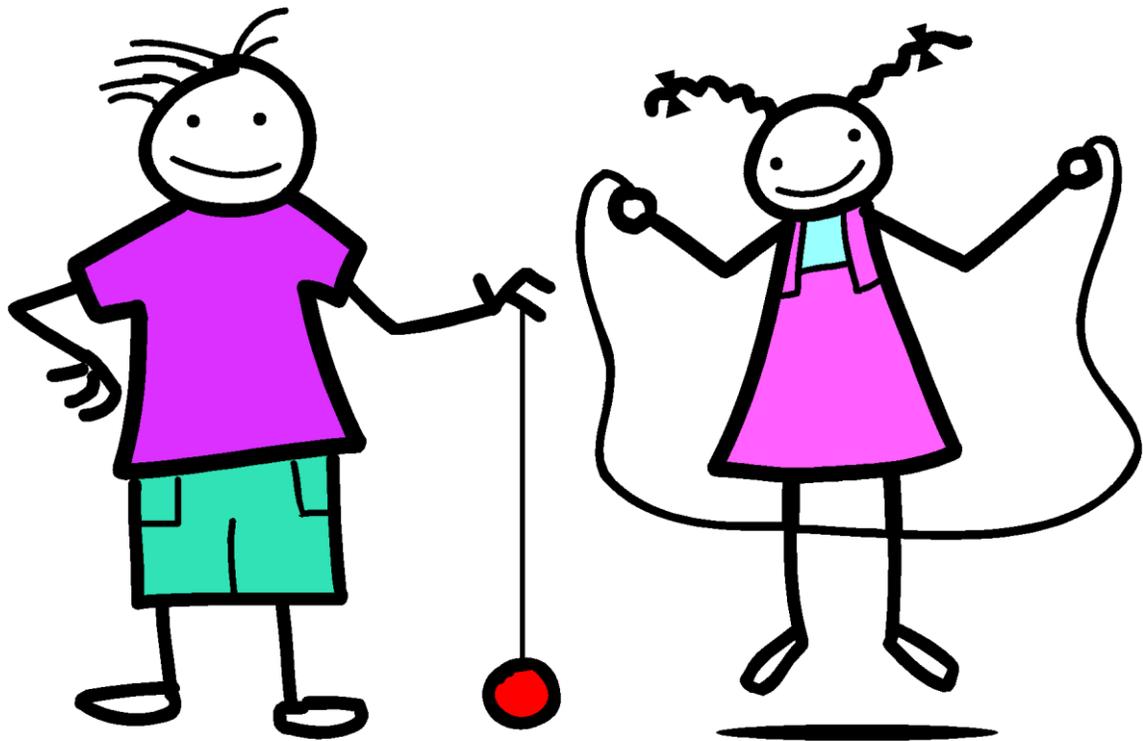


Huntley Centennial P.S.

Kindergarten Handbook



Welcome to Kindergarten at Huntley Centennial! We are so thrilled that your child will be joining us on their learning journey. Our dynamic team of Educators is committed to providing your child with a positive and safe learning environment where they can play, explore, and grow!

Huntley Centennial Public School is located at 118 Langstaff Drive in Carp, Ontario. Our phone number is 613-839-2020. Please visit our [school website](#) for more information about our school, as well as our [Parent Council](#) website. The following links will take you to some useful resources. Be sure to follow the Huntley Twitter account (@HCentennialPS) to stay up to date with school activities and important updates.



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**All Kindergarten students will start on
Tuesday September 5th, 2023**

Typical day in Kindergarten

The kindergarten yard is open to receive students at 7:50 am. If you are bringing your child to school, please bring them around to the kindergarten yard before the 8:05am bell. Please make sure that a kindergarten staff member is present and aware of your child's arrival before you leave the school property.

Parents who are picking up their child at the end of the day are asked to park on the road and meet at the kindergarten gate. Please be there at 2:25pm as the bus students need to be escorted to the buses before the school bell at the end of the day.

The Extended Day Program is available at our school for before or after extended care. Please visit the [EDP website](#) for more information and registration.

Your child's typical day will include three learning blocks, outdoor play, and two nutrition breaks.

Your child's teaching team will consist of their English teacher, French teacher, AM and PM Early Childhood Educator (ECE). Your child will stay in their homeroom classroom each day. They receive English and French instruction on alternate days. Their homeroom teacher will be your main contact person.

