Welcome to Greystone Heights School. We know that beginning school is exciting; we want your child's kindergarten experience to be happy and productive. We hope this information will be useful.
In Kindergarten at GREYSTONE HEIGHTS SCHOOL

We hope that you will feel welcome to visit and participate in our classroom. Please feel free to discuss any concerns you may have about your child.

Your child will:

- sing songs
- listen to music
- do rhythmic activities
- use an instrument
- acquire physical skills
- use play equipment
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- share holiday and seasonal experiences
- experiment with plant life
- go on field trips
- take part in dramatic play
- hear stories
- tell stories
- enjoy rhymes and poetry

- do creative drawing
- do creative painting
- model with play dough
- model with clay
- use scissors and glue
- build with blocks and construction toys
- discuss books and pictures
- find likenesses and differences
- use a left-to-right sequence
- learn the names of the letters in the alphabet
- learn the sounds of the letters
- learn numbers
extend and create patterns
sort objects by a variety of attributes
count and recognize numbers
learn to recognize, decode and predict words
track and read short patterned sentences
participate in the Picture Word Induction Model (PWIM)
share thinking, connections and predictions when read to
explore and discover through inquiry
print letters, name and familiar words
express thoughts, experiences, stories and learning through writing
write a sentence applying writing conventions, sight words and temporary phonetic spellings

SUPERVISION

The playground is supervised 15 minutes before classes begin and at recess. Please establish a “leaving for school” routine, so that your child will not arrive at school before the supervisors are on duty.

The children will be going outside for recess every day and for outside Physical Education activities. Indoor recesses will be held if the temperature, with wind chill, drops below -27°C or as deemed appropriate by the school principal.

SNACK- We are a NUTRITION POSITIVE SCHOOL

Please send a small healthy nut free snack everyday. Please do not send dry noodles, candy, items requiring utensils, large drinks, soda pop, and highly processed foods.

CLOTHING

Comfortable clothes and footwear for indoor and outdoor activities. Help your child to choose the best choice of clothing and foot wear for them. Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather. Runners are the best choice for school wear both indoors and out for freedom of movement and safety.
EXCURSIONS

An important part of our program involves excursions outside the classroom. Children learn from first-hand experiences. Early in the fall, you will sign a consent form that covers all out-of-school trips for the entire year. You will then be made aware of each trip through a newsletter. Some trips involve a change in the time that your child attends school. Volunteers are needed for most trips.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Each year our Public School Division requires parent volunteers to have a criminal record check done. This is free when done through the school, pick up your forms from the front office. We are delighted to have parent volunteers become involved in our program.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

A letter will be sent home in June with calendar, school times and the staggered start dates for our Kindergarten students.

SCHOOL AGED PROGRAM—Before and After School

This program provides supervised childcare for children age 5 to 12 years old on a regular or casual basis. An hourly rate is charged.

The hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

For more information please call 242-3555. If no answer, please leave a message.
Kindergarten School Supply List
Supplies to bring along on the first day of school.
Supplies are shared in Kindergarten.

Running Shoes (1 pair)- preferably a slip-on type of shoe until child has learned to tie own shoes. The children are expected to be able to put on their running shoes by themselves every day. **These running shoes should remain at the school on a permanent basis.** It is important that they always wear shoes for safety in case of emergency fire drills and school evacuation.

Backpack (1) - this should be brought to school each day and should be large enough to hold library books. Please label backpack.

Scissors (1)- with a metal cutting edge (labelled)

Kleenex Box (2)

Large Glue Stick (2)

Coil Scrapbook (1)

Interlined Notebook (3)- top half of page blank, bottom half interlined

E.g.

Crayola Big Markers (1 package)

Box of 24 crayons (1 box)

White Vinyl Eraser (1)

Portfolio Folder (3)- with inside pockets

Paint Shirt (1)

Pencils (1 Package)

Bag of Extra Clothes (1)- please bring a bag of extra clothes labelled for your child to keep in the classroom in case of an emergency.

* The students share school supplies. Parents do not need to label school supplies.