



Mahogany School Kindergarten Orientation



Calgary Board
of Education

Agenda



- Welcome to Mahogany
- Enhanced supports in kindergarten
- Important dates & times
- Transportation
- Learning through *PLAY*
- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents

The Calgary Board of Education



The early years are a time of significant development in a child's life. Personalized attention is extremely beneficial to early learners.

At the Calgary Board of Education, we understand that children bring their own unique talents and gifts to their learning experience. Our dedicated staff know how to help children reach their full potential.

Enhanced Supports



The classroom teacher is at the centre of your child's learning team and is supported by a school learning team. Based on classroom needs, each kindergarten program will also be supported by a multidisciplinary team that works with large and small groups in the classroom.

This team may consist of:

Education Assistants or Early Childhood Practitioners

Early Learning Strategists

Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs)

Psychologists

Occupational Therapists (OTs)

Physiotherapists (PTs)

School Family Liaison (SFL)

Getting to and from School



Kindergarten times

Monday-Thursday

AM Kindergarten: 8:00am-10:50am

PM Kindergarten: 11:40am-2:30pm

Friday (alternating weeks- please refer to the calendar)

8:00am-12:00pm

Students will enter and exit the building through the front doors of the school. At the end of the day, a teacher will ensure hand-off of students to an approved adult.

Please note: there is no parking out front of the school, in the hug and go or in the staff parking lot. There is parking alongside the school on Mahogany Way.

Transportation | Bussing



Morning Kindergarten Students

- Students able to take bus in the morning to school
- Parents will need to be picked up at 10:50

Afternoon Kindergarten Students

- Parents will need to be brought to school for 11:40
- Students able to take the bus home at 2:30

Both AM and PM students can take the bus to and from the school on their Friday school time



Important Times & Dates



August 31- Staggered Entry

AM- 8:15-9:30am (A-K)

AM- 9:45-11:00am (L-Z)

PM-11:30am-12:45pm (A-K)

PM- 1:00-2:15pm (L-Z)



Sept 1- NO SCHOOL for all Kindergarten students

Sept 1- You will receive an e-mail from your child's teacher after 4:00pm on this day

Sept 5- Regular classes begin

All AM students 8:00-10:50am

All PM students 11:40am-2:30pm

Important Information

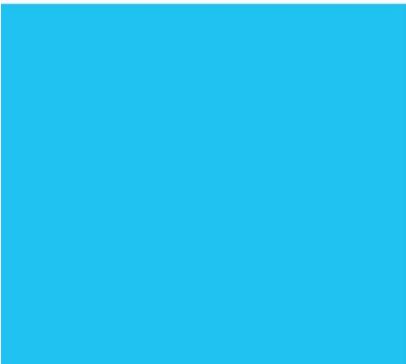
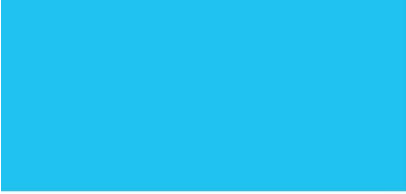


MyCBE/Powerschool Account

All students will have access to the MyCBE/Powerschool account using their student number. Report cards, attendance and fees are accessed through this site.

Volunteers

Volunteers are required to have a police clearance with a vulnerable sector check through the CBE to volunteer in the school. Please see Trish and Julie in the office to start the process for volunteering.



Learning Through **PLAY**

More than just skill building or practicing for the world we will grow into, play is the primary way which children manipulate new information, fit it into existing schema or create new ones and then adjust their understanding accordingly.

formulating **hypothesis**

engaging in experimentation and exploration

discovering patterns

creating **theories**

Learning Through PLAY



Learning Through PLAY



“Research shows that children who engage in complex forms of socio-dramatic play have greater language skills than non-players, better social skills, more empathy, more imagination, and more of the subtle capacity to know what others mean. They are less aggressive and show more self-control and higher levels of thinking”

~Miller & Almon

Early Literacy & Numeracy

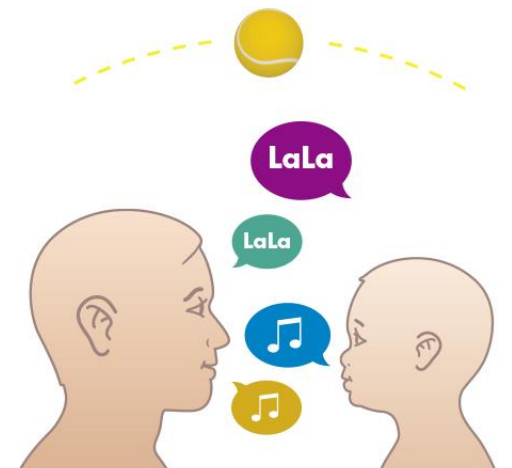


Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Take time to talk with your child about everyday activities:

- share special activities together, such as walks to the park
- talk about what you are seeing and doing
- talk, read, sing and play in *your first language* every day
- praise children for their efforts and courage to overcome setbacks
- talk about how it is okay to make mistakes



Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Read to your child every day:

- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
- visit your community library (when possible)

Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Build your child's independence by encouraging them to:

- dress themselves (zippers, buttons)
- use the bathroom and wash their hands on their own
- put away toys and help out in other small ways at home
- practice opening and closing snack containers and using a water bottle
- play games, take turns and compromise
- develop a consistent bedtime routine



Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Your child will need:

- A full size backpack
- Indoor shoes
- Extra set of clothes
- Snack & Water bottle



Please label everything!



Additional Resources



The Calgary Public Library- Top Tips for Kindergarten Readiness*:
<https://calgarylibrary.ca/library-news/kitchen-table-classroom-kindergarten-readiness/>



The Calgary Public Library- Kindergarten Booklist:
https://calgary.bibliocommons.com/list/share/393767397_calgarylibrary_kids/1859193931_books_to_get_ready_for_kindergarten?_ga=2.167944481.1601611572.1619640025-939542020.1599601380



I'm Ready for Screens- Parent Resource:
https://banff.ca/DocumentCenter/View/11018/ImReadyForScreens_English

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Time to explore

Please make your way to our kindergarten classroom

- We have three kindergarten spaces that are all attached, please come explore the space and see some of the activities.

Question

- If you have any question come find one of the kindergarten teachers in the classroom or send us an email
- Karen Part: kepart@cbe.ab.ca
- Kallie Hingston: kahingston@cbe.ab.ca

