



Welcome to Kindergarten at CENTRAL

Elementary School
Home of the Central Cyclones



EMOTIONAL CHECK IN: HOW ARE YOU FEELING ABOUT COMING TO KINDERGARTEN IN SEPTEMBER?



1. Excited



2. Nervous

If you are feeling brave you can share with us the number that represents your feelings towards starting kindergarten in September by showing us with your fingers 1 or 2.



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
acknowledges our presence on ancestral
Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy
land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon
treaty. The intent of this agreement is for all
nations sharing this territory to do so
responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in
perpetuity. We respect the longstanding
relationships with the local Indigenous
communities, the Mississaugas of the New Credit
First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand
River.**

ABOUT CENTRAL SCHOOL



Central Public School was opened in 1853 to accommodate 1,000 students in the largest graded school in Upper Canada. Central was the first public school in Hamilton. It incorporated a scheme of an integrated, rational and graduated public education system based upon a central school and primary feeders. The original building is a finely proportioned classical design. It was remodelled in 1890 to include a steeply pitched roof, round-arched windows and a heightened central tower. It was remodelled in 1934 when the clock was installed. Presently, our school population represents 30 nations from around the world, with approximately 29 languages other than English spoken at home.



Kindergarten at HWDSB

Please click the video below to check out a video tour of what happens during a typical Kindergarten day at a school in HWDSB!



ABOUT KINDERGARTEN AT CENTRAL



At Central School there are 5 Kindergarten classrooms that all could have **TWO** educators (Registered Early Childhood Educator and Ontario Certified Teacher). Both educators bring unique skills to the classroom that together play a vital role in educating your children and running a successful play-based inquiry program.

WHAT DOES A DAY IN KINDERGARTEN LOOK LIKE?

Every classroom will look a little bit different and have its own schedule, but a day in Kindergarten will have a variety of engaging learning activities that the teacher and DECE create for students, based on their interests and learning goals.

A typical day includes:

- A morning carpet routine
- Daily read-aloud stories
- Table top activities where students make a choice from a selection of activities of their interest
- Blocks of play
- Building challenges
- Sensory activities (water bin, play-doh etc.)
- Singing songs
- Several bathroom breaks
- Short, whole class lessons at the carpet
- 1:1 time with educators and small group instruction
- Blocks of outdoor play & exercise
- Visits to the gym & library on a weekly basis

OUR SCHOOL DAY RUNS FROM 8:45AM-3:05PM

**remember to please arrive on time to
ensure your child gets the most out of
their school day experience**



At Central we run on a balanced day, meaning we have two breaks in the day for eating. They are called Nutrition Breaks.

1st Break is 10:25 am - 11:05 am

2nd Break is 12:45 pm - 1:25 pm



WAYS TO BE KINDERGARTEN READY...

Many parents ask what their child needs to know before starting kindergarten. It is really a combination of many skills, behaviours and attitudes that determine each child's readiness for kindergarten. Each child's readiness will look very different. The following is a list that includes some skills that will make the transition to kindergarten successful for your child.

10 WAYS TO GET READY FOR K....

- 1. Respects people and materials**
(Ready to follow school and classroom rules, tries to solve problems appropriately, willing to share and cooperate with peers and educators)
- 2. Independently takes care of personal needs**
(asks to use the washroom, uses the washroom fully independently, cleans up after themselves, dresses themselves, uses tissues/Kleenex independently, can put on shoes and pack/unpack their own backpack including zippers)
- 3. Follows Simple directions**
(Listens and responds when name is called, remembers what he/she is asked to do independently)
- 4. Takes Turns**
(Shares toys and materials, is able to wait their turn)

WAYS TO BE KINDERGARTEN READY CONTINUED...



5. Starting to Demonstrate Self Control

(Able to express emotions appropriately, and try new things, willing to participate in group experiences)

6. Respects Personal Space of themselves/others (Keeps hands and legs to themselves while playing and interacting in a group)

7. Some Exposure to learning tools

(eg. scissors, glue sticks, paint as well as can hold a pencil, markers, crayons)

8. Recognizes Name, some letters and numbers

(This makes things a little easier for children when they are finding their own cubbies and belongings. As well recent research shows children who enter kindergarten knowing 8-10 letters and some numbers shows high success rates.)

9. Uses books properly

(handles books appropriately and understands how to turn pages properly)

10. IS EXCITED TO START SCHOOL AND IS EAGER TO LEARN!!

OVER THE SUMMER YOU CAN...

Apps/Websites Recommended For Kindergarten Learning

(All of these Apps are free in the HWDSB catalogue, others may be accessed through a website)



Epic! Reading (App & website)

Gives students independence in choosing their own books. Some with "read aloud" features, songs, and videos. Educators can send students stories relevant to class learning. Educators and families can keep track of stories read in their individual accounts.

