



Dear Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten and to the York Region District School Board.

Our Kindergarten classes are warm, caring, and welcoming places designed to support your child to learn, grow and thrive. Your child will **learn through play and exploration**. They will make new friends. They will develop early literacy and numeracy skills as they collaborate with peers and educators in joyful learning spaces.

It is important that your child feels **welcome and valued in our schools**. We design our classrooms and learning experiences to reflect the diverse cultures, identities, strengths, and interests of the students. We want them to feel proud of who they are.

Our skilled and caring Kindergarten educators will support your child in making the **transition to Kindergarten** a positive experience. We will be inviting you and your child to a **spring orientation event** where you will have the opportunity to meet Kindergarten educators at your school, learn more about what to expect, and how you can help prepare your child to start Kindergarten. Your school will send you more information in the next few months.

We place great value on the essential role that families play in learning, and on developing strong and **collaborative relationships between home, community, and school**. We look forward to getting to know your child while building and strengthening our relationship in support of their learning, achievement, and well-being.

We invite you to visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca), where you can learn more about the Board, your school, and our Kindergarten program, and access information about student, family, and community resources. You can also access our [Board podcast Tune In YRDSB](#), including an episode about what to expect as they begin school.

We look forward to welcoming your child to Kindergarten!

Sincerely,

Bill Cober

Director of Education

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