

Osler School

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Dear future Kindergarten parents,

Welcome to Osler School! I hope you and yours are keeping well. There is no doubt that your introduction to our school takes you on a different journey from that our previous Kindergarten Orientations. We look forward to the 2020-2021 school year even though there are some questions we cannot answer at this time. The one thing I am extremely confident in saying from my experience over the last 3 months is that our teachers have done a remarkable job of staying connected with their students, with parents and with each other the school. As our motto states we are all about "Learning and Growing Together." The last 3 months have been a testament to that importance of community and the fact we are all working to learn and grow in a time of unprecedented uncertainty. We rely on each other, staff, parents and students to continue to support each other as we recognize that Learning is Everywhere. If you have not had a chance please take a minute to check out our Facebook page entitled: Osler School "Learning is Everywhere" challenge. The picture in this letter comes from one of my all-time favorite books. It has guided my love of and excitement about Kindergarten programming over my years as a principal. We are very fortunate to have a teacher, Mrs. Bymoen, who brings these words to life in her classroom.

All I really need to know... I learned in Kindergarten Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that are not yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life-learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some. Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup" The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows **how** or **why**, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little **seed** in the Styrofoam cup- they all die. So do we. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned-the biggest word of all-LOOK. author: @Robert Fulahun

Once again I say welcome to the Osler School community. We look forward to working together with you for we know that parents are our most important partners as we encourage the next generation to "Learn and Grow Together."

"Be kind, stay healthy and find the goodness in each day."

Yours in "Learning and Growing...Together"

Audrey Kampen Principal

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