



Welcome to Kindergarten!

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Finney School





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- This is an exciting time for you and your child!
- Two Kindergarten programs:
 - English Kindergarten
 - French Immersion Kindergarten
- AM and PM classes are offered for both English and French programs





Goals of Kindergarten

- Creating a positive first school experience by becoming comfortable with the school environment and routines
- Developing relationships and a sense of community
- Building independence
- Fostering a love of learning



+ Finney Kindergarten Teachers

Ms. Claire (English Kindergarten)



Ms. Claire likes:

- Reading
- Playing math games
- Going on nature walks
- Exploring and learning
- Playing with her dogs

Mme Manon (French Kindergarten)



Mme Manon likes:

- Reading
- Drawing
- Singing songs
- Playing with playdough
- Learning about different languages

+ French or English?

English

- Instruction delivered in English
- Basic French begins for children in Grade 4
- Children are still exposed to French and learn some basic vocabulary and phrases in Kindergarten

French Immersion

- Instruction delivered in French
- Feeling comfortable and safe in a French environment
- Start acquiring basic understanding of language
- No need to speak French at home or have any French experience. All children are welcome!

+ What is French Immersion?

- The goal of the French immersion program is to develop proud, confident, engaged, plurilingual citizens. The French Immersion program enables students to interact spontaneously, autonomously, and confidently in French with pride and ease. (Manitoba Education, 2017)
 - French immersion is based on the philosophy that we learn language through real life – therefore all subjects are taught in French with the same curriculum goals as the English program.
 - The Kindergarten program is delivered in French. Formal English language arts teaching and learning is introduced in Grade 1.
 - Communication with families is in English.
 - The French immersion program is intended for non-French families.
- **Who is French immersion for?**
 - French immersion is for every child!
 - No special skills are required. Children of all abilities can learn an additional language and have been shown to succeed in French immersion.
 - As well, there is research to show that new Canadians who are also learning English do as well or even better than their English speaking classmates.
 - **What are the benefits of language learning?**
 - Learning an additional language opens many opportunities, personally, socially and professionally.
 - Learning another language develops appreciation for a diversity of languages and their respective cultures, and contributes to the development of cultural literacy.
 - Being able to understand and communicate in an additional language provides another way of knowing and understanding the world





Is My Child Ready for School?

- Yes! All children can be successful in Kindergarten!
- Children grow, learn, and develop at different rates. Teachers, school support staff, and families will work together to meet each child's individual needs.
- Children do **not** need to know their ABCs or 123s before Kindergarten.



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A Day in Kindergarten

- Children are at school for 2.5 hours a day
 - AM: 8:30 – 11:00
 - PM: 12:30 – 3:00





A Day in Kindergarten

Your child's school day may include:

- Carpet Time
 - Stories, songs, group reading, etc.
- Inquiry and play-based lessons and activities
- Play time
- Snack
- Outdoor play time
- Library (once during the 6-day cycle)
- Music (once during the 6-day cycle)





General Registration Information



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration is online via the Seven Oaks School Division website:
<https://www.7oaks.org/Pages/KindergartenRegistration.aspx>

If you are unable to register online, please contact our school at 204-694-8688 and we will arrange an appointment for you to come into the school to complete the registration.

Families must register at their catchment school prior to requesting a school of choice. A.M./P.M. preferences help us to plan but are not guaranteed.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- Child's birth certificate (or hospital record), passport or baptismal certificate, or permanent resident # if from out of country.
- Verify address with 2 pieces of ID (current hydro or water bill, property tax bill, lease agreement, Offer to Purchase)
- Emergency Information (9 digit and 6 digit health #s and 2 emergency contacts (must be someone other than parents/legal guardians). MB Health card must have current address on it.
- Any relevant legal documents (i.e., restrictions, protection orders, etc.).

+ Busing Information

- The Division offers busing to students based on many factors (i.e. distance, feeder day cares etc.).
- If you are interested in bussing, please complete the bussing information area on the on-line new student registration form.
- The Transportation Department will be in contact with you to advise whether there is bussing available for your child and if there will be a cost associated with it.



+ Preschool Program



- We have free Parent/Caregiver and Child Preschool Programs that take place in our school library. We play, do activities, have storytime and snacks. For information please contact Community Coordinator - Rabienna Sharif at rabienna.sharif@7oaks.org

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Questions?

Contact the school office at [204-694-8688](tel:204-694-8688)

OR email constable.finney@7oaks.org