

Kindergarten/Maternelle Orientation



At ECCS, we are a community of
leaders who create excellence in
life and learning! No Excuses!



Bienvenue!

**We call this crew
“ Our Dream Team”
and together we
WELCOME you to
our school family!**



'COMMUNITY OF Excellence' 'Communauté d'excellence'



Our ECCS GOALS:



1. Grade Level Readers & Writers

Who Love Reading & Writing

2. No Excuse Student Leaders

3. Joyful Learning for ALL

4. Improved Attendance



**AND THEN ONE DAY YOU
MAY COME TO SCHOOL
AND END UP SEEING
THIS...**

**Principal and Vice Principal...
or Should I say SpongeBob and
Patrick**

**WE LOVE TO CELEBRATE
SUCCESS at Connaught!**



Frequently Asked Questions



How does the Kindergarten schedule work?

- In September 2018, Kindergarten will run full days, every other day.
- Your child will be an A or B schedule.
- You have a schedule in your package.
- You will learn as early as June 7th or as late as August 15th if your child is scheduled on A or B day.

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	Labour Day	3 day 1	4 day 2	5 day 3	6 day 4	7 day 5
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9	10 day 5	11 day 1	12 day 2	13 day 3	14 day 4	15 day 5
16	17 day 5	18 day 1	19 day 2	20 day 3	21 day 4	22 day 5
23	24 day 5	25 day 1	26 day 2	27 day 3	28 day 4	29 day 5
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When does my child see their classroom and meet their teacher?



Fly Up to Kindergarten Day

JUNE 7th – 4:15 – 5:00 pm

Meet in Heritage Hall

- We hope on this day we will be able to share which day your child will be attending A or B.
- Students will tour the English or the French Classroom with a parent or guardian.
- You will receive a Class Supply List. (also can be found on the website in June)
- The RPL will be in attendance to get all students signed up for a library card! Perfect timing for summer reading!



Class lists posted at the front of the school

Drop off Backpack in the classroom

Meet Your Teacher

Playground - Family Picnic

Bring Your Backpack Night

August 30th at 5:30-6:30

Door open at 5:30

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When does school start?

- The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 4th, 2018.
- The school day begins at 8:53 and ends at 3:37. Students exit out the back of the school.
- Recess Time – 10:30, 12:30 and 2:15 – Dress for the weather. Practice independence in getting dressed.
- Drop-off at the back of the school (South)
- Please do not use the staff parking lot for pick-ups and drop-offs.
- First day Plan – we encourage families to wave good-bye outdoors once the bell has rung. If your child needs more support you can walk them to the classroom door and part at this time. Tears are okay! 😊

