

Brantford Elementary School (604) 296 -9002

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# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

We hope this email finds you well! We want you to know that we are very excited to welcome you and your child to our school and we can't wait to begin creating, exploring, and learning together. We know this is a time of great excitement for your family, as your child gets ready to begin Kindergarten. This document outlines some key information about Kindergarten at Brantford.

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**\*\*\*Our Welcome to Kindergarten Event will be held on  
May 25th at 2:00pm-2:45pm at the undercover area\*\*\***

# Over the summer you can help prepare your child for kindergarten by:

- encouraging independence: dressing oneself (practice zipping zippers, buttoning shirts, taking on and off shoes and their jacket, changing own pants and socks), personal hygiene in the bathroom, and meal time.
- practicing opening and closing snack containers, thermos /water bottles they will be using at school
- having your child practice identifying and printing their name
- establishing a regular bedtime (anytime before 8:00pm is ideal)
- visiting the school playgrounds and outdoor learning space
- providing opportunities to colour, draw, cut and glue
- looking at books together and talking about the pictures
- encouraging them to ask questions about the world around them





Outdoor Classroom



Primary playground



Gym

## Kindergarten Supplies

The fee for school supplies for the 2026/2027 school year will be \$40.00 per child. All supplies will be purchased by the Kindergarten teachers. Brantford is a cashless school and this fee will be paid online in September . If the cost presents a problem for you, please let us know.

### Here is the list of items that need to be sent with students to school:

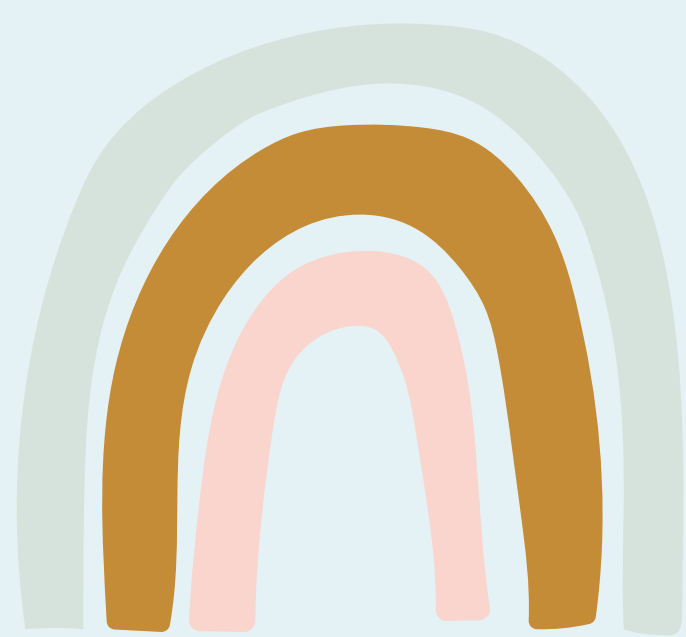
-A pair of running shoes that can be left at school. Please do not send your child to school with lace up shoes if they cannot tie laces independently.

-A backpack large enough to bring work and belongings to and from school. Please make sure your child's bag is big enough to carry their lunch kit. Please send water bottle and containers your child can open and close independently.

-A change of clothes ( shirt, pants, underwear, socks). Please make sure everything is labelled (including the bag).

-A box of Kleenex.

**\*Our gradual entry schedule & 'Welcome Conversation' times will be given to parents at the Welcome to Kindergarten event on May 25th 2:00pm-2:45pm.**



## Outdoor learning and play are a big part of what we do at school.

We participate in West Coast Recess, and all students play outside in the rain/snow during recess break and lunch. Research has proven that daily outdoor learning and play help develop healthy, active lifestyles and routines for our students while providing them with hands-on experiences in our natural world. Through these experiences, the children learn to understand and respect nature and connect to our world and our community.

Every day outside is different – the weather is constantly changing, we observe new bugs and plants, and we continuously discover new materials in the outdoor classroom. Being outside provides the students with rich opportunities to develop their problem-solving skills and use their imagination. In the outdoors, they can play safely and freely while learning to try new things and take risks. The children also engage in reading, writing, and mathematics explorations in the natural world through observing, collecting and sorting, making predictions, and testing theories.

To be prepared to be outside in the rain, it is important for your child to have appropriate clothing such as:

- Rubber boots
- Rain jacket
- Rain pants
- A rain hat or coat with hood
- A change of clothes just in case

Make sure everything is labelled with your child's name.



We look  
forward to  
meeting  
you soon!

*-BRANTFORD COMMUNITY*

