



*Welcome*  
*to*  
**KINDERGARTEN**  
**ORIENTATION**

## Meeting Norms

- Microphone off
- Video Camera off
- Use the chat for questions



# Welcome to R.A. Riddell!

Principal: Mr. Trimble

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Kindt





# Kindergarten Teams

2021-2022

Mrs. Walker

Ms. Smiley

Mrs. Stansbury



## FDK B – Room 112

Ms. DaSilva

Ms. Smith



## FDK A – Room 111

# Kindergarten Teams

2021-2022

*Countdown*  
*to*  
**KINDERGARTEN**

Mrs. Pryde

Ms. Lamanes



Miss Lootsma

Mrs. Corsini



**FDK C – Room 113**

**FDK D – Room 114**



# Getting to know your child is our priority

- Educators observe each child to find their interests, their strengths and their learning needs
- Observation and assessment shape the play-based learning program
- Educators plan programming to meet each child's needs based on skills and strategies demonstrated
- Educators communicate with parents in many ways



# Your child's day - Schedule

- Full day, every day
- School begins 8:50
- School ends 3:10
- We have two Nutrition Breaks
  - each break is 40 minutes
  - morning break 10:38, afternoon break 12:54
  - students have the entire time to eat



# Your child's day – Getting to School

- Transportation
  - if your child is eligible for the bus, you will be contacted by Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS)
  - you will receive a letter in the mail indicating the bus pick up/drop off times and location
  - you will also receive a bus tag, this must be attached to your child's backpack
- We encourage walking to school!





## Your child's day – Before & After Care

- Today's Family
  - Today's Family provides the before and after school care at Riddell
  - If your child requires care before or after school please contact

Today's Family

*\*a note about students in before and after care:  
- due to covid, all kindergarten students attending before and after care will be cohorted and in the same class during school time*



Today's Family  
Early Learning and Child Care

### CONTACT

Phone: 905-574-9344  
Ext. 823

Email:  
[ccr@todaysfamily.ca](mailto:ccr@todaysfamily.ca)

# Your child's day – Nutrition Breaks

- There are 2 nutrition breaks
  - each break is 40 minutes
  - students eat for the full 40 minutes
  - send food your child enjoys
- Containers
  - please use containers that your child can open independently
  - practice over the summer opening, closing and eating out of the containers
- Refillable water bottle





# Your child's day – Self Help Skills

- Washroom
  - students should be able to use the washroom independently
- Self Help Skills
  - Independence!
  - getting dressed – practice putting on coats, shoes, boots by themselves
- Backpack
  - please make sure your child's backpack is large enough to fit their lunch bag and a pair of shoes
- Cubby
  - each child has their own cubby
  - extra clothes
  - indoor shoes



# Label, label, label

- Label
  - everything!
- Mabels Labels
  - Riddell does have an ongoing fundraiser with Mabels Labels
  - before you place your order, click that you would like to support a fundraiser and find R.A. Riddell in the list





# The Kindergarten Program

- Play based
- Child centred
- Developmentally appropriate
- Inclusive
- Provides a safe and caring environment



# Kindergarten at Riddell



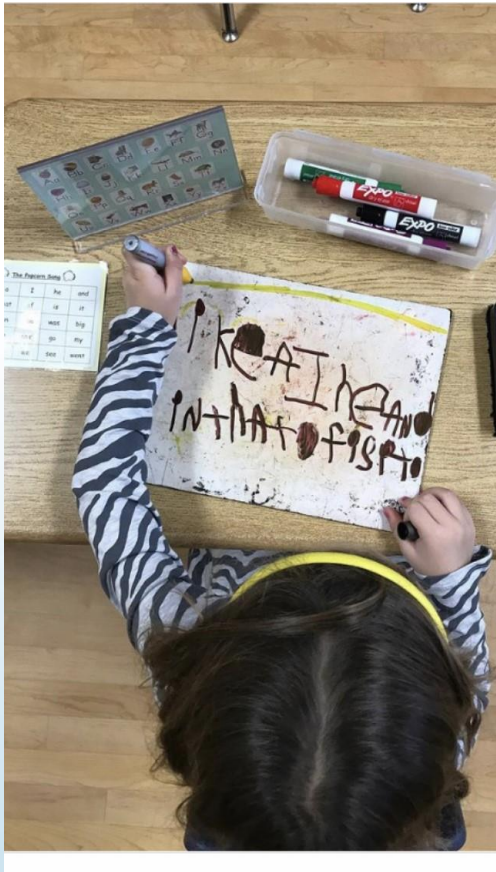


# Kindergarten at Riddell





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# Outside

- We are outside for about an hour everyday
- Part of learning time
- Rain or shine
- Front kindergarten play area or the back field
- Walks in the community

*“The learning environment includes the outdoors – the schoolyard, fields and trails in the vicinity of the school, and various other outdoor venues.” – The Kindergarten Program Document, p.104*





# Outside

- *Items to start collecting:*
  - rain and winter boots
  - splash pants
  - Spring/Fall jacket
  - outdoor running shoes
  - winter coat and snow pants



