



ÉCOLE HAMMOND BAY

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Dear Kindergarten Families,

Bonjour et Bienvenue à l'Ecole Hammond Bay. Welcoming our new Kindergarten learners is always a memorable time of the school year. We thank you for taking the time to support your child's transition into their Kindergarten year. It is a big step, and we wish to assist you in making this transition as comfortable as possible.

For the first two weeks of school, Kindergarten begins with a **Gradual Entry** period. This gentle introduction to the school sets the foundation for a comfortable and secure beginning to your child's learning journey. Gradual entry is designed to ease the transition to school by:

- Giving children an opportunity to become familiar with the staff, school, classrooms, routines, and peers in a smaller group for a shorter amount of time to start
- Allowing staff the time to get to know children so they can determine the best placement for each child
- Providing time to connect with families

Key dates:

- Tuesday, September 3rd – **Kindergarten students do not attend**
- Wednesday, September 4th – Students attend an orientation meeting from **9:00 – 10:00 am** (Tennis Court)
- Thursday, September 5th - Gradual Entry groups begin as per schedule provided

Gradual Entry Groups: Your child has been assigned to a group based on last name. Each of these groups will have a different schedule for Gradual Entry period.

- **BLUE** – last names A-D
- **GREEN** – last names E-K
- **YELLOW** – last names L-O
- **RED** – last names P-W

** Please see the schedule for your child's group on the pages below.*

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child at our orientation meeting on Wednesday, September 4th at 9:00 am. Our Kindergarten teachers will greet you at the tennis court which is located near our gym and Shores Drive.

ECOLE HAMMOND BAY - KINGERGARTEN GRADUAL ENTRY

LAST NAMES A-D

BLUE

SEPTEMBER 2024

Meeting place for gradual entry– Tennis Court near our gym & Shores Drive

Starting on September 6th, your child will need to bring a pair of indoor shoes that they can put on themselves (velcro or slip-on) and a change of clothes in a Ziplock bag.

Please label every item; they will remain at school.

September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5	September 6
Happy Labour Day!	Kindergartens do not attend	Parents & Students attend Orientation Day 9:00 – 10:00am Meet teachers at tennis court near the gym & Shores Drive. DO NOT BRING Supplies	1 Hour 8:35 – 9:35 am Please bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water bottle • Snack *Pick up at Tennis Court	½ Day AM 8:35 – 11:30 am Please bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water bottle • Snack • Slip on Shoes and change of clothes to be left at school. *Pick up at Tennis Court
September 9	September 10	September 11	September 12	September 13
½ Day PM 12:30 – 2:00pm Please bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water bottle • Snack *Pick up at Tennis Court	½ Day AM 8:35am – 11:30am Please bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water bottle • Snack *Pick up at Tennis Court	FIRST FULL DAY 8:35am – 2:18pm Please bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water bottle • Snack • Lunch *Pick up at Tennis Court	FULL DAY 8:35am – 2:18 pm Please bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water bottle • Snack • Lunch *Pick up at Tennis Court	FULL DAY 8:35am – 2:18 pm Please bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water bottle • Snack • Lunch *Pick up at Tennis Court

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LAST NAMES E-K

GREEN

SEPTEMBER 2024

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LAST NAMES L-O

YELLOW

SEPTEMBER 2024

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RED

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