

Our Fulham Community School kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Walker, invites you and your child to attend our Open House on March 6th, 2024 to see our school, meet some of our staff, and hear all about our kindergarten program.



# Kindergarten 2024-2025

**Fulham Community School**

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## What makes Fulham School's kindergarten program special?

Our five day a week kindergarten program offers your child:

- Speech assessment and services
- Creative learning strategies
- Daily Physical Education
- Hands on learning
- Occupational Therapy assessment and programs
- Field trips
- Parental involvement opportunities
- Early introduction to laptops and iPads
- A safe and caring learning community

(Please discuss part-time options with the teacher or principal if you feel your child would benefit from a shorter school week.)

## Parental Involvement

If you have time to spare, please feel free to come to your child's classroom. We welcome parents, grandparents, and relatives. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to come to help.

Throughout the year, there will be field trips planned which will provide another opportunity for you to be part of your child's education.

If you are unable to volunteer in the classroom and still would like to help, see your child's teacher for activities you can make at home.

If you have an area of expertise and would like to share it with your child's class, please talk to us.

The Fulham Parent School Council is always looking for new active members. Meetings are once a month.

## Kindergarten Supplies

Please label the following supplies clearly:

- Backpack
- Indoor running shoes to be kept at school
- Lunch kit
- Complete change of clothes which will remain in your child's backpack

## Bussing

For information regarding bussing, please contact the transportation department of our school division at 780-723-4471. Visit our Division's website [gypsd.ca/school-bus-registration](https://gypsd.ca/school-bus-registration) to register for the bus (separate from your yearly school registration).



## Things we learn in kindergarten:

- Recognize and identify letter names and familiar sounds in our environment.
- Print our names and begin to copy print.
- The concept of a letter, word, and sentence.
- Comprehension strategies– predicting, connecting, and recalling details in a story.
- Participate in discussions and express ideas and feelings appropriately.
- Count objects and compare quantities.
- Develop a number sense.
- Explore shapes in our environment.
- Create and continue patterns.
- The importance of daily physical activity and nutrition.
- How to be a friend and work with others cooperatively.
- An appreciation of fine arts.

## Making the First Day Great!

- Start the routine your child will follow in September a few weeks before school starts.
- Get everything ready a day or two in advance.
- Give yourself and your child a lot of time to get ready to arrive at school on time without being rushed.
- You might like to take a picture of your child's first day at school.
- Try not to communicate your feelings of anxiety and separation to your child.
- When you say good-bye to your child, make it quick, light, and reassuring.
- Many parents experience sadness to see their child entering school. If you think you might feel that way, try to plan something special for yourself during the first few days.
- At the end of the day, encourage your child to share their experiences.

## Getting Ready for September

- Tell your first and last name.
- Print your first name.
- Tidy up your toys when you're finished playing.
- Go to the bathroom, flush the toilet, and wash your hands by yourself.
- Read and talk about stories.
- Learn finger plays and nursery rhymes.
- Put on your shoes and jacket independently.
- Identify colours, numbers, and body parts.
- Provide lots of opportunities with scissors, paper, pencils, and other art media.
- Make your child comfortable spending time away from you.
- Have your child play with peers.

