

Ways to support learning.

- Let your child play. Play promotes healthy social, emotional, language and cognitive development. When children play, they make sense of the world.
- Talk, read, and sing with your child. They love to hear your voice. Talking, singing and reading helps develop their language and love of learning.
- Let your child know that there are adults at school who will care for them. Children want to know that they will be in a place where they will be cared for.
- We are so excited to meet and learn with your child. All children are 'ready' for kindergarten. Which means your child is perfect the way they are!

First day of class

- Arrive at the school early and walk around the playground or school with your child.
- Remind your child who will pick them up at the end of the day.
- Your child may cry, and that is okay. (You might want to have a few tears too and that is okay). Tears can tell us that they are nervous about this new experience. If possible, remain cheerful. Let them know that their teachers are looking forward to seeing them, that they will be cared for and that they will spend time learning and playing with new adults and children.
- Please do not leave without saying a short and cheerful good bye.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry 2021/2022

School District 57



Why is there gradual entry?

- Gradual entry is a time where children come to school in smaller groups for a short amount of time. Gradual entry will usually start at 1 hour a day and gradually move to a full day.
- This gentle introduction to Kindergarten builds a solid foundation for school life and helps your child transition into kindergarten.
- Gradual entry allows children to adjust to their new school, teacher and classmates in a smaller group and for a shorter amount of time.
- Gradual entry allows the teacher to get to know the children in a smaller group and helps the children learn the routines of their new school.

What does gradual entry look like in SD No. 57?

In School District No. 57:

- **The first day of school is Tuesday, September 7.**
- All Kindergarten children will go to school on Tuesday, **September 7 for 1 hour.**
- Each school has its own gradual entry schedule. Please check your school website or call the school directly for the most current and up to date information.
- Gradual entry will last for the first nine days of school.

All Kindergarten students will begin full time attendance on Monday, September 20, 2021.



What else is important to know?

- Your child's school will contact you by the end of June about your child's gradual entry schedule.
- We understand that the start of the school year can be challenging for busy families. Thank you for supporting your child during this transition to school. Some families may need to arrange childcare for the first eight days of your child's gradual entry schedule.
- If you have questions, concerns or wonderings about kindergarten, please contact your child's school.

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