Class code: lip2166 then find your name



Teach Your Monster to Read (App & website)

An award-winning series of games to develop literacy skills; covers letters/letter sounds, blending, segmenting, and reading sentences. Students create their own monster and play mini games, teaching him to read. You can use the class account, or on your own as well.

Enter student's first name & Star code: 2213338



Little Writer (App only)

Allows students to trace letters, numbers, shapes and words on their tablet to practice proper formation, and gain muscle memory. No account needed.



Book Creator (App only)

Allows students to create their own storybook with pictures and words, which can be saved and printed.



Breathe (App & Youtube alternate)

A Sesame Street mindfulness app, which uses social stories to teach breathing and relaxation techniques. You can also go to Youtube and search "Sesame Street monster meditation" if you're on a computer for similar activities.



ABCya (Computer only) www.abcya.com

This is a fantastic website with endless games that practice math, literacy, problem solving, creativity, and much more. The games are also sorted by grade, so you can choose appropriate material for your child. This is my personal favourite website!



PBS Kids (website works on both tablet or computer) www.pbskids.org
Educational games and videos from PBS television shows.

Name _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Practice Your Numbers Writing 1-30

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Write your name.



Trace the Letters

Name _____

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee

Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj

Kk Ll Mm Nn

Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss

Tt Uu Vv Ww

Xx Yy Zz

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Learn more about...

Kindergarten Speech, Language & Early Literacy

By age four, most children can do the following:



Listening

- Follows directions with two or three parts (e.g. "Please get your hat and coat and meet me at the door.")
- Answers simple what, where, who and why questions (e.g. "Why is the boy sad?")
- Knows basic body parts and colours



Speaking

- Are understood most of the time by people who do not know them
- Speak in four to five word sentences
- Use endings on words like dogs, jumped, biking
- Ask lots of questions, like "what, where, why" (e.g. "Where is the dog going?")
- Use speech sounds for their age, as shown below:



Sound and letter awareness

- Can name some letters of the alphabet
- Know the letters and sounds in their name
- Enjoy listening to and making rhymes



Storytelling and reading

- Look at books and pretend to read
- Listen to and show interest in stories
- Answer some questions about a book you have read together
- Tell you short stories about what they have done
- Know that the printed words in books have meaning but my not be able to read them yet
- Recognize own name in print
- Recognize some environmental print (e.g., Stop Sign, Tim Hortons sign)



Writing

- Draws, colours and scribbles
- Tries to write letters
- Tries to write own name

IS YOUR CHILD LANGUAGE READY FOR SCHOOL?



When your child is getting ready to start Junior Kindergarten this fall, help them get the best possible start in school. By age four, your child should:

- Follow simple directions with two or three steps (e.g.: Get your boots and hat and meet me at the front door)
- Pronounce words about the same way as others his/her age
- Be understood by people he/she doesn't know most of the time
- Speak in sentences that sound about the same as an adult's
- Use endings on words like dogs, jumped, or biking
- Play a pretend game and be able to describe it to you afterwards with enough detail for you to understand
- Be able to answer questions about a book you just read together

If your child is unable to do the things listed above, a speech-language pathologist should meet with your child.

In the Hamilton area, Early Words is a publicly funded organization that provides speech and language services to pre-school children. Please call Early Words at (905) 381-2828.

You must call this number to register your child **before August 31**, in order for your child to be eligible for services through his/her Junior Kindergarten year. There is no cost to parents.

EarlyWords

HAMILTON PRESCHOOL SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Referral

If you would like to refer your child to Early Words, call 905-381-2828 ext 224 or fax to 905-385-2778 or to access the online referral, [click here](#).

Children with speech and language only needs are seen at Early Words.

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WHILE LEARNING THROUGH PLAY YOU WILL BECOME...

