



# Niigaanning Bimaadiziwin

Development Services for Children & Youth



## SPEECH LANGUAGE AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES AT KIIZHNIK SCHOOL

Boozhoo Parents/Guardians!

As part of this year’s school programming, your child’s class will be participating in weekly lessons run by a speech language pathologist (SLP) and occupational therapist (OT) from Kenora Chiefs Advisory/FIREFLY. These lessons will take place on Wednesdays in your child’s classroom.

The COVID-19 pandemic meant that many children missed valuable learning time in the classroom. These SLP/OT lessons will support the development of your child’s speech sounds, conversation skills, fine motor skills, and gross motor skills. Additionally, they will provide the SLP and OT with time to observe your child and their class in order to identify areas of increased need. Should your child be identified as needing extra support in any of these areas, you may be contacted by school staff to determine whether this is a priority for your family.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to:

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Participation in these weekly lessons is voluntary. If you would prefer **NOT** to have your child participate in these programs, please return the signed form below:

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I, the parent/ guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ prefer **NOT** to have my child participate in speech language/occupational therapy activities at Kiizhnik School.

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Parent/guardian signature

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Date