



Meet your Teachers



Bonjour, Hi! I'm Miss Kotelniski! I am so excited to be your Kindergarten teacher (enseignante) and I can't wait to meet you.

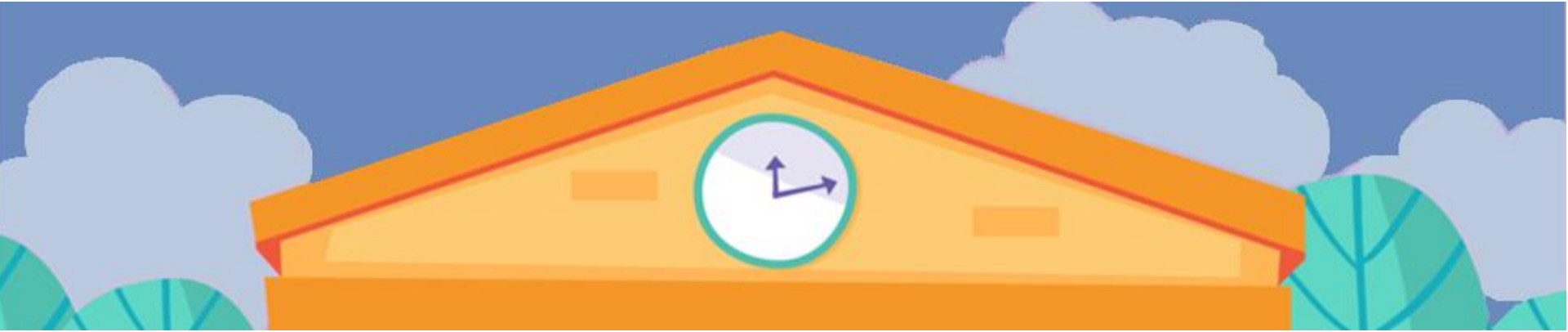




Meet your new school team!



Bonjour maternelle! My name is Mme Neil and I will be your Principal next year (la directrice). Bosco and I are so excited to meet you and your family.



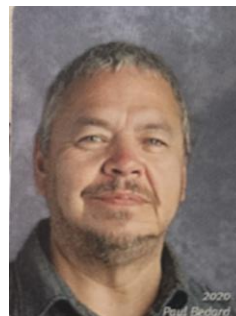


More great people at our School!



Mme Pollock-
Vice-Principal / Directrice Adjointe

Mme Kendall-
Secretary / Secrétaire



M. Bedard – Caretaker / Concierge



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Mme Gagnon – Library clerk /
Bibliothécaire



Mme Bosko-Kelly –
Learning Support Teacher /
Orthopédagogue



Mme Delorme – School Counselor /
Conseillère



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Mme Beveridge-
Gym teacher / gymnase

Mme Gurney-
Gym teacher / gymnase



Mme Dragicevic –
Music teacher / musique





Additional Information About our School



Bienvenue! We will welcome you at the front door!



Additional Information About our School



spider



structure



basketball



monkey bars



swings

Our schoolyard where you will get to play!

! Take a peak into our Kindergarten classroom!

