

# Welcome Back Families!

Tuesday, September 2020.

## A WARM WELCOME



Our Kindie Team is so excited to be working with your families. We were overwhelmed by how many donations were collected and donated to us to aid with the classroom setup! Thank you Jana for organizing this. With so many new changes in our school environment, here are some updates and reminders for the first day of school!

## Pickup & Drop-off Routines

Each morning our team will be greeting the students and dismissing them from **Entrance 8** of the school (near our playground). Drop off is **8:45am sharp** and pickup is at **3:10pm**. Please **ensure you are on time** as according to new COVID regulations parents will have limited access to entering the school. In order to ensure *safe dismissal*, the children will be dismissed one at a time to a parent or caregiver. If someone else will be picking up your child other than the designated person, please notify us by email or calling the school.

## Lunch Time:

Lunch time in the Kindergarten Program is from **11:20-12:40pm**. If your child will be going home for lunch please notify Patricia (416) 393-9037 in the office so we can make needed arrangements.

## Items for the First Day

As a reminder, please ensure your child brings the following items on the first day:

- **Backpack** (lightweight and a *comfortable size* for your child). **Large enough** to hold their Special Daily Folder.
- **Snack/Lunch-bag** (to keep backpack clean)
- **Healthy Snacks & a Water Bottle-NUT-FREE**
- **Indoor Running Shoes** that they can keep at school. They must be safe for the gym and easy for your child to put on independently.
- **Extra clothing** sent in a **labelled Ziploc bag** for "life's little accidents," food spills etc. (this is to be kept at school).
- **Weather Appropriate clothing**-As we will be spending a good portion of our day outside, please ensure your child is dressed accordingly
- **A small blanket for comfort**
- **Individual Classroom Materials\***



- A Clipboard      \*Glue
- A pencil case    \* 1 inch binder
- Scissors          \*One container of Playdough
- 10 washable crayola markers (labelled)

**Please LABEL all of your child's belongings**

*\*We will have additional materials on hand if needed*

## Tell Us About Your Child Form

Thank you for filling out the Tell Us About Your Child Form. This form will give us information that will help us create the best atmosphere possible for your child's growth and development. If you have not submitted your form, please do so ASAP using the link below.

## Parent Communication & Involvement

### **Classroom Website**

Everything you need to know about our program, such as our daily schedules, lessons & classroom blog will be posted on our classroom website. This information will also be available in our interactive bitmoji classroom.

[www.mountviewcommunitykindergarten.com](http://www.mountviewcommunitykindergarten.com)

### **Arranging a Meeting**

Parent-teacher communication is essential to your child's growth and development. As the start of each day will focus on tending to your child's needs, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please send us an email so we can arrange a meeting.

<https://www.mountviewcommunitykindergarten.com/contact.html>

### **Newsletters**

To decrease the spread of germs and because we are an EcoSchool, this year all newsletters will be emailed and posted on our classroom website.

<https://www.mountviewcommunitykindergarten.com/newsletters.html>



### **Bitmoji Interactive Classroom**

This year we created a bitmoji classroom. You will find interactive lessons, materials and activities you can use with your child at home. You can access this document on our classroom website or by following this link:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vR3uIS6NKCPx7rmbaxuC\\_tcfDHDH3tpOHdskMkOngPIE64wsx8YRLR13khr566r-5dRYcreLWLnwfs/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vR3uIS6NKCPx7rmbaxuC_tcfDHDH3tpOHdskMkOngPIE64wsx8YRLR13khr566r-5dRYcreLWLnwfs/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000)

### **Happy Monday Messages**

In addition to our classroom blog, your child will receive an individualized thank you from our team once a week for positive contributions they have made to the class. You will find this message here:

<https://www.mountviewcommunitykindergarten.com/happy-monday-messages.html>

### **Our Weekly Lessons**

The first week back at school we will explore the new routines that are in place to keep us healthy, safe and cared for. This will be done in a fun and age-appropriate way. You can access our weekly lessons on our classroom website.

<https://www.mountviewcommunitykindergarten.com/weekly-lessons.html>

### **Classroom Blog**

Over the course of the year, we will be posting a weekly blog to keep you informed of your child's learning. This is a wonderful way to engage with your child about what they have learned in school. To access this blog, please visit our classroom website at:

<https://www.mountviewcommunitykindergarten.com/classroom-blog>

### **Class Parents**

Kimberly Walker (Willa's Mum) will be our classroom representatives this year. She will act as a liaison between home and school. Kimberly may email you with regards to offering (distanced) support in the classroom, initiatives, news and donations needed.

### **Our Daily Schedule/Routines**

Follow this link to check out our daily schedule & routines:

<https://www.mountviewcommunitykindergarten.com/our-weekly-schedule.html>

*Looking forward to a wonderful month together,*

*Amy, Jane & Hyma*