# Welcome to Kindergarten

2025-2026

#### Welcome to Room 135

For those who do not know me yet, my name is Corinne McMurren (Ms. Corinne) and I will be your child's Kindergarten teacher this year! I've been teaching for 20 years, and my passion lies in the early years. I love being a Kindergarten teacher and take pride in helping your child develop a love of school and learning. I'm currently taking my Post Bacc in project-based learning, and believe in the importance of learning through play and hands on experiences. I spent part of the summer engaged in land-based learning and look forward to spending lots of time learning outdoors in all kinds of weather. When not at school or university, my two teen girls keep me on my toes. I'm looking forward to a great year!

### **Communication**

We will be using Seesaw to share our learning, and to send important information, messages, and reminders. Please connect to your child's Seesaw journal in the first week of school, using the QR code provided.

\*\*If you have difficulty doing this, please email me ASAP at cmcmurren@wsd1.org\*\*

# Seesaw

## **School Supplies Required**

- \$20 school supply fee
- FULL-sized backpack
- indoor shoes that your
  child can put on independently
- DAILY nut-free snack and water bottle

#### Entry/Exit:

AM: 8:50 - 11:25 am

PM: 12:50 - 3:25pm

At the start of your child's day, they can line up by the doors at the southeast corner (near the shed). We will say goodbye to our families here, and walk inside as a class. Pickup will be **outside** at the same spot.

### **Literacy**

Literacy will be an important part of our day, every day. Students will engage in read alouds, small group alphabet and phonics centres, large group oral phonological awareness activities, and drawing/writing instruction at their own level. They will be assessed on their letter and sound knowledge several times throughout the year, so we can celebrate progress and plan next steps. Students may bring home learning activities to help support the learning we are doing in the classroom.

#### Math

Math is a passion of mine, and will also be an important part of our day. Students will develop a solid foundation in number sense, and will work with numbers in a variety of ways (dot patterns, finger patterns, ten frames, number sentences, etc.). They will also engage in activities related to patterning, problem solving, counting, and other areas through whole group instruction, stories, songs, and games.



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# Birthdays:

Students will be

recognized on (or near) their birthdays with celebratory tokens (birthday sticker/bracelet, etc) to make them feel special! While no "birthday parties" will be held at school, parents are welcome to send in individual pre-packaged nut-free treats to share with the class during snack.

#### **Holiday Parties:**

We will hold

holiday parties for Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's out a google doc so families who wish to, can sign share (juice, fruit/veggies, treats) for one completely optional.

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