfully requested:

1. **Students should not bring food to school that contain peanuts or nut products**, (ie: peanut butter, muffins/cookies with nuts, granola bars.) A list of ingredients is on all food products, and a warning usually accompanies foods that "*may contain*" peanuts or other nut products. Please read these lists of ingredients. (A handout of nut-free snacks and lunch ideas is attached.) You may find it helpful to keep this in your kitchen for quick reference.
2. If your child enjoys peanut/nut containing products at home, please ensure that your child adds *thorough hand-washing* to their routine before coming to school. Even a small amount of nut oil or dust from a friend's hand can easily be transferred to crayons, books or playground equipment that can pose a risk for the allergic child.
3. Discuss with your child the importance of *not trading or sharing food*.

The above items will also be discussed with all the students with ways to help their allergic friends stay safe.

We hope you will appreciate the seriousness of this condition, and that you will assist us in our efforts to create as safe an environment as possible for our students. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call the office at the school, or our Community Health Nurse, at 604-983-6782, or the Vancouver Coast Health Dept at 604-983-6700.



Birthdays

Birthdays are very important to children. Due to the risks associated with food allergies, if you would like to share a treat with your child's classmates, it must be peanut/nut free, and follow the Canadian Health Food Guidelines. For more information, visit their website at www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/food-guide-ailment/.

Backpacks

Your child's backpack should be large enough to carry library books, notices and lunches, and should be easy for them to open and close. Please check your child's backpack **DAILY**.

Blankets

Please send a child sized blanket with your child's name on it, which will be used for quiet and yoga time. They will be sent home periodically over a weekend for washing. Please ensure that these are returned on Monday mornings.

Book Orders

Scholastic Books: The Kindergarten classroom offers families the opportunity to purchase books through the Scholastic Book Program to promote reading with children. The program provides enrichment through book credits for our classroom. Flyers will be sent home monthly, and must be paid with a cheque payable to Scholastic Books. The purchase of these books is completely voluntary. The date indicated on the flyer is when the order is due.



Clothing/Shoes

Please dress your child in comfortable clothing that is appropriate for Kindergarten. A change of clothes should be kept at school in a bag with your child's name on it. Items to be included are:

- a pair of pants
- socks
- underwear
- shirt

Also, the children need to have running shoes at all times. Your child needs to be able to put on and do up their own shoes. **Velcro is best.** When boots are worn on bad weather days, please remember to send shoes to change into. (Save party dresses and shoes for out of school activities.)

Conferences

We will be scheduling a conference in early September. If you have any questions and would like to meet with the teacher, please ask and we will set up an appointment.

Computers

Throughout the year we will use the computer lab to make projects, utilizing various kindergarten learning programs. A computer is also available in the classroom. Your child will be taught how to use the computer, and the educational software available. We will be sending an "Internet Use Permission" form home for your signature and return in September with our start-up package.



Dismissal

Dismissal is at 2:40 pm. Your child will be dismissed by the teacher, and is to stay with the teacher until a parent or caregiver arrives. If you are late, your child will be taken to the office, and a call will be made to you.



Early Dismissal

During the year, we will have designated days when there will be an early dismissal. You will be notified via email stating the specific day and time of the dismissal.



Fire Drills

Your child will participate in frequent fire-earthquake drills throughout the year. We will practice the procedures before our first fire drill so that you child will be prepared.



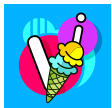
Gym

Gym periods will be scheduled during the week. Gym may also include activities outside of the classroom, (ie: gymnasium, playground/field). Running shoes are necessary for all gym activities. Water bottles should be in their back-pack as we have water after all gym activities.



Homework

Homework for Kindergarten in September is to **READ at home** with your child. Practice zipping up clothes, tying shoelaces, etc. A home-reading program will start in January when books will be sent home weekly for reading practice.

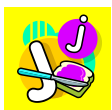


Illness

Please do not send your child to school if he/she has a temperature. If you child becomes ill at school, you will be called to come and get your child. If uncertain about your child's illness, please contact Vancouver Coastal Health at 604-983-3700. A wonderful resource regarding common childhood diseases is available on their website at www.vch.ca/sneezesdiseases/SneezesDiseases/pdf.

Independence

The more your child can do for themselves, the more successful their time at Kindergarten will be. They need to be able to put on their coats and zip it up, put on and take of their shoes, open and close containers for snacks and lunch. Please practice these skills at home.



Journal/Story-writing

We will spend time writing in our journals. Journal writing is a process that may begin with just pictures or scribbles. You should see growth in your child's writing throughout the year.



Kindergarten Kids

Kindergarten kids are special! We want to make this a great first year of school!



Library

We have Library each week. Please return the library book on their scheduled library day.

Learning Centers

We have learning centers in our classroom comprised of; Art, Math, Language and Play components.

Lunch

Please provide a healthy lunch that you know your child will eat. Please also ensure that their lunch and snacks are in containers that your child can open and close easily. (Please see section on "Allergies".)



Math

Math manipulatives are used extensively in the Kindergarten program.



Newsletter

A Kindergarten newsletter will be sent home as needed. It will summarize classroom activities and information that needs to be communicated.



Outside

Please dress your child appropriately for the weather as we will have outside time throughout the year.



Parent Volunteers

We welcome parent volunteers, and will have a parent volunteer schedule posted when required. Please try and help us out as often as you can!



Questions

Please contact the teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's education.



Report Cards

Three report cards will be sent home. Reporting periods are November, March and June. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be arranged for the November, and an Open House will be held in March.

Read

Read to your child daily, and let your child see you reading!



Safety

Safety is a top priority. Please write a note or inform the teacher if a different caregiver will be picking up your child. When dropping your child off or picking up, please do not park in the staff parking lot, in yellow street zones, or in the handicapped parking stalls.

Snacks

Please send a small nut-free nutritious snack and a small juice box or water container. We have attached a list of recommended snacks for your use. (Posting this list on your refrigerator is recommended for your reference.) Due to allergies we do not encourage the sharing of food at snack or lunch time. Please see the "Allergies" section for more information

Sharing

You will be notified a day in advance of your child's sharing day. Your child is welcome to share a special toy, or a mystery bag (specific theme will be advised).

Special Helper

We will have a special helper in our classrooms to do small classroom tasks and to be the leader in line, etc. All children will get equal turns at this. If someone is absent when his or her turn comes up, that name will remain at the top of the list until the child returns to school. The night before your child is the special helper, they will bring home a notice stating that they are the helper.



Toys

Children are not encouraged to bring toys from home unless they are brought for their Sharing Day.



Units/Themes

Themes covered this year may include:

- All About Me
- Apples
- Fall
- Halloween
- Holidays
- Dinosaurs
- Seashore

...& much more!



Volunteers

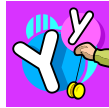
We welcome and encourage parents/guardians to volunteer in the classroom. Volunteers will have to sign in at the office and get a visitors badge.



Water Bottles

Water bottles are a necessity and should be sent daily.

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ZZZZZZZZZZZZ's: Your child should get plenty of rest each night (a minimum of 9 hours is recommended)!!!



*Welcome to Queensbury
Home of the Wolves!*