



Kindergarten Gradual Entry 2014-2015



Fall 2014

Information for Parents



In Nanaimo Ladysmith we welcome Kindergarten children to their new school in small groups and for shorter attendance times.

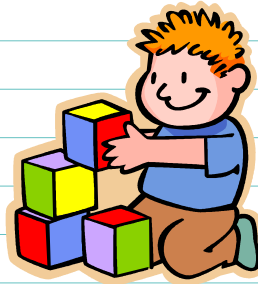
This gentle introduction to Kindergarten sets the foundation for a comfortable and secure begin-

ning to your child's school career. Gradual entry is designed to ease the transition to school by:

- Giving children an opportunity to adjust to their teacher, classroom, and peers in a smaller group and for a shorter period of time.
- Providing time for a 'welcome' conversation between the child, parent and teacher. You can begin to get to know each other

and share important information about your child.

- Enabling the teacher to work with small groups of children in order to build positive relationships, familiarize students with classroom routines, and introduce basic safety procedures.



Sample Schedule

Day 1

- ✓ Kindergarten not in session

Days 2 & 3

- ✓ Partial days
- ✓ Small groups
- ✓ Family 'welcome' conversations begin

Days 4, 5 & 6

- ✓ Partial or full day
- ✓ Larger groups

Day 7

- ✓ Full day
- ✓ Whole class

Most Kindergarten programs will be open full time on the 7th day of school. Some schools may require an extra day to prepare the classroom.

Making a good start

When that first day arrives there are a few things you can do to help:

- Tuck a comfort item like a photo or stuffed toy into your child's pocket or backpack.
- Arrive early, explore the playground and make a relaxed start to the day.

- Stay positive and cheerful. Talk about the exciting things your child will learn.
- Make your goodbye cheerful and brief. Don't come back after your goodbye and don't slip away unnoticed! Let your child

know that you'll be waiting when school ends, and be sure to be on time for pick-up!

We understand gradual entry can be challenging for families. **Thank you for helping us support your child's positive start to school!**

Questions?



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