

# Kindergarten Parent Orientation



# Focus on Faith Prayer

Jesus, our Saviour and Friend,

You have shown us so much love.

You are gentle with us, You heal us, You died on the Cross for us.

Now You ask us, "Do you love Me?"

As we come to know You better, and see all that You have done for us,

May our hearts be filled with love for You.

Make us eager to always do what You ask of us,

And to see Your face and love You in everyone else we meet,

Especially those we may find it hard to love.

It is Your love which turns our lives around.

By trying to love as You have loved us, we become more and more like You.

Guide us always on our way,

Show us each day how to love You more.

Spirit of the living God, fill our hearts!

Amen.



## Honouring the Land and Territory

As we gather today on these treaty lands, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for being Stewards of this traditional territory.



*"We are all guests  
on this land—  
nobody owns her."*

*"Land acknowledgments are  
a stepping stone to honouring  
broken treaty relationships."*

“Play nourishes every aspect of children’s development—it forms the foundation of intellectual, social, physical, and emotional skills necessary for success in school and in life. Play “paves the way for learning”.





# Play-based Learning

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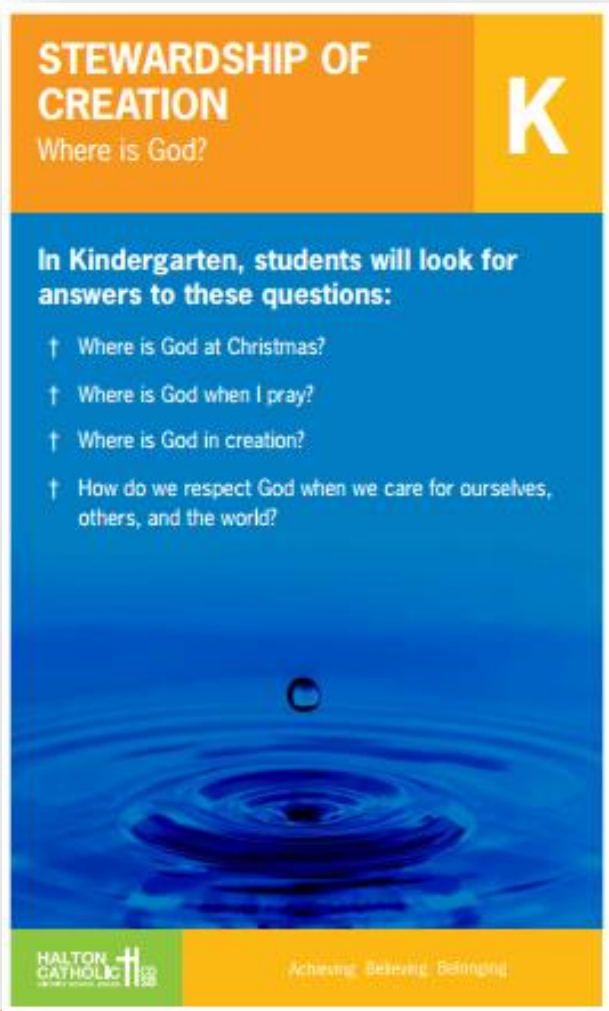
- Providing large blocks for play
- Supporting children's ideas and interests
- Providing a variety of hands-on experiences
- Responding, challenging and extending children's thinking and learning





**Children are curious and connect prior knowledge to new experiences in order to understand the world around them.**

# Religious Development



In Kindergarten, the aim is to assist children to see traces of God in and around them.

Spiritual growth takes place within the home, school, church and community.

# The 4 Frames







# The School Day...

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<b>8:40-9:00</b>	<b>Entry into classroom (Attendance is taken at 9:00)</b>
<b>9:00-9:10</b>	<b>Morning Gather</b>
<b>9:10-9:40</b>	<b>Outdoor Inquiry Play/Gym</b>
<b>9:40-11:40</b>	<b>Inquiry Learning/Open Snack</b>
<b>11:40-1:00</b>	<b>Lunch and Outdoor Play Time</b>
<b>1:00-1:10</b>	<b>Christian Meditation</b>
<b>1:10-1:20 pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Gather</b>
<b>1:20-3:00 pm</b>	<b>Inquiry Learning/Open Snack</b>
<b>3:00-3:15 pm</b>	<b>Pack Up</b>
<b>3:15-3:20</b>	<b>Dismissal Of Kindergarten Students</b>

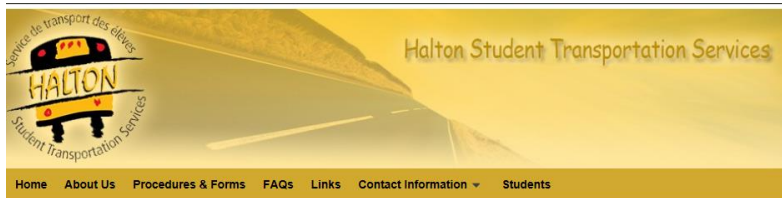
# Entry and Dismissal Procedures

Drop-off/Pick up  
Bus

YMCA Before/After School



*Parents are encouraged to leave their children to the supervision of the educators. This will encourage all of the children to adjust sooner to the kind, nurturing learning environment of kindergarten and to continue to develop independence and self-regulation skills.*



## Latest News



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# Bus Transportation

Please visit [www.haltonbus.ca](http://www.haltonbus.ca) for more information.



