



Friday, June 5, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting time for everyone. We look forward to welcoming you and your child into our school in the fall. You are your child's first teacher and you are the most powerful influence on their learning, development, health and well-being. We are looking forward to our partnership.

Unfortunately, our Discover Kindergarten evening, where we meet new students and share information, was cancelled due to the closure of the school to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. While we cannot meet in person, we are committed to supporting your family as you prepare for this transition. Information included in this email will help you learn more about our Kindergarten program and answer some of your questions.

### [Virtual Introduction to Kindergarten](#)

This video provides you with an overview of the York Region District School Board Kindergarten program.

### **Virtual Introduction to Kindergarten at Clearmeadow PS**

This presentation, [Discover Kindergarten at Clearmeadow PS](#), and our [Welcome to Clearmeadow](#) video, provides information about the Kindergarten program at our school. You will find details about:

- a day at a glance at our school
- snack, lunch, washroom and recess routines
- bussing information
- before/after care programs
- tips for the first day of Kindergarten

### **Playing and Learning Together at Home resource**

This resource, [playing and learning at home](#), contains a variety of play-based learning experiences that you and your child can do at home. Over the coming months, you may wish to try some of these ideas for learning together with your child - through play! These experiences will help your child build a sense of joy and familiarity with the type of play-based learning that will occur at school.

Kindergarten classrooms at YRDSB are warm, welcoming and caring environments that reflect children's diverse social, cultural, and linguistic experiences and perspectives. We recognize that children may have had their routines disrupted over the past few months. Our skilled, caring, professional Kindergarten teams will support your child throughout the transition to Kindergarten. We can't wait to get to know you!

You can find more information about Kindergarten by visiting the [YRDSB website](#). You can also find resources to support you with the Kindergarten Transition process, including information about: Kindergarten Programs and Routines, Helpful Suggestions for Transitions, Frequently Asked Questions and Child Care.

You can also stay connected by visiting our [school website](#) or follow us on Twitter @ClearmeadowPS. During the month of June and into the summer, we will post additional transition to Kindergarten activities and ideas to support your child. Please follow us and check in regularly.

You can also follow @YRDSB on Twitter and @yrdsb.schools on Instagram. If you have additional questions, please connect with our school principal using the email address on our website.

Sincerely,

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