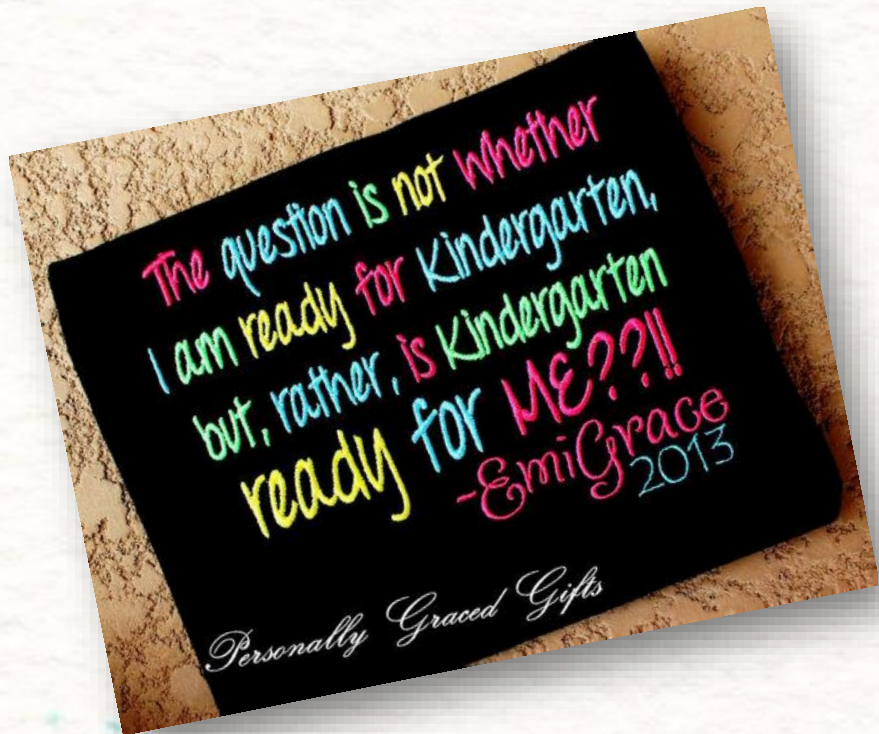


WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED TO DO TO PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN?



What skills can we work on at home to help my child succeed in Kindergarten?

- In Kindergarten we talk a lot about *independence*.



- Students should be able to get ready by themselves.
- Practice zippers and buttons on pants and coats.
- Put their mittens on.
- Identify their own shoes
- Sit down to put on shoes (Velcro) and boots.
- Use the bathroom & wash hands
- As many students will be staying for lunch, it is important that they can open lunch containers, put lunch bags into back packs and clean up their spot.

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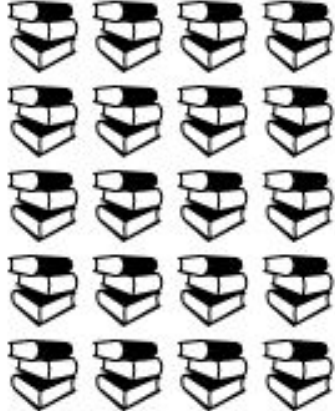


- In Kindergarten, we teach *the ABC's and 123's*
- To ensure your child's will ease into Kindergarten refer to the front of your folder for the readiness skills we hope students will arrive to school with.



- Read to your kids every night.
- Play with letters and sounds.
- Get them familiar with holding books and enjoying them.
- Teach them proper pencil grip
- Teach them how to print and recognize the letters in their name.
- Count to 10.
- Organize and separate house hold items and toys into groups.
- French Immersion Families – should use Duolingo to teach basic words like: Hello, Good-bye, School, Please & Thank-you.

Give your child the upper hand at education!

You are our key-partners in student success!

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?		
Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6 th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.		
<small>(Oney and Brown, 1997.)</small>		
WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.		

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- In Kindergarten we work to improve *motor movement*.



- Comfortably hold a pencil.
- Practice cutting.
- Sitting cross legged on the carpet with a book.
- Hopping, skipping, running, jumping.
- Find a play structure and climb it!

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- In Kindergarten we teach *responsibility and empathy.*



- It is important that our students respect and support others.
- Teach your child to share and take turns.
- Work on using words to apologize.
- Build your child's confidence that they are ready for school. (even if you are not ready to send them 😊)
- Teach your child how to ask for help and how use words to solve problems.

EARLY YEARS ASSESSMENT

EYE Assessment

Fall and Spring

1. Awareness of Self & the Environment
2. Cognitive Skills
3. Language & Communication
4. Physical Development
5. Social Skills and Approaches to Learning



Experiences That Can Strengthen Your Child's Development

Children begin to develop critical learning skills at a young age that will help them be successful later in life; therefore, it is important for parents to provide opportunities for their children to work on these skills throughout early childhood. Learning opportunities will prepare children with the foundation necessary for success at school. Below are some simple ideas that will promote the development of skills included in the five EYE-TA domains.

A) Awareness of Self and Environment

1) **Dress for Success:** Ask your child to select their clothing and dress themselves with minimal help. Discuss what they picked and whether or not it is an appropriate choice for the weather and occasion.



