

Welcome to Kindergarten!



Photo Policy

Photos are an integral part of documenting learning in the Kindergarten program. There are consent forms available for you to complete based on your preferences for photos being taken of your child. We will respect your wishes and will strive to make sure only students with signed permission forms have their face appear in our learning photos. We will still include any students that do not have signed permission forms, however, we will protect their privacy by covering their face in photos.

We will not share our Kindergarten documentation photos on social media.

We **will share** our Kindergarten documentation photos

- via email to all classroom families for the purposes of updating them about class learning as a whole
- via email to individual families for the purposes of updating them about their child's learning as an individual
- on our class bulletin boards and around our classroom to show students what their learning looks like
- in our student portfolios to help students see their learning as a continual journey
- with other teachers in the Kindergarten team for the purposes of refining our practice as teachers
- with other teachers in the school for the purpose of placing students in appropriate classrooms in future grades (non-digital formats only)
- with any other educator within the school (principal, special education teacher, educational assistant, occupational therapist, social worker, etc.) for the purpose of meeting a student's needs (non-digital formats only)
- during school celebrations (all digital copies will be deleted after the celebration)

As photos are such an integral part of documenting learning in Kindergarten, we ask that all families respect the following guidelines for photos that get sent to you in an effort to communicate documentation.

You may:

- ✓ Print out the photos showing **your child** learning and celebrate this learning with your child
- ✓ Ask questions about the photos to engage your child in a conversation about their school day
- ✓ Follow up with the teaching team about various activities you see in the photos
- ✓ Communicate with the teacher about any concerns you have based on what you see in the photos

You may NOT:

- X Share photos on any social media platform
- X Forward digital copies of photos to anybody outside the child's immediate family / guardianship arrangement
- X Tag children in the photos (even your own child)
- X Use the photos to make mean-spirited comparisons between the learning journeys of other students
- X Alter, doctor, or misrepresent photos and related text in any way (even photos of your own child)