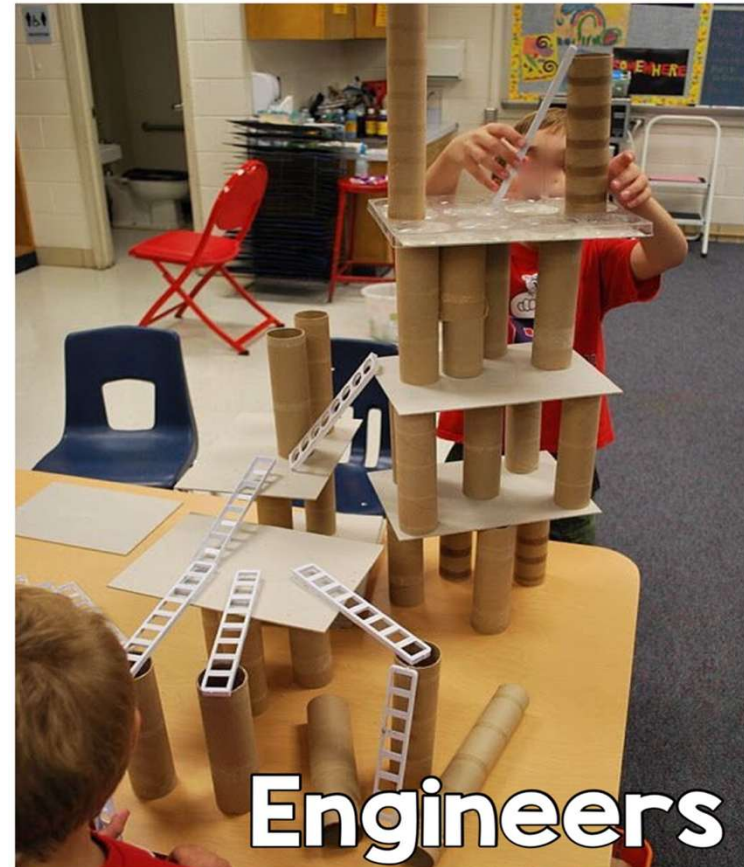
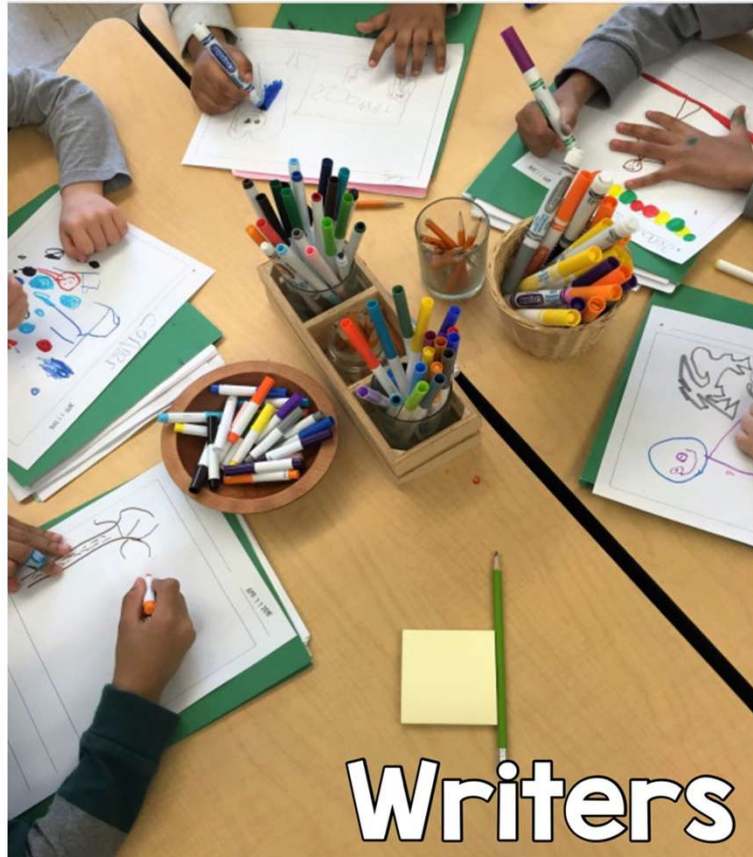


Artists



Problem solvers

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THINGS YOU WILL NEED FOR KINDERGARTEN...

A backpack



Velcro or Slip on Shoes



A Spill Proof Water Bottle



THINGS YOU WILL NEED FOR KINDERGARTEN...

A Lunch Bag

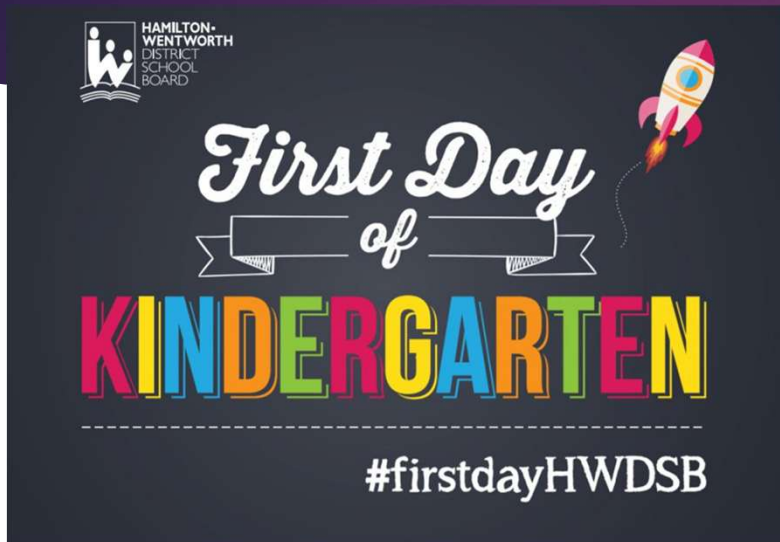


A Spare Set of Clothing



AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL EVERYTHING!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU...



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