

# Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule September 2026



Dr. Thomas A. Swift  
Elementary School

<b>Monday Sept 7 No School Labour Day</b>	<b>Tuesday Sept. 8</b>  10:15 AM – 11:15 AM All Parent and students Meeting with teachers	<b>Wednesday Sept 9</b>  Interview Day 15 min. individual meetings available  9:00 am – 10:00 am 10:30 am – 11:30 am 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Thursday Sept 10</b>  Group 1 1 hr 8:30 am – 9:30 am  Group 2 1 hr 10:00 am - 11:00 am Interview Afternoon 12:15 – 2:00 pm	<b>Friday Sept 11</b>  Group 1 1.75 hr 8:30 am – 10:15 am  Group 2 1.75 hr 10:45 am – 12:15 pm
	<b>Monday Sept 14</b>  Group 1 1.75 hr 8:30 am – 10:15 am  Group 2 1.75 10:45 am – 12:15 pm  Students bring Supplies. And Nature Kids bring ALL Nature clothing Labeled!	<b>Tuesday Sept 15</b>  All Students 2.5 hours  8:30 am – 11:00 am  Bring Snack	<b>Wednesday Sept 16</b>  All Students 3 hrs  8:30 am – 11:30 am  Bring Snack	<b>Thursday Sept 17</b>  All students 3.5 hrs  8:30 am – 12:00 pm  Bring Snack & Lunch
<b>Monday Sept 21</b>	<b>Tuesday Sept 22</b>	<b>Wednesday Sept 23</b>	<b>Thursday Sept 24</b>	<b>Friday Sept 25</b>
Full Days for all Kindergartens 8:30 am -2:30 pm Students Bring a Snack and a Lunch  **Pack a clean set of clothes in a plastic bag at the bottom of your child's backpack for emergency changes.**				

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 7-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 21, 2026, 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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