

Dear Preschool Families,

GRADUAL ENTRY

As we recognize how important it is for young children to feel comfortable and safe while at the Preschool, we will provide a Gradual Entry process during September. We also know how difficult it can be for some children to separate from the parents or caregivers and vice versa. Returning children are able to re-settle into their new classes and meet new friends. This Gradual Entry will help the children familiarize themselves with the play centres, routines of the day, their play mates and the teachers.

We welcome ONE parent or caregiver per child, to stay with their child to help them settle in and feel comfortable with the transition for gradual entry. We ask that the same parent/caregiver comes each day for the gradual entry process. The parent/caregiver will be required to wear a mask and to wash their hands with soap and water. After gradual entry, parents/caregivers will not be allowed in the program. Family access to the centre will be dependent of child's needs.

We also need to limit how many people are in the room. Therefore, we have broken down the gradual entry into group A and group B. We will send you your group allocation in August.

GRADUAL ENTRY HOURS

PRE-SCHOOL **CLASSES WILL BEGIN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020.**

SEPTEMBER 8-18 (1-hour class)

MORNING GROUP A = 8:30 am to 9:30 am

MORNING GROUP B = 9:50 am to 10:50 am

AFTERNOON GROUP A = 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

AFTERNOON GROUP B = 1:20 pm to 2:20 pm

Before the 8th of September, teachers will be preparing for the new school year. We want to ensure the classroom meets licensing (including updated protocols for covid19) and safety requirements. New family's orientation class has been **CANCELLED**.

OPERATIONAL HOURS (*after gradual entry*)

Our operational hours starting September 21, 2020 onwards will be as follows:

AM class 9:00-11:00 am

PM class 12:30-2:30 pm

We have eliminated the centre snack time and provided more time between classes to clean/sanitize toys and high touch surfaces.