

Every School Day Counts



ATTEND TODAY,
ACHIEVE
TOMORROW!



Help Your Child to Succeed in School

Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

Did you know?

- Starting in Nursery, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent of school (about 2 days a month or 18 days a year) makes it harder to learn to read.
- Children can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school disrupts the start of class and can make your child miss important lessons.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.
- Good attendance at primary school will help children to do well in high school, college, and at work.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school- and themselves. Start building this habit early so they can learn right away that going to school on time and every day is important.

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What you can do:

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks and book bags the night before.
- Send your child the message that school is a fun place.
- Bring your child to school unless he/she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay at home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to the teachers, our Learning Mentor, or other parents for advice on how to make him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour, or another parent for help.
- Plan medical appointments and extended trips when school is closed.
- Keep track of how many days your child has missed and how many times they've been late.