2) **Emotions Song:** "If you're happy and you know it clap your hands (clap, clap) x 2 etc." Add other verses using appropriate actions and expressions (e.g., mad/stomp; surprised/jump; scared/hide).

3) **Find Teddy:** To work on your child's concept of positions (e.g., front/back; top/bottom; over/under), place his or her teddy bear in different locations and ask your child to describe where Teddy is.



B) Cognitive Skills

1) **Cheerio Math:** During snack time ask your child to count his or her food items. For example, ask your child to make groups or sets using Cheerios - demonstrate how to do this first if necessary.



2) **Alphabet Song:** Sing the alphabet regularly with your child. Once he or she has mastered all the letter names, match the names with the written letter and introduce the sounds that these letters make.

3) **Storybook Reading:** Read with your child early and often. Ensure that your child is engaged throughout the story by drawing his or her attention to the book and asking questions.



We want our leaders to develop a healthy understanding of the importance of school. Instruction is important!



Strive to be on time and regular with attendance daily.

Teach your child the value of school!

Our team is here to ensure the best possible start to education for your child!

- **Speech-Language Pathologist:**
Monique Waugh
- Some children will receive speech and language services in Kindergarten. If your child needs SLP services you will be contacted before programming will begin.
- Please ensure you have your children's Hearing and Eyes checked prior to coming to school.
- **Nutrition Program** – Mrs. Hess will provide a healthy snack daily at 10am
- **School Health Nurse** – Here to support and help govern health guidelines and policies in schools.
- **Dental Program** – Starts in Grade 1–
Dental Screens and Sealants.



Will my child qualify for transportation?

- If you qualify for transportation you will have a bussing form in your package.
- If you are just registering you can visit the Regina Public School Website and run your address in the transportation link.

www.rbe.sk.ca/resources/transportation



Our school is bursting. This means Connaught is a closed boundaries school.

“Excellence is in the details”

