



GRIFFIN GAZETTE



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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

kinderSTART February 26, 2020

Our classrooms foster learning through inquiry and wonder. Please join us at KinderSTART to find out what makes our classrooms “wonder-full.” If your child is four or five years old by December 31, 2020, visit our school on February 26, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM to register your child for Full-Day Kindergarten and participate in the KinderSTART celebration!

KinderSTART is an opportunity for families to explore the school, meet staff and learn about community services and resources available to help support your child’s positive transition to school. Please expect to visit for approximately one-hour, during which you will need to complete registration forms and children will engage in fun activities.

Visit www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten for more information about the registration event. As well, you can download a PDF copy of the registration package to complete in advance of your visit. Registration forms will also be available at the school to pick-up and complete in advance of KinderSTART registration, if desired. Please bring the completed forms with you to the KinderSTART registration.

Please bring the following items:

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
- Proof of residency (e.g. utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Emergency contact information
- Completed KinderSTART registration package (optional)

** KinderSTART is for new registrations only. If your child already attends W.J. Baird they do not need to register again.

Is your child ready for

KINDERGARTEN?

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!



Registration Date:

Wednesday, February 26

www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten

SAFE ARRIVAL

It is important to remember that students should not arrive at school before 8:55 a.m. at which time there is yard supervision. To help ensure the safety of your child please do not drop off or send students before 8:55 a.m.

INCLEMENT WEATHER-ZONE 7

Due to inclement weather, school buses are occasionally cancelled, but the school is still open. Students are expected to be in class and instruction will continue as usual. Listen to COOL-FM, CKSY-FM or CFCO-AM in the morning for information. You can also check the school bus information website at: <http://www.schoolbusinfo.com>. Remember that at Baird Every Day Counts!

COLD WEATHER PRECAUTIONS

Weather and temperature this time of year can be quite unpredictable and is therefore monitored closely by the Lambton Kent District School Board and individual schools. When extreme weather and temperatures occur, schools will follow safety protocol which may result in shortening the recesses

or keeping students indoors during recesses. Please check the weather and ensure that your child(ren) is dressed with appropriate clothing each day.

PHONE DISRUPTION SERVICE

February 25, afternoon

The phone service will be temporarily unavailable at W.J. Baird due to a local service disruption for maintenance. Parents/guardians are encouraged to email our secretary at Melanie.McTavish@lkdsb.net or visit the school during this time if you need to contact the school regarding your child. Parents/guardians can also contact the LKDSB Board Office at 519-336-1500.

MATH ACTIVITY TO TEACH USING KNOWN FACTS/FAMILIAR FACTS:

Salute

Materials:

- 1 deck of cards with 10, J, Q and K removed
- A math tool to help solve the problem (counters or square tiles)
- 3 players

Overview:

In this game students work to find the “missing part” or value of the card on their head. Students take turns being the “sum finder”, adding up the value of the two cards and shouting out the sum. Each student needs to use the part they see (the value of the card on the other players forehead) and the whole to determine the value of the card on their forehead. After each turn the players rotate their roles by one so that each player has a chance to be the sum finder or to find the missing part.

How this Supports Student Learning:

Students are able to practise a variety of math strategies through this game. Students can find the missing part by counting on, making ten, using doubles or familiar facts. In this game, each player could be practising a different strategy. Having a math tool nearby will support students in solving the problem.

Where to next?

For students that are developing their ability to join numbers, removing all cards greater than 5 may be helpful. As students become comfortable finding the missing part you can increase the complexity of the game by adding higher value cards, eventually including 10 - K, and assigning a value to each card. Alternately you can refer to each card as a decimal tenths. For example if player 1 draws a 7 and player 2 draws a 4 the sum finder would call out “1 and 1

tenth”. In order for the “part finders” to win the round they must refer to their card as a tenth (i.e. 7/10 or 2/10 in this case).

HELPING YOUR CHILD BECOME A STRATEGIC READER

Learning to read is an extremely complex process that requires more than sounding out words on a page. Successful readers need to know phonics to figure out some words, but successful readers also recognize the most frequent words instantly as sight words and use context to check that what they are reading and the words they have figured out make sense. Reading is about getting meaning from print. Successful readers use their:

Previous real-life experiences and understanding of the topic (Meaning)

Knowledge of how our language is spoken: recognize grammatically correct sentence structure (Structure)

Knowledge of letters and sounds and whole words (Visual information)

1. Have a special time free from distractions to read together each day. Reading together should be a cozy, happy routine where you and your child enjoy books together.
2. Involve children in choosing books and help them get an idea of what the book may be about by: talking about the cover and the title, browsing through the book, looking and talking about the pictures, and reading some parts of the book.
3. Reading to, Reading with, Reading by. Books can be shared in a variety of ways. Your decision as to whether the book will be read to, with, or by the child, will depend on the kind of book it is and its degree of difficulty.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- 1) Please drop off /pick-up students off in the parking lot across the road from the school to avoid traffic congestion and to avoid interfering with buses
- 2) Please call the school if your child(ren) is sick or has an appointment – this helps to ensure the safety of all our students
- 3) We ask that all students and parents use the designated cross walk as it is there for everyone’s safety and sets a great example for our students
- 4) W.J. Baird is a NUT-AWARE environment© (This includes WOW-Butter)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11- Grade 8 Graduation Pictures
- 14- Red/Pink/White Day

- 17 -Family Day (No school!)
- 25 -School Council (6:30 pm) *New date*
- 26- kinderSTARt Registration (9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.)
Pink Shirt Day

