

Kindergarten

September 2024-June 2025

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: There will be a **\$50.00 fee** for kindergarten school supplies. The \$50.00 fee can be paid in cash (correct change please) or by personal cheque (payable to Strathcona Elementary). Please give payment to your teacher when you come for your interview in September.

This year we are providing a backpack for all Kindergarten students who want one. If you would prefer to purchase your own you are welcome to do. Please ensure it is large enough to carry library books, a lunch kit and student projects safely home (note: the type with wheels are not suitable)

Other items your child will need:

a pair of indoor shoes (please label, non-marking soles, velcro fastening or slip-on)

labelled water bottle

CLOTHING: It is recommended that your child wears washable play clothes to allow for full participation in all activities without worrying about getting dirty. We suggest your child has a change of clothes in a separate bag with a handle to hang on their hook (labelled) to leave at school in case of mishap.

P.E.: Your child will need a sturdy pair of indoor running shoes to be left at school. They do not need to be new, but they should be clean. These runners will be worn for gym time as well as inside the classroom every day. These should be **slip-on** or **Velcro** fastening and have non-marking soles. Please make sure your child is able to take his/her shoes off and put them on independently.

BIRTHDAYS: Birthdays are special in kindergarten. You are welcome to send a special treat to share with the class on your child's birthday. We'll let you know in September if there are any food allergies to be aware of.

NUTRITION: Your child will be attending school for the full day and will require a lunch and several nutritious snacks (i.e. fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese and crackers, etc.) We are asking that you **DO NOT** send drink boxes as they are very messy. Rather, children should use a labelled

water bottle to drink water from (please do not fill with juice). We are also asking that children do not bring fruit cups to school (the ones packed in liquid). These are difficult to open and create a sticky mess when they spill. Please use reusable lunch containers that can be taken home and washed. All garbage generated from your child's lunch will be taken back home to be disposed of as we no longer have garbage cans in classrooms. We refer to this as "pack it in, pack it out" and you can use this as an opportunity to teach your child how to recycle and compost at home.

Newsletters: Please check your email regularly for classroom and school information. The school office emails news items each Friday for the coming week. Our PAC group has a Facebook page to keep you informed about things happening at school. Please let your child's teacher and the school office know if your email address changes during the year.

As the school year begins, the main emphasis will be on emotional and social adjustment to the school environment and establishing routines for effective learning. If questions or concerns arise during the school year please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher in person, by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Strathcona Kindergarten teachers

