

Dear Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten. We are so excited to start our year together. We can't wait to meet our rising Kindergarteners. Our Kindergarten Team is sending you all virtual hugs. It goes without saying this is a unique way to begin the fall, and we look forward to harnessing everyone's creativity and finding new possibilities and solutions together. We are committed to building meaningful relationships with you and your child so that we are able to best support your family this year, grow our students' independence, and promote our Brent values. We would like to schedule home visits so that we can begin the conversations that will serve as the launching point for a year-long collaborative relationship. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we embark on this new journey.

Virtual Home Visits: During week 1 (8/31-9/4), we invite you to participate in virtual home visits with your Kindergarten teachers. Relationship building is the central focus of these conversations. We will share more about these home visits in an email on Friday. Please sign-up for a virtual home visit time [here](#).

Asynchronous Open House: On Friday, we will have an asynchronous open house where your family will be introduced to their new teachers. Keep an eye out for an email on Friday.

What will the next 3 weeks of school look like?:

Morning Meeting /Closing Meeting: We will have morning meeting and closing meeting each day during Week 1.

Small Groups: Our grade level schedule has small group time across the week. For weeks 1–3, your child will be in the same small group.

Specials: Kindergarteners will have specials with half of the class. Specials will start on the first day of school.

The attached document titled Group Assignments WK1-3 (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hwdTeSdTWtxJbuDzsjYppV8kg1Zkl1StVHFRNiQOz9Q/edit>) indicates your child's small group and half class assignments. Your child will be online with a teacher during their designated small group time for weeks 1-3 (8/31 - 9/18). Please note that week 1's whole group schedule is slightly different than weeks that will follow and is attached. While students are not participating in a home visit, they will have a choice of activities to experience. More information on these activities, along

with information about getting your child logged on for all components of the schedule will come in Friday's email.

We are looking forward to a great year. We believe in you because you believe in us!

Kindly,
Your Kindergarten Team