

KINDERGARTEN 2020-2021: How will it begin?

Hello McCammon Kindergarten Families,

We are so excited that your child will be joining us in September to start his/her schooling journey. As you may have seen and heard through local media, the Covid-19 pandemic has caused us to alter the way we do school as we ensure safety for all. As a result, the Ministry of Education suspended in-class instruction following Spring Break. With the outstanding efforts of all British Columbians, our school entered Stage 3 of the COVID Framework in June allowing students to return to school part time. As the Covid-19 curve is flattening and BC continues to move in a positive direction, we are preparing for our return to school in September.

We acknowledge that circumstances can change and are planning for September start-up to possibly be full-time or a combination of part-time and remote learning. We should have a better idea about how we will be moving forward near the end of August.

In preparation for any province-wide changes to our September school start-up, our district will be setting up remote-learning opportunities through the Microsoft Teams program. Please ensure that our school office has current contact information so we may communicate any changes to you in August or early September.

The Chilliwack School District uses a gradual entry process to welcome our youngest students to Kindergarten. The gradual entry process allows each child to experience kindergarten slowly in smaller groups and in shorter visits. Over the first three weeks of school, your child's kindergarten visits will gradually increase in length and in larger groups and your child will get to know each of the kindergarten teachers and many McCammon staff.

We recognize that the gradual entry process is not necessarily convenient for all families and can complicate schedules, but research and experience has shown that a gradual entry process sets up each child for a more successful kindergarten year and allows our teaching staff to carefully consider the placement of each child into their classes for their first year. To assist families with this process, Little Mountain Child Care Centre is available to provide childcare for McCammon kindergarten students during the first two-weeks of September. If interested, please contact Tanya Bos at littlemountainchildcarecenter@gmail.com.

In addition to the gradual entry process, McCammon kindergarten teachers also set up a specific time to meet individually with you and your child to get to know you and your child better, to discuss any concerns or questions that you may have, and to help us better prepare for your child's kindergarten experience.

Let's work together, parents and teachers, to make your child's first school year fantastic!

McCammon Kindergarten Team



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