



Dear Parents/Guardians of a **2023-2024 Swift Kindergarten Student**.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and **your child** to Kindergarten. We are looking forward to meeting you in September and starting the school year. We hope you are too! The regular hours for all classes are 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. The Welcome Bell rings at 8:25 am.

Your child will be placed in a class for the Gradual Entry Days. Please note: This does not necessarily mean this will be your child's classroom/teacher. Class assignments will be finalized after the Gradual Entry days have been completed.

The first two weeks of school in September are very special for Kindergarten students. With this in mind, we have arranged a gradual entry schedule for the children to make a smooth transition to the full-day Kindergarten program. Gradual Entry Info Here: <https://swift.abbyschools.ca/kindergarten-gradual-entry>

Please Book Your Individual Interview Time: Wednesday, September 6 to Friday, September 8, are days scheduled for Parent/child teacher interviews for **each child and parent** to meet with their teacher. **We will be using "School Appointments" for appointments.** <https://swift.parentteacherconferences.net/admin/> Register following the attached instructions, follow the prompts and book your appointment by September 5. **Please Remember!!**

****Nature K students please bring your out door clothing and boots to the Interview for your teacher to approve. Please leave the tags on in case you need to return them. We care that your child is warm and dry during outdoor classroom time.**

Tuesday, September 5 to Friday, September 8 (Days 1-4):

Day 1: Parent and Kindergarten student meeting with the teacher from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

Day 2-4: These days are set aside for **scheduled 15 minute** individual interviews. Please **bring your child** to the meeting with your teacher. Please remember to book your appointment. Please do not bring preschoolers to your interview with the teacher if at all possible.

Monday, September 11 to Thursday, September 14 - Small Group Gradual Attendance (Days 5-8):

Each Day children will attend in 2 groups of up to 10 students. Please see the general schedule below. **Your child's specific schedule has been mailed to the address you provided for us.**

Day 5 – Monday, September 11 - Group 1 - 9:00-10:00 Group 2 - 11:00 – 12:00

All students bring School Supplies

Day 6 – Tuesday, September 12 – Group 1 - 9:00-10:00 Group 2 - 10:30 – 12:00

Day 7 – Wednesday, September 13 – Group 1 – 9:00 - 11:00 am Group 2 – 12:00 2:00 pm

Nature students, please bring your Outdoor clothing and boots.

Day 8 – Thursday, September 14 - Group 1 – 9:00 - 11:00 am Group 2 – 12:00 2:00 pm

Bring School Supplies on September 11th. Please label as follows.

Labeling Supplies:

Please label only the following items: Pencils, crayons, pencil crayons, pencil sharpener, white board markers, erasers. The other items will be labeled by the teacher.

Label ALL outdoor gear – Jackets, pants, boots, fleece.

Friday, September 16 – Tuesday, September 20 – Full Class Attendance – Part time (Days 9-11):

Each day All kindergarten students will be attending class. They will start at 8:30 am every day. This schedule is for every kindergarten child. Please send snacks and lunches as listed below.

Day 9 - Friday, September 15 – 8:30 – 11:00 am – Bring a Healthy, Nut Free Snack

Day 10 - Monday, September 18 – 8:30 - 12:15 pm – Bring a Healthy, Nut Free snack and lunch

Day 11 - Tuesday, September 19 – 8:30 – 1:00 pm – Bring a Healthy, Nut Free snack and lunch

Wednesday, September 20 and onward – All Attend Full Day

Day 12 – Starting today, ALL Kindergarten students will attend for a **Regular, Full Day of school (8:30 am to 2:30 pm)**. A nut-free snack and lunch should be sent with your child from this day forward.

School Supplies

If you have not already ordered your school supplies online, please do so at your earliest convenience. Go to www.schoolstart.ca , Register and Login to order for Dr. Thomas A Swift “Nature Kindergarten”. All Kindergarten supply kits are delivered to your home. If you wish, you can also take the list available on our website (swift.abbyschools.ca) and purchase from the store.

Labeling Supplies: Please label only the following items: Pencils, crayons, pencil crayons, pencil sharpener, white board markers, erasers. The other items will be labeled by the teacher.

All Kindergarten students need a **full-sized** backpack, inside **running shoes** that are **Velcro (not tie shoes, please)**, and a **lunch kit**. Please clearly label all clothing and lunch kit items.

Label ALL outdoor gear – Jackets, pants, boots, fleece, etc. Nature Kindergarten children need to purchase the specific items on the additional list and bring all those items on Wednesday, September 14. ALL items need to be clearly labeled.

School Lunches

As much as possible, please pack a litter-less lunch. Please only send a water bottle with your child. We do not encourage any type of drink box. Please provide any utensils your child might need to eat their lunch. We do not provide utensils for students. There is no access to a microwave for heating food.

Our school is Nut Aware. Please do NOT send any nuts or nut products to school. Please use “Wow Butter” or other seed butters in place of peanut butter.

SchoolCash Online

Please be sure to register on SchoolCash Online if you haven’t already done so. Here is the info link on our website: <https://swift.abbyschools.ca/SchoolCashOnline> This is a requirement of all Abbotsford School District students. If you need help with setting up your account, please call the office.

****Please remember to Log in to “School Appointments” to book your individual interview time with your child’s teacher. This is an important part of starting Kindergarten.**

I hope you are enjoying your summer, we will see you in September. Please mark all these important dates on your calendar and record any questions that you might have to ask me when we meet. More information can be found on our website: swift.abbyschools.ca

Take care and see you soon,

Mrs. Dueck, Mrs, Baerg & Mrs. Nicholls

More info: <https://swift.abbyschools.ca/ourschool/kindergartenregistration/swift>
<https://swift.abbyschools.ca/programs/nature-kindergarten/swift> <https://swift.abbyschools.ca/parents-students/supplies>