

Welcome to Forest Grove

Dear Families,

It is with great excitement that we write this letter to you! We are so happy to have you joining our Forest Grove school community in the fall. We are reaching out to let you know we are thinking of you and planning for your arrival. We will be holding our "Welcome to Forest Grove" event in September. Kindergarten students have a gradual entry start, where students will be attending for short periods at a time for the first 2-3 weeks of September. At this time we do not have a September schedule as we are waiting for more direction from the Ministry of Education. We will be in touch the first week of school! Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further questions you may have.

Warmly,
The Early Learning Team



Ms. Hsu (Mandarin)



**Ms. Tiplady, Ms. Mackie, Ms. Howey &
Ms. Roz (Strong Start Educator)**



Mr. Gurney (Principal)

We can't wait to meet you!

Some things to know:

When we start school we collect money for supplies, so no need to purchase anything except inside shoes that are slip on or velcro.

Continuing to read daily with your child will support their Kindergarten literacy development.

Encouraging many opportunities for independence (putting on own shoes/ coats, learning to zip coats, teaching how to open snacks or containers, etc) allows children to feel a sense of accomplishment and pride, fostering their self-confidence.



Our Philosophy:

We have a deep connection to the surrounding land. We spend a lot of our learning time outside exploring and wondering about the place we call Forest Grove. If you have time over the summer we suggest walking the land and coming to know the community and what it offers.

Our learning is **play based** and built upon the Reggio inspired philosophy. We consider children to be capable, competent, creative and curious. This connects to the First Peoples Principles of Learning that learning is holistic, experiential and relational. We inspire to foster these ideas through the lens of CARE. Care for self, other, environment, materials and ideas are at the core of our practice. For further information connecting to our values and beliefs please visit the [BC Early Learning Framework](#).