Personal and Caregiving Information

It is important that the school be kept informed of any changes made to the personal information provided to us when you registered your child. If there is any change in your personal information, please inform the office as soon as possible so they can update your child's file..

If your child's daily routine is changed in any way (e.g. a new person picking them up, a drive instead of the bus, etc...) please email your child's teaching team informing them of the change.

Absences/Late Arrivals

Absences should be reported to the school by calling the office at **613-839-2020**. Please indicate your child's name and homeroom teacher, as well as the reason for their absence.

Please also call the school if you know your child will be late for school. If you are dropping your child off late, the office will contact a staff member to come to the office to pick up your children and bring them to the class when they arrive.



Illnesses

If your child has been ill please ensure they stay at home for 24 hours after improvements of symptoms. If experiencing vomiting or diarrhea, they must stay at home for 48 hours after their last symptom. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone happy and healthy!

Nutrition Breaks

The food that you choose to send is your child's fuel for their full day of learning. Your child needs enough food to be eaten during two nutrition breaks.

Your child needs to be able to independently open their snack. This can be achieved by providing easy to open containers and by practicing opening the containers with your child before they start kindergarten.

We ask everyone at Huntley to avoid peanuts and nuts in lunches as we have students in many classes with life-threatening allergies to these foods. Your classroom teacher will give you a list of other foods that you should avoid as there may be a student in the class with a different life threatening allergy.



Litterless Lunches

We encourage all families to remember to send their child with a litterless lunch as often as possible.

In a litterless lunch:

- there is no throwaway packaging
- the food is placed in reusable containers (please label)
- the drink is placed in a refillable bottle (please label)

Please help to keep Huntley an earth-friendly environment.

Clothing

Students should wear clothing that will make it comfortable for them to learn and play. We do a lot of hands-on activities and outdoor exploration where children may get dirty. Please dress your child for the weather and shoes that will allow them to engage in outdoor play, and save the fancy outfits for the weekends - thank you for your understanding.



Preparing Your Child For Kindergarten

- Drive or walk by the school several times to get used to the location
- Practice independent bathroom skills, as we do not enter the bathroom at school. The children need to know how to use the toilet and how to flush, how to put the seat up/down, how to wipe, how to properly wash their hands with soap, and how to fasten their clothing correctly and independently.
- Encourage your child to practice using their new backpack (putting lunch bag in and zipping backpack shut), using lunch containers and packing their lunch bag.
- Encourage them to dress independently for outdoor play before September. We would like them to be able to manage both their indoor and outdoor shoes as well as the zippers on their jackets on their own. Fostering independence helps to develop self-esteem and it is a huge help!
- Encourage your child to tidy up after play, to listen to and follow instructions, to share, colour, and to use scissors and glue appropriately.
- If your child will be riding the school bus, take the opportunity to participate in the virtual "School Bus Safety Awareness Day" that is offered annually by OSTA. See their website for more information.

Report Cards

The Kindergarten Communication of Learning will be issued at three points in the school year. The first Initial Observation report will happen in October, and the Communication of Learning reports happen at the end of the Term 1 in February and at the end of Term 2 at the end of June.

Voluntary Kindergarten Levy

There is a voluntary **\$20.00 Kindergarten levy** (payable in cash/cheque or by our online system that will be available in September). The levy is used by the teachers to buy consumable items for the classroom throughout the year.

Some examples of consumables are:

- Special paper
- Finger paints
- Pompoms
- Soil & seeds
- Sidewalk chalk
- Stamp pads
- Clothes pins
- Beads

- Seasonal craft supplies
- Bubbles

Shopping List for Fall

All Kindergarten students in the OCDSB are provided with a voluntary supply list for the Fall. If possible, please send your child to school in September with the following supplies:

- washable coloured markers
- Play-Doh
- glue sticks
- Velcro indoor running shoes, labeled with child's name, to stay at school
- Ziploc bag labeled with an extra change of clothes (labeled shirt, underwear, socks, pants) to remain at school
- Backpack, medium size and labeled (their lunch bag should be able to fit inside)



If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school at (613)839-2020 and we will be happy to answer them.

Welcome to the Huntley- home of the Huskies!

