



Welcome to Kindergarten at Ear Falls Public School!

We recognize that many of our children are very young when they enter our Full Day Early Learning Program. Some families feel that their child requires a gradual entry to the program. To support this development, we provide families with short term solutions, offering an alternate or shortened day to support their child's initial learning needs.

Extra Clothing

Students are encouraged to bring a set of extra clothes to leave at school so that they may change wet socks or dirty shirts and pants as these situations arise. The soiled clothes will be sent home so parents can clean them and return them the following day. This will allow your child to remain comfortable without having to disrupt you at home or work to bring in a change of clothes if your child has an accident.

Ear Falls Public School Community & Extra-Curricular Activities

Ear Falls Public School is very focused on building a strong school community where all children matter. Students in the Early Learning Program participate in all school assemblies and attend the various special events that are hosted at our school. We also modify school wide events such as the annual Terry Fox Walk to ensure that all of our children can be included. Ear Falls Public School has an active Parent Council. This group of parents supports a variety of activities that help make our school a great place to be. Activities such as Family Literacy Day and Family Game nights are just a couple of events that they help support.



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All stakeholders create a culture of learning so that students come first



Learn more about Kindergarten at Ear Falls Public School!

Ear Falls Public School has one Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten classroom. The classroom is staffed with a specialized Kindergarten teacher and a Dedicated Early Childhood Educator who are experts in early childhood development.

Our school day begins at 8:55 am. Students can be dropped off at 8:35 am. There are two nutrition breaks (20-25 minutes to eat and 20-25 minutes to play outside). School ends at 3:30pm.

Pick up and Drop off

Student pick up and drop off is supported by a private entrance with direct access to the cloak room and classroom. Students need to be picked up by an adult at the end of day. Should the adult change the teachers need to be informed. Parking for kindergarten parents is in the visitor parking lot.

School Bus Transportation

Students who require bus transportation are met during morning arrival by an adult supervisor and are escorted to their entrance. At the end of the day, students are escorted to their buses by another adult supervisor.

Breakfast/Lunch Programs

Breakfast items are offered daily. We understand that many children have an early breakfast and are often hungry by the time they arrive at school. Extra snacks are available should your child need a little extra.

Milk is available for sale daily during second nutrition break. A food program is offered daily, a sign-up sheet is sent home every two weeks. Please go over the menu choices with your child to ensure that he or she will eat what is being served.

Facilities

The classroom is equipped with private bathrooms. The water fountain is located in the hall just outside the classroom.

Supervision of Students

During nutritional snack breaks, the kindergarten classrooms are supervised by

adult supervisors. Senior student helpers are in the classroom as well to assist your child with opening their snacks and getting dressed for outdoor play.

During outdoor play Kindergarten students join the other primary students on the primary playground. Students have access to the swings, the play structure, and grassy area. The students can also access the gazebo that provides shade on hot days. We ensure that our ratio of supervisors to students on the playground is sufficient to support proper monitoring of student activities. Supervisors wear bright orange vests so that they are easily visible to the students.

Communication with our Students' Families

Communication with families is a priority for us. Teachers contact families via phone calls, email and notes home. The classroom Facebook page is also used as a way to share exciting events that are occurring in your child's room. Your child will carry an agenda to and from school each day. This book is used by the teacher or parent to write notes back and forth.

Communication in the Classroom

Each classroom in the school as well as the library and gymnasium are equipped with FM Systems. An FM System is a system where the teacher's voice is amplified in the classroom so that every child can hear regardless of where they might be in the room. It is ideal for those children who may have difficulty hearing. The teacher can control the volume of the FM system as well as turn it off when it is not necessary.

Classroom Learning

Students are exposed to both traditional and modern teaching practices. Through the full day early learning program, children receive a formalized reading and writing program and begin to study the fundamentals of mathematics. To balance out their learning, children also have time to socialize with classmates and use their imaginations through learning centers and free play. Music, rhyme and song, arts and crafts are also woven throughout the day. Technology is a large part of instruction. Smartboard and iPads are frequently used for educational games and activities to enhance student learning. Children have a natural curiosity and inquiry based learning is used to build on a child's spontaneous desire for exploration. Teachers will guide them to become more focused and systematic in their investigations.

Education Assistants provide support to students with extensive learning needs. On-site delivery of speech and language programming is provided when required.