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# Movement & Healthy Living

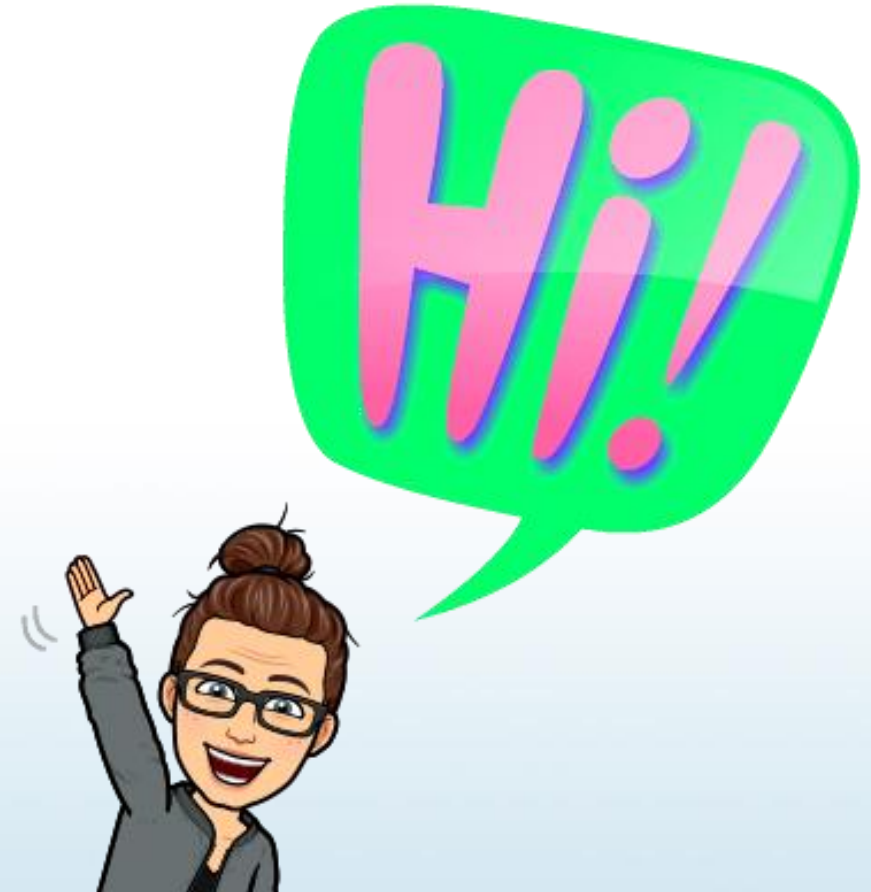
Mrs. Elliott-Books (or Mrs. E-B)

**On indoor Movement & Healthy Living days students will need:**

- *clean, sturdy, non-marking sole shoes that they can put on and take off independently*
- *a water bottle that seals*
- *clothing that they can move in comfortably*

**On outdoor Movement & Healthy Living days students will need:**

- *a water bottle that seals*
- *clothing that they can move in comfortably*
- *clothing appropriate for the weather*





# Communication of Learning

- *Fall* - Initial Observations report
- *Winter and Spring* - Communication of Learning reports

Full day Kindergarten:  
Understanding Your  
Child's Reports <http://bit.ly/2V7xqxC>

Ontario Ministry of Education Kindergarten Communication of Learning Initial Observations Board Logs

Student:		OEN:	Days Absent:	Total Days Absent:
Year 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Year 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Teacher:	Times Late:	Total Times Late:
Early Childhood Educator:		Early Childhood Educator:		
Board:		School:		
Address:		Address:		
		Principal:	Telephone:	

**Key Learning / Growth in Learning / Next Steps in Learning**  ESL  IEP

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ESL - English as a Second Language  
IEP - Individual Education Plan

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PLACEMENT IN SEPTEMBER  Kindergarten Year 2  Grade 1

**Belonging and Contributing**  ESL  IEP

Key Learning / Growth in Learning / Next Steps in Learning

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**Self Regulation and Well-Being**  ESL  IEP

Key Learning / Growth in Learning / Next Steps in Learning

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Student: OEN: Year 1  Year 2



# What is Kindergarten like during a pandemic?



# How can you get involved?



- Attend our school events
- Volunteer
- School Council
- Attend parent/caregiver/educator conferences
- Join an HWDSB advisory committee

# Roles in a school community

- Parent/caregiver
- Teachers and Early Childhood Educators
- Educational Assistants
- Learning Resource Teachers (LRT)
- Principal
- Community Partners
- Speech-Language Pathologists



Mrs. Varga







## The **COUNTDOWN** to the **first day** of school!

- Visit your family doctor – immunizations
- Get a vision test – free eyeglasses in JK year: [hwdsb.info/2PRmreS](http://hwdsb.info/2PRmreS)
- Address speech concerns – Early Words: [hwdsb.info/2Rszrlo](http://hwdsb.info/2Rszrlo)
  - *(Referrals only possible up to August 31 of a child's first year in kindergarten).*
- Contact the school if your child has a prevalent medical condition



