



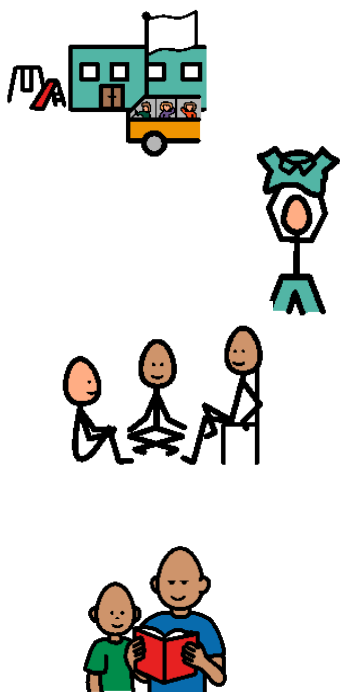
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Kindergarten Information for 2023-2024

Our only Kindergarten class starts at 8:15 a.m. and dismisses at 10:50 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Friday has the same start time but dismisses at 12:00 with our Grades 1-6 students.

Students enter at the front doors and are dismissed in the same location at the end of the day. All students must be dropped off and picked up by a designated adult on file with the school. Any changes to this must be communicated to the office and the teacher before the start of the day.

Kindergarten Student Entry-Age

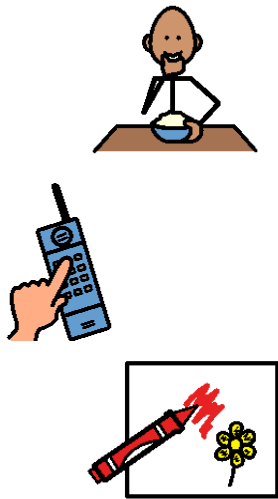
The Province has legislated that all school boards in Alberta will have the same age of entry for children starting Kindergarten. **Children can start Kindergarten in September 2023 if they are 5 years old on or before December 31, 2023.**

Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten

Parents often ask for suggestions on how they can best prepare their child for Kindergarten. It is important to mention that there are no academic requirements to begin Kindergarten. Every child is welcomed into the classroom as a unique individual with their own talents, gifts and areas to develop.

Here are a few suggestions to help facilitate the transition from home to school:

- Prior to September, take your child to the school to play on the playground so that the building will feel familiar.
- Encourage your child to be independent at things such as dressing and using the bathroom on his or her own. Also encourage your child to be responsible for everyday tasks like putting away toys and materials that he or she has used, and helping out in small ways at home.
- Take time to talk with your child. Encourage your child to talk about everyday activities. Share special activities together such as walks to the park, and talk about what you are seeing and doing. Strong language skills are important for success in school.
- Read to your child every day. There is overwhelming evidence that children who are read to become readers. Read different types of books such as picture books, information books, nursery rhymes and poetry books. Encourage your child to talk with you about the stories as you read them together.



- Develop a good bedtime and morning routine with your child. This can be difficult over the summer but it will be helpful to try and put regular routines back into place the week before school. Five-year-olds need approximately 10 to 12 hours of sleep each night. You will want to get your child to bed early enough so that they can get up in the morning, have time to eat a nutritious breakfast and get ready for school without rushing. Children do not learn well if they are tired or hungry.
- For safety reasons, your child should know their first and last name, telephone number and/or address.
- There are no expectations for your child to come to school knowing a variety of academic skills such as letters or numbers. However, if your child is displaying an interest and you would like to help your child to learn letters and numbers, it should be done in an enjoyable and relaxing way.
- Celebrate beginning attempts to communicate through reading and writing. If your child is not yet showing an interest in these things, you don't need to worry as it will be the teacher's role to teach them. It is helpful if your child can print his or her first name or even a first initial, but again, it is not mandatory and your child will quickly catch on at school.