La salle de classe / your classroom



! Places in our School



le bureau / the office



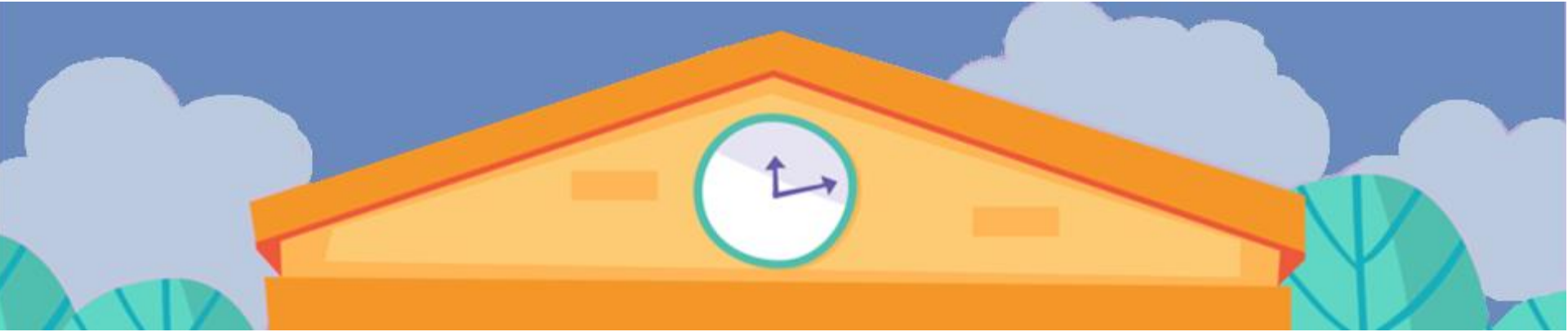
le gymnase / the gym



la bibliothèque / the library



la classe verte / the green classroom





Additional Information About our School



Lost and found for things
you have lost!



Our sensory paths are there if you need to move!

Your Welcome to Kindergarten Bag...

Your Welcome to Kindergarten bag is filled with so many amazing materials and resources for talking, reading, singing and playing together every day!

See the Family Activities for Early Learners Resource book for fun ideas (in the WTK bag).

Pick an item or activity that you can enjoy together every day!





Getting Your WTK Bag...



You are your child's first and best teacher!

We'd love to meet you and give you your activity bag with resources to help your child prepare for school.

Please call the office when you are able to come and pick up your bag!

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Welcome to Kindergarten Key Messages

You are your child's first and best teacher!

- Follow your child's lead as you play and discover together
- Talk and read with your child in your first language
- Help your child to share and take turns
- Encourage your child to make choices and decisions
- Celebrate your child's learning

Talk, Read, Sing, Play, Every Day!



Talking Builds:

- Relationships
- Vocabulary
- Listening and speaking skills
- An appreciation for family stories and oral traditions



Reading Builds:

- Vocabulary
- A sense of story
- Knowledge
- Print, letter and number awareness



Singing Builds:

- Oral language
- Memory
- Rhythm & rhyme
- Belonging
- Enjoyment of music
- Patterning



Playing Builds:

- Decision making
- Cooperation
- Physical skills
- Curiosity
- Self-regulation
- Creative thinking
- Measurement, geometry and spatial sense



Playing with Playdough



There are so many benefits to playing with playdough!

Playdough can be bought or made out of some basic ingredients. (See WTK Family Activities Guide for a simple recipe.)

Using props found at home, help your child to create! Here are some things you might use to help your child play with playdough: buttons, toothpicks, cookie cutters, plastic animals, pipe cleaners, rolling pins, garlic press, potato masher...

Not only will your child have fun, they will learn so many things!

For more information see [The Benefits of Play Dough](#).



Talking and Reading Together



There is no app to replace
your lap ~ spend time
reading with your child!

The WTK Resource bag contains several books to enjoy together. Find a time each day to sit and read with your child. Make reading a special time to share.

Practice the three Cs of reading: **Cuddle, Conversation and Choice.**

Talking about books and stories helps your child make connections between the books and themselves, their community, and the world.

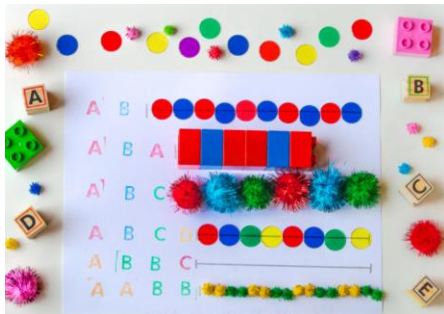
When you hold a book and read with your child, so many important skills are fostered. In addition, e-books can be accessed [here](#).

Mathematics

Numbers and shapes can be found everywhere (e.g., clocks, house numbers, keypads, license plates, in books...). Help your child explore mathematics in their environment.

