

Our Kindergarten Classroom News



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Welcome to Kindergarten

A special welcome to Bertha Kennedy School. We are looking forward to getting to know your child. September is a busy month with new school routines being established. Getting quality sleep is essential. Set your child up for success by establishing a good bedtime routine and read to them nightly. We hope to make your child's first experience in school special!

Greetings

It was good to meet many of you at the "Get the Scoop" night. If you were not able to make it, please introduce yourselves and say 'hello' at drop off or pick ups so we can get to know you! This newsletter is issued once a month and will arrive via email and contains classroom information and tips for kindergarten parents. You can also find it on my website, which is listed above. You will receive a monthly calendar in your child's zippered bag with important dates and fun things we are doing in the classroom! Please put it somewhere you can check regularly.

Drop off & Pick up

Our entrance door is the door south of the main entrance. Your child will enter and leave the school via this door. All parents are asked to wait outside the school doors as we work on our independence.

Reminders

Please keep a good bedtime routine. Sleep is very important for growth and development.

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Please send simple, non-messy nutritious foods for snack and lunch.

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Be sure to label your child's shoes, water bottle, and outdoor wear. This helps to minimize lost items.



Separation Anxiety

Separation anxiety is normal for children of this age. On the first few days of school your child may feel anxious and may not want to leave you. You can assure him/her that you will be back on time, and then leave. If there are tears, they usually disappear shortly after mom and dad are gone. We are qualified to help your child through this experience and to feel comfortable in the classroom. Lingering and prolonging good-byes typically increase anxiousness and we want to make this transition as smooth as possible for your child.

Important Dates

August 31 - All students attend

September 4 - No School/
Labour Day

September 21 - Mass at St.
Albert Parish 10am &
Terry Fox Run

September 22 - PD Day/No
School

September 28 - Picture Day

September 29 - **Orange**
Shirt Day

September 30 - National Day
for Truth and Reconciliation

Our Learning

- Our September themes are **All About Me**, and **Apples**.
- Outcomes we will be working on this month:
 - Demonstrate independence
 - Show respectful behaviour
 - Demonstrate positive attitudes towards learning
- In Numeracy we will start to recognize numbers, Counting and investigate quantities to 10.
- In Literacy, we will review the alphabet and recognize letters in your child's name. We will introduce the Animated Literacy Program and start to learn the associated letter sounds and actions. Information will be sent home in zippered bags soon.

