



## **Dear Kindergarten Families:**

**WELCOME to Kindergarten!** I am very excited to be working with you and your child this upcoming school year. I realize that you may have questions about the Kindergarten program at Father Leonard Van Tighem School for 2019/2020 school year. This newsletter will hopefully answer some of those questions.

### **Intake Interviews**

The first week of school is dedicated to individual intake interviews. **Each child, along with their parents/guardians, will visit the classroom for a half-hour time period.** This meeting gives us a chance to become acquainted with each other, and includes a tour around the classroom. During the interview, I would also like to work briefly with your child to begin assessing where he/she is at in his/her learning, so I know where to begin teaching. Your child will also have an opportunity to work on a craft, while I go through the Kindergarten handouts/paperwork with you and answer any questions that you may have about the Kindergarten program. Please bring your child's school supplies along with you so that I can organize them before the school year begins.

### **Intake interviews will be done from September 3rd-6th. They will be booked in half-hour time slots, on a first come, first serve basis.**

You can book your interview time on-line by going to the following website:

**<https://vantighem-leth.schoolsoft.ca/login.jsf>** (DO NOT include "www"). There will be a link for conference manager on the school website. This booking system is now open. Please book early. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact Wendy Ponomar in the school office.

### **School Supply List**

Attached is a Kindergarten supply list. **Please purchase the items on the list and bring them on the day of your intake interview.** Unless indicated, please do not label any supplies as they will be shared amongst the students. Supplies can be purchased through *School Start* if desired. Refer to attached instructions.

### **Information/Emergency Contact Form and Authorization Form**

At the intake interviews, emergency contact and pick-up authorization forms will need to be completed. Please bring this information with you.

## **Kindergarten Hours**

**The first day of Kindergarten is Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019!**

The **morning class** will run from **8:35a.m.-11:45a.m.** - Monday through Thursday. Please wait with your child in the school foyer until the doors open at 8:35 a.m. Please do not wait in the corridor in front of the Kindergarten doorway as this blocks access to the caretaker room.

The **afternoon class** will run from **12:20 pm-3:30 pm**, Monday through Thursday. Please wait with your child in the school foyer until the doors open at 12:20 p.m. Please do not wait in the corridor in front of the Kindergarten doorway as this blocks access to the caretaker room.

\*Each class will also attend the Kindergarten program on three Fridays during the 2019-2020 school year. We will send home information regarding dates of the extra Fridays later in the school year.



## **Star Student of the Day**

A calendar will be sent home each month, indicating who the Star Student of the Day is. The Star Student of the day will have responsibilities such as leading calendar time, and leading the line when the class walks through the halls. The Star Student can also bring a special item or story to share with the class that is important and unique to them! A parent or grandparent is welcome and encouraged to join our class for each child's special helper day.



## **Calendar**

Each month a classroom calendar will be sent home to let parents know of the various school activities happening for the month, planned field trips, as well as the Student Leader days that are marked. A school-wide calendar is also accessible through the FLVT website.

## **Kindergarten Fee**

There will be a Kindergarten fee for the 2019-2020 school year. This fee will be used to pay for buses and program fees for field trips, as well as School Council, technology, memory books, and the Kindergarten Year End Celebration supplies. The fee can be paid at the office or through School Cash Online.

## **Snacks**

Kindergarten students are required to bring a healthy snack every day. Eating and learning about nutritious food is an important element of the Kindergarten program. No pop or candy please. I will inform you of any allergies once I am aware of them.



## Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Kindergarten is an adventurous year full of growth and surprises! Here are a few suggestions to help your child transition into Kindergarten:

- Talk to your child about how exciting Kindergarten is going to be! What are some fun activities that he/she may experience while at school?
- \*Have your child's vision and hearing checked.
- Help your child become independent with bathroom procedures and dressing him/herself, (eg/ doing up buttons, snaps, zippers, shoelaces).
- Develop consistent morning and bedtime routines.
- Provide your child with opportunities to play with other children.
- Provide opportunities for your child to experience participation in organized group programs for children.
- Help your child practice identifying and printing his/her name.
- Have frequent conversations with your child to help build vocabulary.
- Read with your child and encourage him/her to tell you stories.
- Practice counting objects during daily activities.
- Point out alphabet letters and numbers in your environment.
- Allow your child to experiment with craft supplies.
- Help build your child's fine motor strength through activities such as playing with playdough, digging in the dirt, assembling puzzles, building with Lego, etc.



If you have any more questions, please feel free to phone the school or bring them up at the intake interview.

I look forward to meeting everyone in September.

God Bless and have a wonderful summer!

*Mrs. Brígida Chambers*

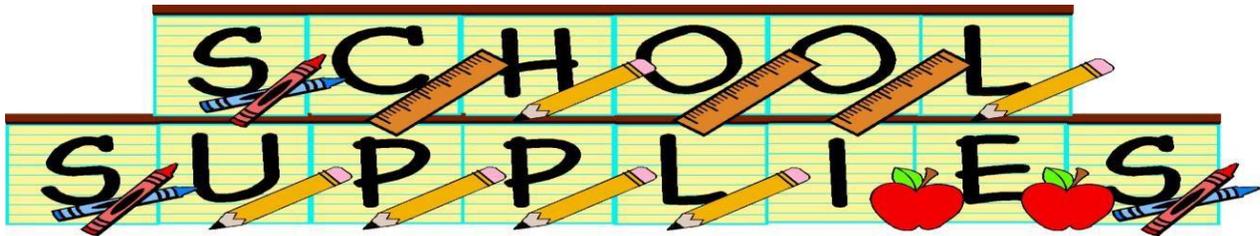
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## **KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST**

Please supply your child with the following items for the Kindergarten School year. Please do not label items below unless specified as these supplies will help to equip our classroom and will be shared with all of the Kindergarten students throughout the school year.

The items are as follows:

- 1 large backpack labeled with your child's name
- 1 box of markers (preferably CRAYOLA brand)
- 1 exercise notebook, ½ plain ½ interlined, labeled with child's name
- 1 one-inch binder labeled with your child's name on the side (Memory Book)
- 30 top loading plastic sheet protectors (please insert these into the 1" binder)
- 1 pair of children's scissors (please label with your child's name)
- 1 roll of paper towel
- 1 package of 100 or more craft pony beads
- 1 bottle of white liquid glue (AM class)
- 1 large glue stick (preferably UHU brand) (PM Class)
- 1 box of Kleenex (AM Class)
- 1 package of paper plates (PM Class)
- 1 package of wooden Popsicle sticks (AM Class)
- 1 bottle of glitter glue, any color, (preferably ELMERS or CRAYOLA brand) (PM Class)
- 1 package of craft materials of own choice, (eg/ sequins, pom-poms, cotton balls, buttons, foam/wooden shapes, stickers, ribbons, feathers, yarn, string, paper bags)
- 1 zippered plastic backpack pouch, (for bringing papers home in), labeled with your child's name (limited quantities can be purchased from School Cash Online for \$4.50)
- 1 pair of non-marking gym runners to be left at school, labeled with your child's name
- 1 complete change of clothing to be left at school, in labeled plastic bag