



Gordon Elementary School

Welcome to Kindergarten and the Gordon Community!

We are thrilled to welcome you, your child, and your family to the Gordon Community. As we prepare to start the school year in September, we aim to ensure a smooth and successful transition for our youngest learners through a **Gradual Entry Schedule**.

Gradual Entry Schedule:

- **Sept. 2nd:** No school for kindergarten students.
- **Sept. 3rd:** First Day of Kindergarten Gradual Entry
- **Duration:** Sept. 3rd - 10th

During this period, students will start with shortened days in smaller groups. Gradually, their time at school will increase towards a full day. This approach allows children to get acquainted with their kindergarten teachers, school staff, socialize, play, and explore different classrooms.

Gradual Entry Signup:

We are excited to introduce a new method for gradual entry this year. Please use the link below to sign up for your child's time slot. This approach aims to help parents facilitate pick-ups and drop-offs during the reduced school days. If you know another family with a child entering kindergarten, you might want to connect with them and sign up for the same time slots.



Gradual Entry Schedule

Wed. Sept. 3 rd	10:00-11:00 GROUP A 11:30 –12:30 Kindergarten teacher meeting (optional) 1:30-2:30 GROUP B
Thurs. Sept. 4 th	10:00-11:00 GROUP A 11:30 –12:30 Kindergarten teacher meeting (optional) 1:30-2:30 GROUP B
Fri. Sept. 5 th	10:00-11:00 GROUP A 11:30 –12:30 Kindergarten teacher meeting (optional) 1:30-2:30 GROUP B
Mon. Sept. 8 th	9:15-10:15 - All Students Bring a snack!
Tues. Sept. 9 th	9:15-10:15 - All Students * Bring a healthy snack!
Wed. Sept. 10 th	8:55-2:58 First Full Day of Kindergarten! * Bring a healthy snack and lunch! * Bring all things listed on what to bring
Thurs. Sept. 11 th	8:55-2:58 Full Day of Kindergarten!
Fri. Sept. 12 th	8:55-2:58 Full Day of Kindergarten! Kindergarten Kickoff 2:30-3:00

What to Bring:

For gradual entry, your child will need a snack and a water bottle. Once your child is placed in their kindergarten classroom, please ensure they have the following items:

- **Backpack:** Large enough to hold their lunch bag and book bag (which they will receive from their teacher).
- **Water Bottle:** With a straw, **no screw tops** (these tend to spill in the classroom and their backpack).
- **Change of Clothes:** In a Ziplock bag (underwear, shirt, pants, and socks, empty Ziplock bag (for soiled clothing) – **all labeled**).
- **Indoor Shoes:** No laces unless they can tie them independently. They need to be suitable for running, as they will wear them during PE.

Kindergarten Survey:

This is your chance to share valuable information about your child to help us support them throughout the year.



Optional Parent Teacher Meeting:

If you feel there is additional information we should know about your child, you are welcome to sign-up for a 10-minute meeting with one of our kindergarten teachers. Please note that the teacher you speak with may not necessarily be your child's assigned kindergarten teacher. Meetings will be held from September 3rd to 5th between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM.

These meetings are intended to provide us with more information about your child not covered in the Kindergarten Survey. We will discuss class routines and expectations at our Kindergarten Kickoff. Additionally, we will have parent-teacher conferences in October, which will give us an opportunity to discuss your child once we have had a chance to get to know them better.



Kindergarten Kickoff:

We are excited to invite you to our Kindergarten Kickoff Open House in September! This event will be a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about what to expect this year in kindergarten and to ask any general questions you may have.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Friday, Sept. 12th
- **Time:** 2:30-3:00pm
- **Location:** Ms. Sinclair’s Classroom – Room 173

During the open house, we will discuss:

- The daily schedule and routines
- Curriculum highlights and learning goals
- Outdoor learning
- Classroom expectations
- Opportunities for parent involvement
- Important dates and events throughout the year

We understand that some families may not be able to attend the open house. For those who cannot make it, we will send all the information provided during the event home via email.

Thank you for your support as we gently transition our students through gradual entry. We look forward to getting to know our new kindergarten students and their families.