# The **COUNTDOWN** to the **first day** of school!

**What will the first day look like?**

- *There will be a staggered start for Kindergarten in September*
- *Expect that the first day of school will be shortened for your child*



## Resources:

- Attend a Check It Out Clinic: [hwdsb.info/2SrbfXe](http://hwdsb.info/2SrbfXe)
- Review the FREE LookSee Developmental Screen: [www.lookseechecklist.com](http://www.lookseechecklist.com)
- Summer – play groups, sleep routines, independent skills
- Find resources at [www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/)



IN OUR CLASSROOM WE  
PREFER CHILDREN TO:



**Create...** rather than duplicate

**Speak...** rather than listen passively

**MAKE BOOKS...** rather than fill workbooks

**Solve their own problems...**  
rather than the teacher's problems

**Initiate...** rather than imitate

**Move...** rather than wait



**Ask questions...**  
rather than answer the teacher's questions

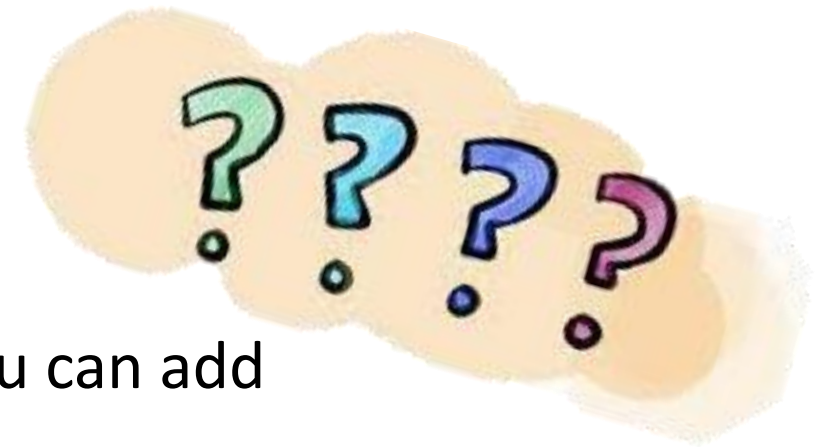
**Make art...** rather than do crafts

**Choose wisely...** rather than being told

**TRY AGAIN...** rather than fail

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# Questions



If you have any questions, you can add them in the chat now.

You can also contact the school and your question will be forwarded to someone on the Kindergarten team.

# Questions

The following questions were asked following the orientation on Monday, May 31, 2021:

**Q: Are masks mandatory for Kindergarten students?**

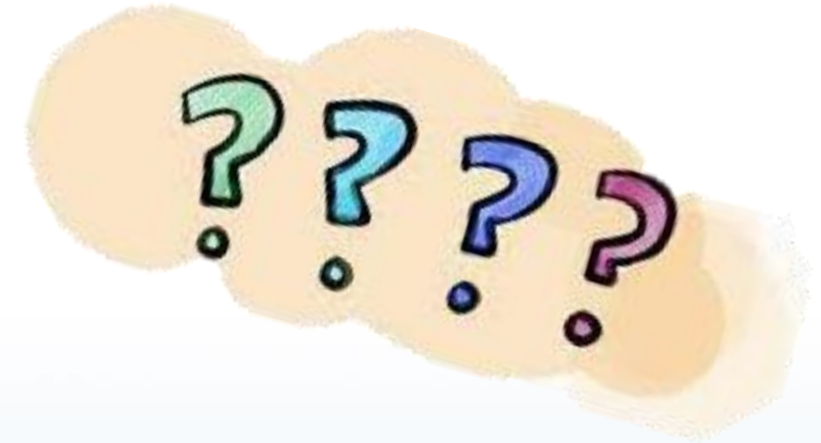
A: Yes, masks are mandatory for all students in kindergarten. A child can be exempt for medical reasons.

**Q: Are you expecting to have the same COVID-19 protocols in September 2021?**

A: At this time, we are not sure what protocols will be in place for September. We are planning as though distancing, masking, sanitizing toys, etc. will be the same.

**Q: The morning bell rings at 8:50, can I drop my child off before that time?**

A: Yes, educators are outside on supervision on the playground beginning at 8:35am.



# Questions

**Q: In the event there is school shutdown next school year, what do I need to prep for my JK child?**

A: If schools shutdown again, all students in grades K-12 shift to online learning. A device to log on to Microsoft Teams is suggested.

**Q: When do we find out which class our child is in?**

A: Information pertaining to your child's class placement, first day visit and other beginning of school information will be emailed to you in late August.

**Q: If I opt for my child to attend remote school, is there a transition time that my child could switch to attend in-person?**

A: At this time, HWDSB is allowing for one transition time at the end of September during re-organization. Opting into remote school for the 2021-2022 school year is a commitment for the entire school year.





**We look forward to meeting you and your child!**

