

June 8, 2023

Dear Families,

Welcome to our Primary team for 2023-2024! I hope you and your child enjoyed our Primary Orientation and are excited for BIG school in September.

Parents often ask about the best ways to support their child in terms of school readiness. Here are my recommendations: love them with all your heart and let them know they are incredibly special, teach them to be respectful of others and their belongings, show them how to print their name and the names of important people in their lives, teach them the letters of the alphabet through games and hands-on manipulatives like magnetic letters, talk about the sounds letters make and read books like the one included in your child’s gift bag, do natural counting activities like walking up and down stairs, let them practice cutting under your 1-1 supervision, make letters and words with playdoh, read to them regularly, ensure they can dress themselves, and make sure they get a good night’s sleep and have a good breakfast each morning.

Our first day of school is Thursday, September 7 and I will meet the children on the side of the school by the playground equipment. I will be there at 8:10 and the morning bell is at 8:20. Lunch is from 11:30-12:25 and afternoon dismissal is at 2:30.

Please let me know if your child is attending the Excel program, is getting picked up by anyone other than parents, or has any allergies or other health issues. My email address is: [ogreene@hrce.ca](mailto:ogreene@hrce.ca)

Thank you for trusting me with your greatest gifts! I promise I will earn that trust and do all I can to help your child blossom personally, socially, and academically.

Together in Teamwork,

Olga Greene. 😊



Primary School Supplies

Robert Kemp Turner

2023-2024

* 2 boxes Crayola crayons (24 pack)
* 1 box Crayola crayons (8 pack)
* 1 bottle white glue
* 3 Yellow Duotangs (In which you **can** insert pages that are hole punched)
* 2 Pocket Folders (In which you **cannot** insert pages that are hole-punched) (green and orange)
* non-marking indoor/gym shoes to stay at school. (Please do not purchase sneakers with laces that will need tying. Velcro or slip-on preferable.)
* Large backpack (Small ones are cute, but not very practical.)
* Lunch bag (Due to allergies at school, please do not send in any food that may contain eggs or nuts.)
* Water bottle
* Change of clothing in large ziplocked baggie

\*Please label all your child’s belongings.

\*Please consider donating baby wipes, disposable forks, disposable spoons, and/or tissues.

Here’s to a great year of learning!



See you in September!