



Application Form for Gradale Academy

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Age of Child _____ Grade level _____

Home address (including postal code):

E-mail address _____

Home phone number _____ Cell phone number _____

Mother's business address:

Mother's business phone number _____

Father's business address:

Father's business phone number _____

Physician's name _____ Physician's phone # _____

Physician's address:

Upon acceptance we will require a copy of your child's immunization and birth certificate/passport. Please make sure all information is complete, as we will contact you based on the above information.

Michelle Gradish,
Director



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Child's Name _____

Yes! I would like to enroll my child at Gradale Academy for the following grade level
(Please Select One)

Pre-School

5 mornings per week or 5 afternoons per week (*please select first choice*)
please note if your child is 3 years or older you may sign up for full days

Pre-School 4 mornings per week Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday

Pre-School 3 mornings per week Monday | Wednesday | Friday

Junior Kindergarten

- 5 mornings per week
 - 5 afternoons per week
 - 5 mornings and 5 afternoons per week
 - 5 mornings per week with 3 afternoons per week
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Senior Kindergarten

- 5 mornings per week
 - 5 afternoons per week
 - 5 mornings and 5 afternoons per week
 - 5 mornings per week with 3 afternoons per week
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Grade School

- Grade One
- Grade two
- Grade Three

Please include a \$500.00 non-refundable deposit with your application. This deposit will be cashed upon acceptance.

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Grade Levels We Offer

Pre-school ages 32 months to 4 years old

In our pre-school program our teachers continue to promote strong language skills while developing peer interaction. We encourage the development of social and emotional skills, as this is an important year for the beginnings of peer interaction. The intimate class size enables the staff to help mold a strong self-worth in all students, which leads to a confident child when dealing with all life has to offer.

Three year olds have the ability to be independent however; they still require a lot of guidance in knowing how to use their independence. Let our trained staff help you and your child follow a positive road of development.

All children are encouraged to move around the classroom independently, experiencing the variety of activities available to them on a daily basis. Each day they start off with a circle that covers the calendar, story, songs and a hands on learning game (usually theme based or letters/numbers). All students have a work file that they work on throughout the school year. They are given one on one teaching time with the teacher and work at their own level. Examples of what we do with the students are shapes, letter and number recognition, name recognition.

They are offered Library time, Music and Art weekly. They go on field trips and walks to the local parks. Gym time, snack time and a second circle are all part of this fun and enriched program.

Let us help guide your child to a fun and fulfilling year in all areas of development.

Our gifted staff is enhanced by specialty teachers in both music/art and phys Ed.

Junior Kindergarten 4 yr. old to 5 yr. old

This program becomes more academic based. Letter recognition moves the next step to sounds and Phonics to encourage pre-reading skills. We use the Jolly Phonics program to prepare our students for the first steps into reading. Each student works individually with the teacher every day; this allows the students to work at their own level. Our year-end goal is to have all students reading and recognizing their name, address and phone number. Along with the identification of individual sounds of the alphabet, eventually they will recognize rhyme words, word families and small words. We realize that not all



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students may reach these goals however; we will encourage each student to meet their full potential throughout the year.

Printing begins in a simple and gentle way, we use the program “hand writing without tears”. This is a proven method that allows each student to feel confident and proud of their work. All students are taught to recognize and print letters in the alphabet and numbers up to 20. They will learn how to print small words and short sentences. Patterns, sequencing and number recognition continues while simple addition and subtraction are added to the program. French is offered along with an extensive Music/Art and Phys Ed. program. The students attend field trips three times throughout the year. Outdoor play and gym time are offered daily.

Please remember that all things are offered in a fun and nurturing way. We want the children to enjoy what they are learning and feel good about their accomplishments.

Senior Kindergarten 5 yr. old to 6 yr. old

This program continues on from our Junior Kindergarten program. We begin by reviewing the Jolly Phonics program and the beginning stages of reading. Sight words and phonics readers are then added to continue the development of reading. Eventually short stories and readers are introduced. Printing continues to play an important role moving from Upper case to lower case. Spelling and dictation are now added to the program. Addition and subtraction continue, skip counting is introduced and printing and recognizing the numbers up to 100. An extensive French, Music/Art and Phys Ed. program are offered every week. Field trips, gym and outdoor playtime along with a learning enriched circle are all part of this dynamic program.

