May 26, 2023.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Ecole Aubrey! We are very excited to welcome your child to Kindergarten. Our full day Kindergarten program offers young children meaningful learning opportunities in a play-based environment. For many children, Kindergarten is the first step in transitioning from preschools, daycare settings, or home environments to a formal school setting where there is one adult with up to 20 children.

In order to help children in this transition, we offer and support a gradual entry process, which includes smaller groups, an increasingly longer day and an opportunity for you and your child to have a *Welcoming Conversation* with your child's teacher. We have found that this proactive approach to school entry provides a safe and comfortable start to your child's school career.

Gradual Entry allows children to connect with their teacher, feel comfortable at school, make friends, and understand routines. If you believe your child requires a longer period to transition to a full day Kindergarten program, please discuss this with your child's teacher so that school staff can collaboratively plan with you to ensure your child is successful.

We are planning an hour Welcome to our School Orientation on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 5th, 2023. Each Kindergarten student will be invited with two adults maximum.

12:30 pm– 1:30 pm   Group A Students with last names   A- L (English program)
A-P (French program)
1:30 – 2:30 pm. Group B -Students with last names   M- Z (English program)
Q-Z (French program)

Following the September 5th orientation, Welcoming Conversations will be on Wednesday, September 6th and gradual entry will begin on Thursday, September 7th, see schedule attached.

Kindergarten students will begin full time instruction on Monday, September 18th. We are looking forward to having your child as part of our school community.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Hartman
Principal

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN