

# Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule September 2023



Dr. Thomas A. Swift  
Elementary School

Monday Sept 4  No School Labour Day	Day 1 Tuesday Sept. 5	Day 2 Wednesday Sept 6	Day 3 Thursday Sept 7	Day 4 Friday Sept 8
	9:00 am – 10:00 am Group Parent Meeting	9:00 am – 10:00 am 10:30 am- 12:00 pm  15 min. individual meetings available  Interviews in the Morning	12:45 - 2:15 pm  15 min. individual meetings available  Interviews in the Afternoon	9:00 am - 10:00 am 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  15 min. individual meetings available  Interviews in the Morning
Day 5 Monday Sept 11	Day 6 Tuesday Sept 12	Day 7 Wednesday Sept 13	Day 8 Thursday Sept 14	Day 9 Friday Sept 15
2 Groups of 10 students attend for 1 Hour  Please see Your Unique Schedule in the Welcome Letter  Students bring Supplies. Please Label supplies as per letter instructions	2 Groups of 10 students attend for 1 Hour  Please see Your Unique Schedule in the Welcome Letter	2 Groups of 10 Students attend 2 Hours  Please see Your Unique Schedule in the Welcome Letter  Nature Students: Bring Nature Clothing Please Label ALL items	2 Groups of 10 Students attend for 2 Hours  Please see Your Unique Schedule in the Welcome Letter	All Kindergarten students to attend at the same time.  <b>8:30 – 12:15pm</b>  Bring a Healthy, Nut Free Snack
Day 10 Monday Sept 18	Day 11 Tuesday Sept 19	Day 12 Wednesday Sept 20	Day 13 Thursday Sept 21	Day 14 Friday Sept 22
All Kindergarten students to attend at the same time.  <b>8:30 am -2:30 pm</b>  Students Bring a Snack and a Lunch	All Kindergarten students to attend at the same time for a part day.  <b>8:30 am -2:30 pm</b>  Students Bring a Snack and a Lunch	Regular School Day All Kindergarten students attend for a full day.  <b>8:30 - 2:30pm</b>  Students Bring a Snack and a Lunch	Regular School Day All Kindergarten students attend for a full day.  <b>8:30 - 2:30pm</b>  Students Bring a Snack and a Lunch	Regular School Day All Kindergarten students attend for a full day.  <b>8:30 - 2:30pm</b>  Students Bring a Snack and a Lunch

Dear parents of new Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary Kindergarten students,

While we understand that it may be a bit inconvenient for parents, gradual entry into Kindergarten in early September works so well for our new students. It provides the children with a good opportunity to be at school for increasingly longer periods of time over a 5-day period; thus, allowing for a more comfortable, smoother transition into a full day of school.

During the gradual entry period, the children have the chance to socialize and work in both small and large groups, as well as to learn many of our classroom expectations and routines in a safe, caring, and nurturing learning environment.

While our goal is to have all children in full day attendance by Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, we must also be sensitive to the individual needs of each student. In situations where a child is struggling to adapt to the increase in time, we may need to discuss alternate times on a case by case basis.

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