## Full Day Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule Simonds Elementary 2025-2025 School Year

Gradual Entry - all in attendance Full Day by Monday, September 15, 2025

## Welcome to Simonds!

Each family will meet with one of our Kindergarten teachers for a 20-minute family conference. Parent and child attend the conference, and these will be held between Sept. 3rd and Sept 13th. Each family will need to book their family conference. These conferences will be held in one of our Kindergarten classes.

To book your family conference, please call the office at 604-530-2361, from Tuesday, August 26th, between 8:00am and 3:30pm.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	LABOUR DAY No Classes	Family Conferences	Family Conferences	First Day of School 9:00 AM-11:00 AM (Parents attend)  Family Conferences	Group A: 9:00-10:30 AM (Bring a snack)  Group B: 11:00-12:30 PM (Bring a snack)  Family  Conferences	6
7	8 Group A: 9:00-11:15 AM (Bring a snack)  Group B: 11:30- 1:45 PM (Bring a snack)	9 Groups A & B 9:00-11:15 AM (Family Conferences)	10 Groups A & B 9:00 AM-12:15PM (Bring a recess snack)	Groups A & B 9:00 AM-1:45 PM (Bring a recess snack and lunch)	Groups A & B 9:00 AM-1:45 PM (Bring a recess snack and lunch)	13
14	Full Day Kindergarten Begins 8:50 AM to 2:33 PM	16	17	18	29	21

Dear parents, guardians and caregivers of incoming Kindergarteners;

We are very excited to see you starting in September 2025! We wanted to give you a quick note regarding the schedule for September, so that you can prepare and make note of important dates and times.

## Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> until Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>:

Gradual entry runs during the first two weeks of school, as well as family conferences where families meet with our kindergarten teachers one on one.

Our Kindergarten "First Day" will be on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. On this day, everyone (parents/guardian and child) will come to school for two hours (from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM). We will meet in the courtyard for an activity and then a tour of the classroom. The teachers will meet you and answer any questions, while families are individually taking a quick walking tour of our Kindergarten classrooms. This will give families a chance to view the learning space together with their child. We will also have a half-hour opportunity to hear from school administration and staff about the kindergarten year, school procedures and policies and to answer any more questions you may have.

Please line-up outside the courtyard for the next two weeks. There will be signs to direct you. If a parent/guardian is unable to attend, a grandparent or another adult may come in their place. **Please do not send your child alone!** 

## **Gradual Entry:**

Your child will have a gradual entry into the classroom for the first two weeks of school. The gradual entry will allow for your child to get to know the teachers and the layout of the classrooms. Your child will be placed in Group A or B and attend school each day for an increasing period of time. These groups give us a chance to get to know our students better.

We will send out our "K Groups and Calendar 2025" in very soon, as well as a more detailed package of information about daily life here at Simonds, from what to pack & procedures for parents and students. To help you plan for the gradual entry schedule, **please see the calendar above** to help navigate any childcare needs for the initial first weeks of school.

Happy summer! We hope that you have a wonderful and safe time, and we will see you all very soon.

Best Wishes,

Ms. Michelle Allen, Principal & Mrs. Cathy Beukers, Vice-Principal