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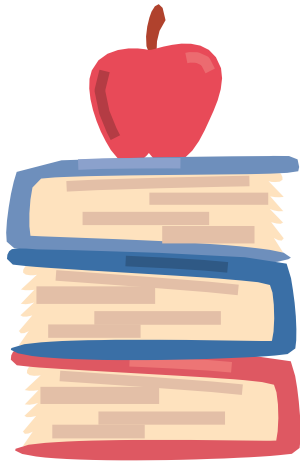
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WELCOME TO ÉCOLE ST. AVILA

KINDERGARTEN/MATERNELLE



HOURS OF CLASSES

A.M. 9:20 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

P.M. 1:10 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

Teachers greet students outside at
9:10 and 1:05.

Students line up in front of the
school by the flagpole.

May 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We welcome you to École St. Avila's French Immersion Kindergarten Program. You and your child may be looking ahead to September and thinking about the first few weeks of school. We hope the following information will help answer as many of your questions as possible and provide you with the necessary information about the kindergarten schedule and routine.

Principal: Mme Jennifer Rothwell

Vice-principal: Mme Lynn Marriott

Kindergarten teachers:
Mme Christine Graff

September Information

Staggered entrance

September 6th, 7th or 8th

We will be having a staggered entrance for our kindergarten students. Your child will attend either Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. (Sept. 4th, 5th or 6th) for a half-day. As of Monday, September 9th, all kindergarten will attend daily.

Daily drop off, pick up

Supervision begins at 9a.m. in the school yard. If you are dropping your child off, walk them to the designated area. Every day when children arrive on the bus, they are greeted by an adult who directs them to wherethey will gather with their class. Please inform the teacher and office of any changes in the pick up routine at the end of the day by email.

Strong Beginnings

September 19th & 20th

Strong Beginnings is a divisional assessment process. On either Thursday, September 19th or Friday, September 20th, each student will attend school by appointment for 60 minutes to participate in assessment activities in Language Arts and Mathematics. During this time, they will meet individually or in small groups with their teacher. This an opportunity for teachers to gather data about each child's learning that may not be evident during whole class assessment activities. It is also a chance to further develop the teacher-student relationship.

Parents/Guardians will book their child's appointment online during the first week of school. More information to follow in September.

Clothing

Running shoes

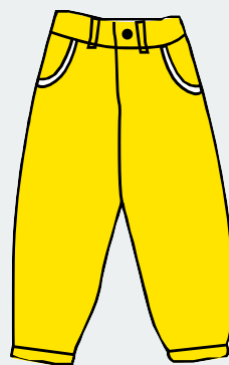
Students should have a pair of running shoes that are left at school. Please label these runners. Please ensure that your child's shoes have no shoelaces to tie. Velcro or elastic laces ONLY.

Change of clothing

Please send a set of clothing in your child's backpack each day. Please include a pair of pants, underwear, socks and a shirt. This set is kept at school in a large Ziploc bag, labelled with your child's name.

All articles of clothing should be labeled clearly with your child's name. At the end of each school year, we end up with a box full of very good clothing that is not claimed because children don't recognize clothing as their own. A name tag ensures prompt return of articles left on the bus, outside or anywhere in the school.

Please practice so that your child can dress and undress independently for outdoors.



Communication with Parents/Guardians



"Families and schools are inescapably connected... Blended together as partners in the responsibility of helping children grow and mature. Family goals and school goals become as one. " Dr. B. Nygren

At École St. Avila, we value a strong home and school relationship. In addition to meeting with at our "Meet the Teacher Evening" in September and our Tri-conferences throughout the year, we encourage you to contact us at any time during the school year if you have any questions or concerns about your child. It is important that all concerns be addressed when they arise in order to give your child a sense of connection and communication between their home and the school. We may not be able to answer the telephone during school hours, but please leave a message with the secretary and we will contact you as soon as possible. Please refer to our school website and parent handbook for helpful and important information regarding dates, special events, school objectives, etc...

Absences and Edsby —

Parents/Guardians will receive an email invitation from Edsby with a special link at the beginning of the school year to create your account. We ask you to please use Edsby to let the school know your child will be away. As soon as attendance is taken by the classroom teacher and if your child is marked absent without an informed reason, you will be notified through the SafeArrival automated system by phone call and email. This is to ensure your child is safely in the care of an adult.

What To Expect

What to expect in the classroom

If you are dropping your child off at school, please ensure that you are on time because it can be stressful for a child to walk into a class that has already begun. The first month will be spent on the child's orientation to school. The four or five year old, upon entering an immersion program needs to be reassured. The child is in strange surroundings, hearing a different language that is not understood. It is important that the child feels welcomed, understood and liked.

