

Orientation Policy

Preschool

Your child's first few days in the Preschool program can be both exciting and intimidating all at once. We want your child's first day to be as smooth a transition into their new environment as possible. To facilitate this new experience, our program has developed an orientation policy to ensure as little stress as possible for you and your child on the important first day. Your child will benefit from a gradual introduction to new friends, teachers and a new classroom.

The preschool orientation is a 4-day gradual introduction into the program. Please bear in mind that each child is different and adjusts to new situations in a variety of ways. We ask that for your child's first week you remain available and have arrangements made in case your child needs to be picked up early. Remember it takes time to build trust in a new environment, anxiety is to be expected, and your child's teacher will guide you and your child through the process.

The integration will be defined as follows:

- Day 1 Parent and child arrive around 9:00 a.m. and the parent stays with the child in the program room for approximately 1/2 an hour and then says a proper goodbye. The child stays until 11:00, parent picks up and takes the child home.

- Day 2 Arrival around 9:00 a.m., parent stays in the program for 15 minutes and then leaves after saying a proper goodbye. The child stays until after lunch, the parent arrives at 12:00 and takes the child home

- Day 3 Arrival around 9:00 a.m., parent stays in the program for 15 minutes and then leaves after saying a proper goodbye. The child stays until after sleep, the parent arrives at 3:00 and takes the child home.

- Day 4 The first regular full day having a pick-up no later than 4:30 pm.

- Day 5 Regular full day with a pick-up no later than 4:30 pm.

It is important for you to establish a regular drop off routine, that may include staying in the program room for a brief amount of time each day to help your child transition from home to the centre.