# Before and After School Care

- Times
- Offered by
- Contact person
- Seamless day



# Lunch and Snacks...

- Peanut Free/Food Allergies (no peanut butter look alikes)
- Containers and Utensils
- Labeling
- Healthy Snack
- “Litterless” or “boomerang”
- Portions/Quantity



# Clothing and Footwear...

- One set of spare clothing to keep at school in a labeled Ziploc bag including:
  - Socks
  - Underwear
  - Shirt
  - Pants
- A pair of “indoor shoes” to be left at school every night. Your child should be able to put their shoes on independently (Velcro vs. laces)
- Running shoes must be worn in the gym

**MAKE SURE ALL BELONGINGS ARE LABELLED**



## Backpacks should be large enough to hold...

- Large picture books
- Communication bag
- Shoes
- Lunch
- Snacks

# How Can Caregivers Support the Transition to Kindergarten?



The following activities may help children prepare for the school routine:

- Develop routines at home
- Supporting independence at home
- Drop-in programs at EarlyOn Centres/library
- Bus rides (especially if the child is going to ride the bus)
- Spending time at the school site/playground



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## Toilet Learning

[Fact Sheet \(PDF file\)](#)

### Why call it toilet learning vs. training?

- Learning to use the toilet is part of a child's development like learning to walk.
- It should be child led when he/she is ready. (i.e., not led by a parent who is read to "train" the child)
- The parent can support toilet learning by being tuned in to their child's readiness.

### HaltonParents blog

- [Toilet learning will happen when it happens \(external link\)](#)
- [Why is my school aged child still wetting their bed? \(external link\)](#)

# Establishing Routines...

- Toileting Independence
- Dressing and Undressing

## Top 3 tips to remember

Toilet learning should be **child led - not parent led**.

**Keep it positive & fun** even when accidents happen.

**Be flexible** and remember you may need to stop the process and try later if your child is showing little interest.

# How Can Caregivers Support the Transition to Kindergarten?



## Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle

1. **Getting enough sleep** helps children manage emotions, follow instructions, stay on task
2. **Being active** promotes healthy hearts, brains and muscles.
3. **Eating healthy** provides the fuel for our brain and bodies to work

# Reading With Your Child

“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.”

Emilie Buchwald



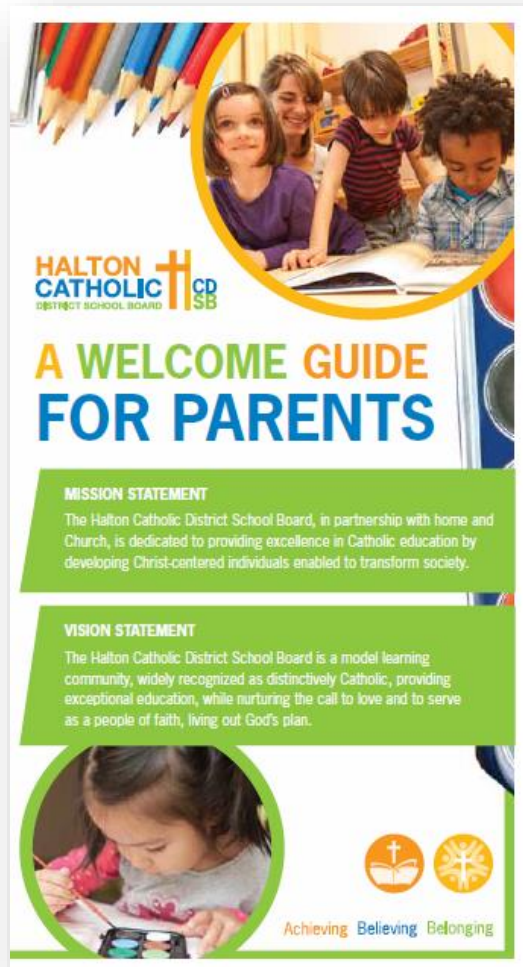
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*“The more you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll  
go.”* Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

# Next steps...



**Please visit our website for additional Parent Resources listed below:**

<http://www.hcdsb.org/Programs/EarlyLearning/Pages/default.aspx>

- The Kindergarten Program (2016)
- Ontario Ministry of Education Full-Day Kindergarten
- Our Kids Network: A Halton-wide partnership of organizations and agencies serving children and youth
- Halton Region
- Halton Parenting Directory
- Halton Multicultural Council
- Kindergarten: Ready, Set, Go
- Tips for Starting School (available in different languages)





# Questions....

Please feel free to contact us or check out [www.hcdsb.org](http://www.hcdsb.org) click on Parents and then on Kindergarten for more information.



# Thank You!

Please feel free to come  
and see our classrooms  
and talk to the educators