

ÉCOLE GEORGE V SCHOOL NURSERY/KINDERGARDEN HANDBOOK



Welcome! Bienvenue!

This week your child will be experiencing one of the most important milestones in his/her life – the first day of their school career! I understand that you and your child may be experiencing some excitement or apprehension (or a little of both) leading up to this big day; my hope is that this handbook will help to ease your mind and give you an idea of what to expect this coming year.

I am very excited to be working with your child this year and to be helping him/her achieve his/her full potential in a safe and fun learning community.

Teaching Philosophy

It is our belief that all students should have the opportunity to reach their full potential – our classroom and curriculums provide that. We give each student the chance to excel not just academically, but socially and emotionally. Most importantly, we dedicate ourselves to creating a classroom environment built on trust, leading to strong relationships with students and their families. I allow my students to make mistakes and learn from them. We dedicate ourselves to fostering relationships with each student and creating a classroom environment built on trust and comfort.

Parent/Teacher Relationship

I believe that a good parent/teacher relationship is crucial for your child's maximum school success. Throughout the year I will communicate with you through notes, telephone calls, seesaws, and parent-teacher conferences. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time. I can reach the school 204-669-4482.

Morning/Afternoon Arrival

Students will line up and meet the teacher every morning or afternoon outside the small playground doors at either 8:50 am or 12:55 pm. Please do not send your child to school before 8:50 am or 12:55 pm as there is no one to supervise your child before this time. Students will be picked up outside at the same place at 11:30 am or 3:30 pm.

In case of extreme weather, students are invited to wait inside the linkway door. Teachers will come

to retrieve students once the bell has rung. In this situation a sign will be placed on the door advising you to wait inside – if there is no sign on the door then students and parents are expected to wait outside.

Safe Arrival – Absence Reporting System

If your child is away from school for any reason, you must use Safe Arrival to report the absence. The Safe Arrival toll-free phone number is 1-855-278-4513. If you have not already done so, please sign up for account on the website at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> using the same email address we have on file at the school in order to report absences online. You may also download and use the app to inform the school if your child(ren) will be away for any reason.

To inform us of an upcoming absence, parents should contact the safe arrival by phone **1-855-278-4513** or visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>.

Birthdays

Birthdays are a special day in many children's lives. If you would like to send treats on a specific day, please let me know in advance.

If your child is having a birthday party, please refrain from sending party invitations to school for distribution. Many children have their feelings hurt if they are not invited. I work to promote a classroom built on respect, inclusion, and community and this does not support that vision. Please help your child to understand this concept and find a way to distribute invitations outside of the school environment.

Changes in Transportation

The safety of our students is extremely important to us at George V. We will not release children from the school until we see that someone is there from them. Please make sure that I know by sending a note. I encourage you to let me know ahead of time to avoid phone calls to the office to make last-minute changes. If no instructions are received, your child will be sent home by his/her usual method of transportation.

Book Orders

Your child will be bringing home a book order form approximately once a month. If you wish to order, simply go online to submit an order. Parent Pay is setup with Scholastic – this means that you can submit orders online and pay by credit card. The books will be delivered to your house. These orders are provided as a convenient way for parents to buy quality books for their child. Of course, you are never under any obligation to order.

Clothing

Students are involved in activities that require jumping, climbing, etc. We will also be baking, painting, using glue, working with playdough, and playing at the sand/water tables. Please select clothing that

is both comfortable and appropriate for these activities. In case your child dirties their clothes, get them wet or has an accident please have an extra set (shirt, pants, socks, and underwear) in their backpack always. For indoor shoes please choose shoes that the students can independently put on themselves. The first month of school is all about gaining independence and it is important that they learn to do things for themselves.

Home Reading

Your child will have the opportunity to bring books home to share with you. Please take time to read the book with your child, he/she will enjoy hearing the stories and this will support their reading. It is also a great way to spend time together.

Toy Policy

Please refrain from having your child bring toys from home into the classroom, unless requested by me in writing. We do not wish to see these toys lost or damaged.

Outdoor Play

Students do not go outside for recess when the rest of the school does but they will be going out on a regular basis, unless it is raining or extremely cold. I ask you to keep this in mind when helping your child select clothing for the day.

Parent Participation

Throughout the year, there will be a variety of special classroom activities and celebrations. I encourage you to attend these functions when possible and to support them by sending needed supplies or treats. Your support of school activities makes your child feel important and sends the message that you value the school and want to be a part of their learning community.

If your child's classroom is doing something special or requires support from home, a note will be sent home with further details.

Finally, ...

Please encourage your child to discuss school activities with you. Talk positively with them about school. The way your child perceives your feelings about the school, the teachers, and what we are doing in the classroom will have a direct effect on how they themselves feel about those things. I am delighted to have your child in my class, and I look forward to working with you to make sure that your child starts school on a positive note. I truly appreciate your support, and I look forward to a fun and successful year!