



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Kindergarten students do not attend**
- Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Students attend an orientation meeting from **9:00 – 10:00 am** (Tennis Court)
- Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – 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.

- **RED** – last names A-D
- **BLUE** – last names E-K
- **YELLOW** – last names L-P
- **GREEN** – last names Q-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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - KINDERGARTEN GRADUAL ENTRY

LAST NAMES A-D

RED

SEPTEMBER 2025

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

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LAST NAMES E-K

BLUE

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LAST NAMES L-P

YELLOW

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GREEN

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