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We Build Inclusion, Capacity, and Learning Communities

Welcome to Kindergarten – Class of 2033

It is hard to imagine but before long we will welcome our new Kindergarten students to Forest Hills. To help you prepare, we have compiled a list of tips, reminders and helpful information:

- All Kindergarten students will return to school in a staggered entry process. These dates will be communicated in August over two days.
- You will receive bussing information by mail from the District office over the summer.
- A bus safety video can be found at <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/Media/School%20Bus%20Safety.mp4> .Please review this video with your child. (A link to the video is also available on our website under the Kindergarten tab).
- On the first day of school, we ask parents and students to meet us in the theatre (please ensure social distancing when choosing a seat). Our Kindergarten team will meet you in the theater. Volunteers at the doors can direct you to the theatre.
- A school supply list is attached. With your school supplies, please bring an extra set of clothes (in case of accidents, spills, etc.). Please label everything.
- You will note that baskets are included in the supply list. This is a new addition to our list as we find ways to keep students' items contained to avoid the spread of Covid 19 and other potential germs.
- Students are not permitted to bring toys, stuffies, etc. to school unless for a special occasion under the direction of your child's teacher.
- If your child is sick, they are to be kept home. If they become sick at school, you will be contacted and required to pick up your child. Please ensure the school always has up to date information for your child with an alternate emergency contact.

Start preparing your child to become independent and ready for Kindergarten:

- Students should practice spelling their names with an uppercase for only the first letter and lower-case for the remaining letters.
- Practice putting on coats, jackets, etc. and zipping them independently
- Practice opening snack packages and containers
- Practice putting on shoes (slip on/Velcro sneakers/shoes are best at this age)
- Practice good hand washing skills

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Kindergarten is a wonderful time for your child. They will learn, grow and explore through play-based learning and through dramatic play. You will be amazed at how quickly they will learn to recognize letters and sounds through a program Forest Hills uses called KinderPhonics.

As much as this is an exciting time for your child, we do understand that it can be a nerve-wracking experience for parents. Please contact us through email or phone if you have questions or concerns. Although parents may want to accompany their children to the classroom, we ask that you leave your child at the door. To ensure safety for all students and to help students become independent, parents are not permitted to accompany students to their classroom after the first the day of school.

Please check our school website for important information
<https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/district8/schools/fhs/Pages/default.aspx>

Have a wonderful summer and see you in the Fall!

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