- **Volunteerism is welcomed.**

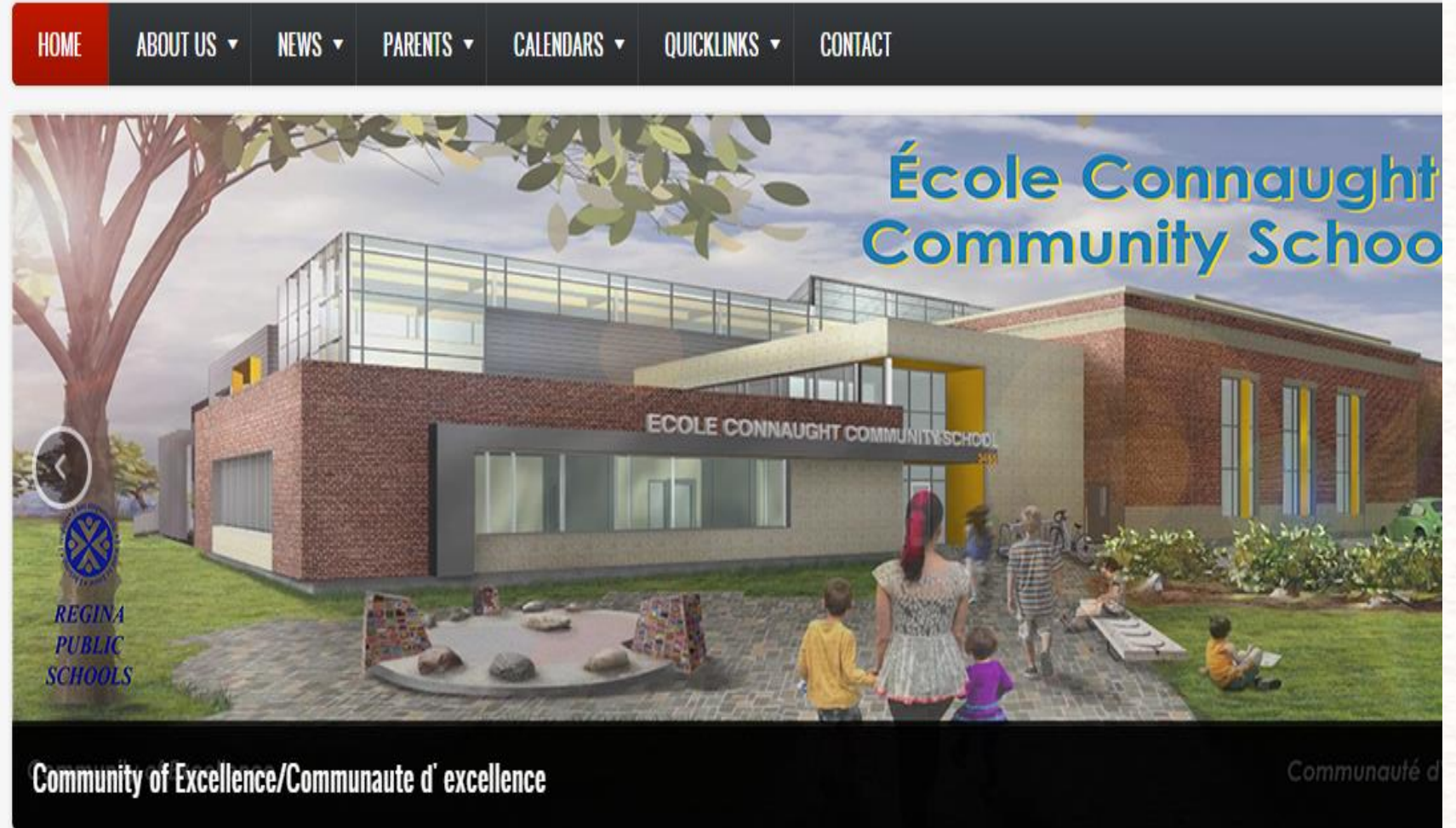
- A Police Information Check – costs \$10 and is good for 3 years provided you volunteer at least once per school year.
- Go down to the Police Station to access a PIC – This is sent from the Police Station to our Division Office.
- We believe it takes a village to raise a child. Please consider volunteering in the library, classroom, kitchen or on field trips. A current PIC check is required.

- **Lunch Room**

- It is your choice to have your child stay or go home.
- Healthy bagged lunch – non-microwavable food
- Lunchroom Permission form must be completed in pkg
- Please do not send candy or pop to school
- Cost - \$50 per Kindergarten for students who stay every day.
Paid in the Fall on School Cash

Where can I find more information?

- Our school website is www.connaught.rbe.sk.ca
 - Frequently updated!
 - Links to important forms
 - Twitter Pics!
 - Subscribe to our Newsletter
 - School Cash!
 - Supply Lists
- Emails can be sent to connaught@rbe.sk.ca
- Our doors are ALWAYS open!



Pull Out Your Phones – Let's Get Connected!

School Phone Number

(306)523-3750

School Website

<https://ecoleconnaught.rbe.sk.ca/>

School/SCC Facebook Page

Ecole Connaught Community School

School Twitter

Twitter Handle - @Connaughtcomets

- **Subscribe to the Newsletter Blog at the bottom of the webpage.**
- **Classroom Seesaw App – in Kindergarten**



Questions?

- Immersion Programming Questions
 - Can be answered by Mr. Mitchell following the presentation.
- Have Questions Specific to your child – please come and chat at the conclusion of our presentation.



Fly-Up to Kindergarten

• June 7th 2018 at 4:15 -5:00



Before you leave...check in with Mrs. Jackson & Mr. Mitchell

- Birth Certificate
- Allergies/Health Alerts
- Day Care Address
- Current Contact Information



**Thank-you for your time
and for sending your
greatest resource to
Connaught! They are a gift
we feel grateful that you
are willing to share.**