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Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to welcome your child to Kindergarten in Burnaby. Our full day kindergarten program offers young children meaningful learning opportunities in a play-based environment. For many children, kindergarten is the first step in transitioning from small preschools, daycare settings or home environments to a formal school setting where there is one adult with up to 22 children. In order to help children in this transition, we offer and support a gradual entry process, which includes smaller groups, an increasingly longer day and an opportunity for you and your child to meet individually with your child's teacher. We have found that this supportive approach to school entry provides a safe and comfortable start to your child's school career.

Gradual Entry helps children to connect with their teachers, feel comfortable at school, make friends and understand routines. It also provides parents with comfort and reassurance that their child's adjustment needs have been well considered. If you believe your child requires a longer period to transition to a full day kindergarten program please discuss this with your child's teacher so that school staff can work together with you to ensure your child is successful.

We are looking forward to having your child as part of our school community.

Yours sincerely,

Wanda Mitchell
Assistant Superintendent