

Tips to help prepare your child for Kindergarten:

- Listen and talk to your child about what Kindergarten will be like. Express excitement so that your child will look forward to Kindergarten.
- Try to arrange for your child to spend time with relatives or close family friends. This encourages your child to communicate his/her needs to other adults.
- Set up playdates over the summer months so your child can get to know some of the children who will be in his/her class.
- Encourage your child to recognize his/her own first name in print.



First day of class

- Arrive at the school early and walk around the playground with your child.
- Your child may cry, but remain cheerful telling him/her about all the exciting things he/she will learn.
- Remind your child who will pick him/her up at the end of the day and make sure that person arrives on time.
- Please do not leave without saying a short and cheerful good bye. Please do not come back after you have said good bye.
- Talk to your child's teacher about any concerns or information you have to share about your child.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry 2019/2020

School District 57



What Is Gradual Entry?

- Helps your child become a successful learner from the very first day of school.
- Has children come to school in smaller groups for a shorter amount of time. This gentle introduction to Kindergarten builds a solid foundation for school life.
- Helps teachers identify which children may need extra help.
- Allows children to adjust to their new school, teacher and classmates in a smaller group and for a shorter amount of time.
- 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 Kindergarten Gradual Entry look like in School District No. 57?

Creating a positive beginning is important for every child. 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. We trust this early notice will allow you to plan, in advance, if you will need childcare for the first eight days of your child's entry schedule.

In School District No. 57:

- The first day of school is Wednesday, September 4.
- All Kindergarten children will go to school on Wednesday, September 4 for 1 hour.
- Gradual entry will last for the first eight days of school.
- The children will attend for shorter periods of time during the first weeks of school to ensure a smooth and successful transition into Kindergarten.

All Kindergarten students will begin full time attendance on Monday, September 16, 2019.

- Your child's school will contact you by the end of June about your child's gradual entry schedule.
- Each individual school will set the schedule to meet the needs of the community. Please check your school website or call the school directly for the most current and up to date information.



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