Once again learning continues in a fun and fulfilling manner; to help promote self-esteem and prepare our students for grade one.

Grade one can be a difficult year for children, they face new and different challenges, however, our program at Gradale Academy gives each child a strong academic base, which in turn helps develop a strong self worth. With confidence and pride your child will be ready to take on all the new challenges that grade one will put forth.

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Grade One

We follow the Ontario Curriculum, enhanced by a variety of specialty teachers. This program is designed for children to continue on in an intimate learning environment that provides warmth and nurturing to help foster their desire to learn and build strong social and emotional skills. It is at this stage of development that we now encourage in all our students the importance of outdoor education and the importance getting in touch with our community and environment that surrounds us daily. With the use of Evergreen space our students are given opportunities to explore, research and be part of the outdoors daily. It is well documented and proven that all children learn better when they are given more communication with the outdoors. Back to the "Grass Roots" is what we like to call it. We will also continue to give our students individual attention when needed allowing them to work at their own level. This program is also enhanced by a variety of activities in; music, art, language and indoor physical activity all taught by Specialty Teaching staff.

Field trips, children's performances and special events, are all part of this program.

Allow your child to discover who they are through the teaching and guidance of our talented teachers. The early years in a child's life are the basis for who they will become in later years, that is why it is so important to give your child the best of both worlds; a nurturing, and loving environment provides the key to successful learning.

Grade Two and Grade Three

We continue to follow the Ontario Curriculum, however due to the smaller classes; each student is given the opportunity to go above and beyond the requirements.

Our teachers are able to enhance the program if the students desire it. This allows the students to continue learning but in something that is of interest to them. Such as, a science project, or a theatrical presentation.

The philosophy of the enjoyment of learning is continued throughout the school year, allowing our students to feel good about what they have learned and giving them a sense of accomplishment and pride at the end of each working day.

However, academics are only one part of these grade levels. The students continue to learn through music, art, outdoor and community living and physical education. Our specialty teachers continue to work with all students to enhance and build on every child's individual talent. Our students are encouraged to participate and be actively involved in all areas of learning, including art, music and physical education.

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All needs are met for each and every student at Gradale Academy.

Gradale Academy is continuing to grow up to grade 6 with the philosophy that all students learn better in a healthy, natural environment with a warm and nurturing teaching approach for all our students. We now have a second location at Evergreen Brick Works—the largest natural outdoor education space in all of Toronto.

Our Staff

Michelle Gradish

Director and Senior Kindergarten Teacher – B.A.Sc. degree in Child Development, Early Childhood Education Diploma and currently working on my Masters in Education.

Andreana Baikie

Junior/Senior Kindergarten Language Teacher.
Teaching degree Bachelor of Ed.-primary grade

Emily Partyka

Grade One/Grade Two Teacher – E.C.E. and Masters in Education

Mary Theresa Lawlor

Art and Music Teacher – Received the top certification in Art, which has not only allowed her to teach Art but also judge Art throughout Canada. She has over 20 years of experience teaching young children and currently works for both Gradale Academy and Avenue Road Art School.

Diane Niec

Junior Kindergarten Teacher Degree in Theatre and Bachelor of Ed.

Leah Salomaa

Music teacher with a degree in music, she has her own children's C.D and performs for children throughout Ontario. She is extremely talented and very gifted with children.

Sue Vecchirelli

Pre-school Teacher – E.C.E./Assist. and mother of 4!!!!

Jason and Mark

Physical education teachers

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Although, our staff are highly educated, they all have one other quality in common. They are all nurturing and caring people who offer individual love and attention to each child at Gradale Academy. This is a very important quality to have when educating young children; I believe this is what makes the difference between a Teacher and a Great Teacher!

Thank you for taking the time to read our information package if you have any other questions please don't hesitate to call us.

You can reach us at 416.923-9009 or 416.917.9409

Kindergarten Afternoon Schedule

Monday

Cooking and nutrition class

Tuesday

French and math class

Wednesday

Academic review class – a hands-on approach to our sound of the week

Thursday

Art and music class

Friday

Phys Ed class