

KB VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2021



A “Wee One” once said that this puppet looks just like me! I will attempt to be just as honest and virtually genuine as that young sweetie!

Please amble on through this slide show and, if you have any questions, drop me a line! 😊



KB is the place to be! 😊

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! For many of you, the thought of your child spending the day at school is very natural and comfortable. Other parents may be a bit anxious about their child's experiences in the unfamiliar world of "school".

My advice? Sit back and enjoy each day of Kindergarten along with your child! The changes will be ongoing and multi-faceted. You will have so very many opportunities to be in awe of all that your son or daughter can do at different stages of the year.

Just have fun and enjoy the ride! 😊

Tips for Ensuring a Successful Transition to Kindergarten

- Encourage, and insist upon, independence in dressing, hanging up clothing, zipping book bags, opening lunch containers, and taking care of the Homework Baggie. (children do not enjoy relying on teachers while their friends in Kindergarten complete tasks independently)
- Maintain a diet high in fresh fruits and veggies. Constipation is a real and serious concern in young children, especially when beginning school.
- Continue to practice proper pencil grip, use of scissors and gluesticks, along with fine and gross motor games and activities.
- Stock up on the following items: playing cards (for Number War), dice (for various dice games), puzzles, colouring books, paper, crayons, etc.
- Ask "specific" questions to find out what your child did at school. Ex: What story did the teacher read today? Who did you play with at recess? What was a funny thing that happened at school today? Who sits at your table? What was the "question on the board" today?
- **DON'T WORRY IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT SCHOOL!** 😊 For most small children, the past is non-existent. They forget about it and move on to the future. Why can't we grown-ups be like that? 😊

Our Day...

KB days are filled with tasks and activities from the moment we step into the classroom at 8:20 am.

We follow specific routines and procedures that allow everyone to learn and grow in a safe and happy environment.

As parents, please know that your child is working very hard all day long at school. When you cuddle up with that story book that your Wee One has brought home from the classroom library, take comfort in the fact that they have picked it with you in mind.

When they say they are tired, believe them. If they haven't eaten all of their lunch, they will make up for that at home. If they got their clothes dirty, congratulate them for experiencing life in all its messiness.

KB students learn so many new things, every single day. I am very proud of them!



Example:

**First thing every
morning...**

Work, work, work! 😊

KB Morning Business

1. Baggie in white bin 

2. Lunch bag on green
table 

3. Answer Question 

4. Exchange Book 

5. Washroom 

6. Sit down 

Learning in Kindergarten

- Students will focus on Literacy, Numeracy, and Exploratory learning this year.
- Students will spend time each day in purposeful play, both inside and outside the classroom.
- Students will take part in weekly Physical Education, Music, Art, and Exploratory classes.
- Students will learn how to be an integral part of the classroom family, modelling best behaviour, concern for friends, and growing independence.
- Kindergarten is all about growing up, in all the important ways. 😊



Math - Term One

- Kindergarten students will learn all about 0 - 5: counting forwards and backwards; counting forwards and backwards from any number; making sets; making sets that show "more and fewer"; learning "how many more do we need to make 2, 3, 4, or 5"; subitizing up to 3 (knowing the number of objects without counting); and understanding the concept that any number holds a place and describes a specific amount of things.
- Students will also learn to copy and extend basic patterns with two elements - AB patterns.
- Students will learn to recognize basic 3D shapes.

Literacy - Term One

- Students will learn to tell and represent a story for peers. They will be introduced to the Zoo-Phonics Letter Name/Letter Sound program for recognizing and recording letter sounds. They will begin to use letters to label their illustrations (stories) and work towards mastery of all letter names and sounds, which will be the basis of Reading and Writing this year.
- Students will learn proper letter formation with the ABC Boom Program of printing.
- Students will begin to see themselves as Readers and Writers, working within the Lucy Calkins Writing Workshop.
- Students will gain an appreciation of varied types of literature: fiction and non-fiction books, poems, songs, photo stories, online stories, and oral storytelling.
- Students will be increasingly able to work independently, with both stamina and focus.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We cherish each student and will work with you to help them reach their full potential this year!

Sincerely,
Cynthia Wood
Bailey Theriault- Student Teacher

