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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

All kindergarten classrooms in our school division use **the Early Years Evaluation – Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA)** as an assessment and planning tool. The **EYE-TA** provides kindergarten teachers a framework to structure their regular observations and assessments in play-based learning environments in the classroom and around the school.

The **EYE-TA** is administered to kindergarten children aged 4-6 years. The purpose of this assessment is to determine each child's progress and development in five key areas closely linked with early learning and emerging literacy skills. The five key areas are:

1. Awareness of Self and Environment
2. Social Skills and Approaches to Learning
3. Cognitive Skills
4. Language and Communication
5. Physical Development

EYE-TA results, informed by observations and assessments, can help teachers to determine the type and amount of support required for each child to succeed in the classroom. In an effort to meet each child's learning needs and inform teaching decisions, results of the **EYE-TA** can also be used by educators to plan instruction for the entire class and for small groups.

In lieu of a November Kindergarten Student Progress Report, parents/caregivers will receive a copy of their child's EYE-TA results during Kindergarten student progress conferences.

If you would like more information about the **EYE-TA**, please visit: www.earlyyareevaluation.com or contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,



Christian Michalik
Superintendent