

# Welcome to Kindergarten

## Gradual Entry Program



September 2023

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

At Cheslakees School we welcome Kindergarten children to their new school in small groups and for short attendance times.

This gentle introduction to Kindergarten sets the foundation for a comfortable and secure beginning to your child's school experience. Gradual entry is designed to ease the transition to school by:

- Giving children an opportunity to adjust to their teacher, classroom, and peers in a smaller group and for a shorter period of time.
- Providing time for a “welcome” conversation between the child, parent and teacher.
- Enabling the teacher to work with small groups of children in order to build positive relationships, familiarize students with classroom routines and introduce basic procedures.



### MAKING A GOOD START

When the first day arrives there are a few things you can do to help:

- Arrive early, explore the playground and make a relaxing start to the day
- Stay positive and cheerful. Talk about the exciting things your child will learn.
- Keep your “see you later” cheerful and brief. Don't come back after your “see you later” and don't slip away unnoticed. Let your child know that you'll be waiting when school ends, and be sure to be on time for pick up.
- We understand gradual entry can be challenging for families.
- From September 11th—14th, please have your child bring a nutritious snack for recess such as an apple, granola bar, or cheese strings. Beginning Sept. 15th, Please have your child bring a healthy lunch and recess snack to school.

Thank you for helping us support your

### Schedule

Sept. 6, No classes. Teachers supporting transition.

Sept. 7, **Group A** 8:45—10:45, **Group B** 12:55—2:55

Sept. 8, **Group A** 8:45—10:45, **Group B** 12:55—2:55

Sept. 11, Everyone 8:45—11:55 a.m. Please pack a recess snack each day beginning today.

Sept.12, Everyone 8:45-11:55 a.m.

Sept. 13, Everyone all morning with recess 8:45—11:55 a.m.

Sept. 14, Everyone all morning with recess 8:45—11:55

Beginning Sept. 15, All Day 8:45 a.m.—2:58 p.m. Please pack a lunch as well as a recess snack.