The vocabulary used during the first of month of school will deal mainly with:

- Greetings - hello, good day, welcome, good-bye, see, how are you? I'm fine, Your name is? My name is...etc...
- Orientation in the classroom - It is..., here is..., May I play?, drink?, go to the bathroom?, please, thank you, I want to go to: interest centres, sand table, water table, blocks, playhouse, paint centre, make centre, book corner, etc...
- This is... a crayon, felt pen, paper, book, etc...
- Meetings and direction - come here, go there, sit down, stand up, go to the door, walk to the gym.
- Current happenings - How many girls/boys are here today? I am here.
- Children's names, colours, counting, calendar, weather.
- School orientation - the classroom, hallways, principal, secretary, caretakers, offices, library, gym, playground, park, etc...

This represents a very general outline. We include it only to give you some idea of what will be happening at school. We plan to use familiar stories such as The Three Bears and Red Riding Hood, and familiar melodies such as Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Mary Had a Little Lamb, just to give you a few examples. The same vocabulary is used in as many ways as we can generate. We will be working with the familiar and the concrete. Once the children understand the vocabulary dealing with basic classroom routines, we will move on to another familiar topic - the family. It is very important that your child know that we understand what they are saying even though the child

will not understand us initially. We want to develop listening and comprehension in kindergarten but do not want to stifle communication and conversation. Your child will be encouraged to feel free to make their needs known. They will probably, initially, be a little frustrated but you will be amazed at their comprehension growth in a new language throughout the first term of school.

IN CONCLUSION...

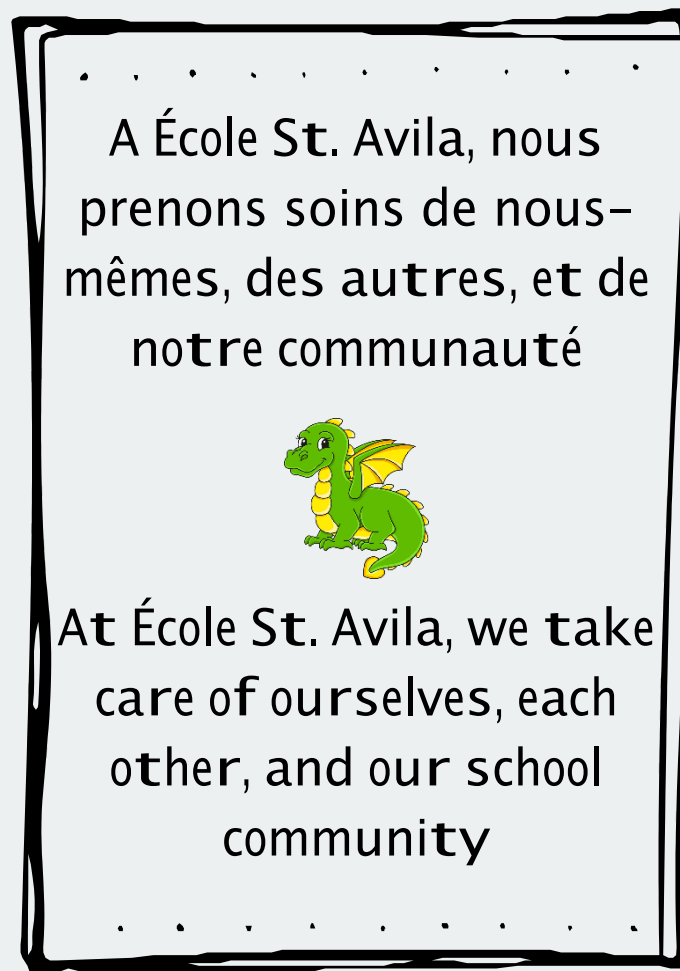
We hope that the above information answers most of the queries you may have concerning kindergarten. If you have any questions regarding kindergarten, please feel free to call the school.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,

Mme Christine Graff (K Teacher)

Mme Jennifer Rothwell (Principal)

Mme Lynn Marriott (Vice-principal)



École St. Avila

Kindergarten Supply List

2024-2025

- 1 FULL SIZE BACKPACK (Labelled on the inside with your child's name.) Please remind your child to bring the backpack to school every day.

STUDENT FEES for Kindergarten students will be \$50.00. \$50.00 is requested for all students from K-6 to cover the cost of field trips, special class activities, supplies and special events. Payments may be made on-line through "Permission Click" by September 11th, 2024. Please note that teachers are not able to accept money from students. A link to "Permission Click" will be sent by email late August.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME, INCLUDING RUNNING SHOES, TO AVOID LOST ARTICLES ACCUMULATING DURING THE YEAR.