

KINDERGARTEN GRADUAL ENTRY



Your Child's First Days:

- Arrive early, and explore the playground with your child.
- Remind your child who will pick them up after school.
- Reassure your child.
 Say a short and cheerful goodbye.
- Let your child know how you look forward to hearing about their day.

What is Gradual Entry?

The gradual entry to Kindergarten provides children with a modified initial schedule to ease their transition to Kindergarten.

What does this mean for my child?

Gradual entry provides focused time for your child to connect with their Kindergarten teacher and to adjust to the new social and emotional realities of the larger elementary school context. Teachers will be introducing the children to classroom routines and procedures, easing the transition in a more individualized way so your child feels more comfortable and valued as an important new member of the school community. Your child will meet other school staff members.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule

Your child will be placed in either Group A or Group B. You will be contacted by school personnel with attendance dates and times for your child.

Week 1: Your child will attend school one half day this week; either Thursday or Friday. Parents are invited to stay and complete the Childhood Experiences Questionnaire (CHEQ) online which will take approximately 15 minutes of your time.

Kindergarten is a time of joyful discovery. You will form new friendships while exploring your creativity and learning independence.



Week 2: Your child will attend <u>two full</u> <u>days</u> of school this week.

Monday - Group A - Full Day Tuesday - Group B - Full Day Wednesday - Group A - Full Day Thursday - Group B - Full Day



Week 3: All Kindergarten students attend full days and will follow the school calendar.

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