- Look for collections of objects in your house (e.g. rocks/gems, clothes pins, buttons, animal figures...). Count “how many” and place magnetic numbers beside each group.
- Use buttons or coins and dice to play “Snakes and Vines” in your WTK Chirp magazine
- Using beads and string, make a “pattern” necklace (e.g., red bead, blue bead, yellow bead, red bead...).
- Have fun cooking, measuring, counting, and more by using the [WTK cookbook](#) with your child.

[Here](#) are more ways to play with mathematics.



Noticing Print

Playing with letters and noticing print in the environment help build foundational early literacy skills.

- Using WTK magnetic letters and alphabet template, sort letters in various ways (e.g. by colour, by shape, upper/lower case...)
- link letters to names and familiar words found in the environment (e.g. F like Fatima, M like McDonalds...)
- Build your child's name with magnets and other items (e.g. stones, Lego...)
- Make name puzzles using your child's name and those in their family
- Write simple stories using environmental print found in flyers, magazines, labels from packages...

Here are some ways you can play with WTK Magnets at home - click [here](#)





Creative Exploration



Children are naturally curious. They enjoy exploring and creating using a variety of materials.

Using WTK scissors and crayons, assorted paper, tape, and recycled materials at home, invite your child to create!

Drawing, cutting, and playing with art objects is not just fun, but full of learning!

More Art Activities can be found [here](#)





Healthy Choices

Learning is made easier for your child when they are healthy and well-rested. To promote healthy children:

- Use Canada's Food Guide as a guide to make healthy meals or snacks
- Cook and eat together
- Make water a drink of choice

Explore the [Welcome to Kindergarten Family Cookbook!](#) It has many healthy recipes that promote cooking and enjoying food together. For information about healthy habits for children, visit [Caring for Kids](#).



Music and Movement

Listening and moving to music is a fun, healthy family activity. The WTK ball and WTK music (download [Welcome to Kindergarten Album](#) , [Lyrics](#), and [Activities](#)) that can be used anywhere!

Here are some ways to enjoy music and movement together:

- Using the WTK song, "Jump Up, Jump Down", try moving to the actions described in the song.
- Move along while waving and tossing light objects like ribbons, scarves, and tissues.
- Use music to calm or energize!
- Play ball games together and practice rolling, tossing, passing and catching.
- Move to music and pretend to move like an animal (e.g. rabbit, elephant, snake, butterfly).
- Enjoy music from around the world.



Here are some links to other music for children:

[30 Playtime Songs](#)

[Classical Kids: Light and Silly
Classical Music for Young
Children](#)

[Children's Music from Around the
World](#)



Social and Emotional Learning

Teaching children about their emotions and helping them to form relationships with others are foundations of school success. Here are some ways families can practice these important skills:

- Talk about feelings by reading stories or watching videos about emotions.
- Sing songs to help your child learn how to express their feelings (e.g., [If You're Happy and You Know it](#)).
- **Create a "Kindness Calendar"** with your child. Write down some thoughtful ways children can support others and put this on the calendar (e.g., draw a picture for a grandparent; give someone in your family a great, big hug; donate a toy; feed the birds) - children love to generate ideas on how to be kind!
- Praise your child when they use words to express their feelings.
- Help your child through overwhelming moments by practising [12 Self-Regulation \(Calming\) Strategies for Young Children](#).





Additional Resources

Here are more WTK Resources to Explore

- Welcome to Kindergarten [website](#)
- WTK [Early Learning Resources](#) page for Key Messages available in 27 languages, and the Parent Page with [fun activities](#)
- Family Activity [Calendar](#)
- [Healthy Media Use](#)
- [Learning Through Play](#) videos - more ideas for playing and having fun together.





Tell us what you think!

The Learning Partnership is always looking to improve our programs by gathering feedback from families. Please help us by filling out our survey using the QR code or link below.

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTKParent21>

QR Code:



See you soon!



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