

Welcome to Kindergarten at Provo Primary School! For some of you it is a new welcome to the school and for others a welcome back.



My name is Miss Tracy deCarufel. I am so excited to be teaching Kindergarten again this year. This is my fourth year at Provo Primary School and my fifth year teaching Kindergarten.

I attended Queen's University for both my undergraduate degree (History) and my Bachelor of Education. I've taken a number of additional qualification online courses from Queen's University while I've been working at Provo Primary School including Kindergarten, English as a Second Language, Mathematics Education, Special Education and Librarianship. I am from Toronto, Canada. I'm very excited to get to know and work with your child. I think we will have a great Kindergarten community and we'll have a wonderful year together.

Topic:

Our Kindergarten curriculum will continue to build on the early learning goals introduced last year in Junior Kindergarten. This term, our beginning topic to explore will be **Transportation and Travel**. We will be learning and talking about holidays, different modes of transportation and adventures.



It would be wonderful for families to lend topic related books, videos, toys, dress-up clothes or posters to our classroom. Postcards from holiday travels, boarding passes, airplane tickets, tourist maps (and more) are all welcome! Please do ensure that names are clearly labelled on each item so that they can be returned promptly at the end of the topic. Thank you in advance.

Term 1 Curriculum Highlights & Six Areas of Learning:

Communication, Language and Literacy:

- ❖ Letter recognition, recall and formation using the Jolly Phonics and Letterland scheme
- ❖ Development of reading skills and enjoyment of books through individual and group reading, whole class activities and practice with key stage words.

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy:

- ❖ Reading, writing and ordering numbers to 5
- ❖ Sorting and matching

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- ❖ Maintain attention, concentrate, and sit quietly when appropriate
- ❖ Respond to significant experiences, showing a range of feelings when appropriate
- ❖ Have a developing awareness of their own needs, views and feelings, and be sensitive to the needs, views and feelings of others



Knowledge and Understanding of the World:

- ❖ Investigate objects and materials by using all of their senses as appropriate
- ❖ Find out about, and identify, some features of living things, objects and events they observe
- ❖ Look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change

Physical Development:

- ❖ Recognise the importance of keeping healthy, and those things which contribute to this
- ❖ Recognise the changes that happen to their bodies when they are active

Creative Development:

- ❖ Express and communicate their ideas, thoughts and feelings by using a widening range of materials, suitable tools, imaginative and role-play, movement, designing and making, and a variety of songs and musical instruments
- ❖ Explore colour, texture, shape, form and space in two or three dimensions

A few bits and bobs...

- ✓ **Snacks, Water & Lunch:** Kindergarten has one snack break plus lunch throughout the day. Please ensure that your child has enough water, healthy snacks and lunch for the whole school day. Just a reminder, all snacks and lunches need to be table-ready.
- ✓ **Labelling Items:** Please bring a labelled hat to school every day. If you do not want your child to wear a hat, please write a note saying so. Please ensure that water bottles are labelled as well.
- ✓ **Extra Pair of Clothes:** Please ensure that your child has an extra change of clothing in case of accident.
- ✓ **Drop off & Pick up:** Drop off time in the morning from 8:15 to 8:30 and pick up time is 3:00. Please ensure that your child is dropped off and picked up in a timely manner. Late charges will be applied to late pick-ups.
- ✓ **Shoes:** Kindly ensure that your child wears shoes that he/she can take off and put on independently. This will be a huge time saver. Velcro or slip-on shoes (unless your child is competent lacing up shoes) tend to be the best option.
- ✓ **Washing Hands:** Please make sure that your child has washed his/her hands prior to entering the classroom.
- ✓ **Toys:** No toys from home please! If an item is brought onto school grounds, your child is responsible for taking care and taking precautions (by keeping the item in their backpack or cubby space) to ensure that the item(s) are not lost.
- ✓ **P.E.:** P.E. is on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Please ensure that your child wears their P.E. kit to school and is wearing appropriate shoes on both days. Please pack their school uniform in their backpack so they can get changed after.
- ✓ **Backpacks:** Please ensure that your child brings a backpack to school each day so they can safely carry home items (books, worksheets, paintings) from school, if and when needed.



Scholastic Book Orders

Your child will have the opportunity to order from Scholastic this year. From past experience, I know that the children love seeing the Scholastic boxes because they know the books they've chosen have arrived. As you order books for your child, our class gains points to use towards buying books and resources for your child to use and enjoy in the class. Kindly ensure you place the book order under your Kindergarten child's name. Let's order some great books!

Birthdays:

Look out for birthdays coming up over the year on our class noticeboard.



Thank you in advance for your support.



I believe that by working together we can make this a very successful Kindergarten year. It is so important for the children to see that they have a united support from both home and school.

Please feel free to ask any questions or share your ideas with me in order to help me better meet the needs of your child.

Miss Tracy