



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Kindergarten! I look forward to the coming weeks and learning more about my busy bees. Please keep this newsletter for future reference, as it has information that may be useful to you throughout the year.

Here are a just a few notes for the school year:

Please do not send your child to school before 8:40am as there will not be supervision for them before this time.

School starts at 9:00 am. Due to Covid-19 protocols in place, all entrances, dismissals, recesses, and lunches are staggered.

Kindergartens are able to come into the school starting at 8:40 am and are dismissed at 3:12 pm. Recesses for Kindergarteners are 10:35 am to 10:50 am, 12:30 pm – 12:50 pm, and 2:00 pm to 2:15 pm. Kindergarten lunch is from 12:10 pm – 12:30 pm.

Children will have snack time twice a day, plus lunch. Please ensure your child has at least one snack for the morning, one snack for the afternoon and one for lunch. Children need fuel to learn so **healthy foods are strongly encouraged, especially for morning snacks.** Unfortunately, microwaves have been taken out of classrooms. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Kindergartens get approximately 25 minutes to eat lunch. Snack is between 5 – 7 minutes.

Kindergartens can be talkative during eating times, or excited, maybe even nervous about eating. There may be days that some students come home with food. Before students eat their last snack, I will try my best to see that they have eaten some of their healthy foods.

All Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 3:12 pm.

Bus - If your child takes the bus, I will be taking the bus students to their busses for as long as necessary, as bus buddies are not able to meet the Kindergarteners at the K room.

Pick-ups – Mrs. Schapansky or I will lead the students down to the main entrance door (main West door), to be picked up by parents.

Daycare – Students will be picked up by a daycare worker outside the Kindergarten/Grade 1 door (off the playground).

Please notify the office or myself, in advance (note, phone call, email) if alternate travel arrangements are made (i.e. different person picking up your child, pick up instead of bus, etc.)

*Students will only be dismissed to parents and siblings if being picked up, unless you have told me differently. I will respond to your communications to let you know I have received it. **If I do not respond, it means I have not read your communication and please call the school to ensure I get the message.***

This procedure is followed for your child's safety and protection.

At this time, Kindergarten students will not be bringing home planners due to safety protocols. Please put anything coming from home in a labelled bag/envelope in your child's backpack. If this process is not successful, I will come up with another way ☺.

Absences: If your child is going to be absent, please call the school, 306-275-2133. If you know in advance, you can let Mrs. Gregoire now, as well as myself. *I will respond to your communications to let you know I have received it. **If I do not respond, it means I have not read your communication and please call the school to ensure I get the message.***

Early Pickup: Please check in at the office with Mrs. Gregoire, and I will send your child down to the office.

Communication: If you need to discuss something with me please contact me, so we can make appropriate arrangements. I will be posting a lot of notes, information, and classroom pictures on Seesaw as well. Each child will receive their own Seesaw log in code so that you can access it from home.

Physical Education will be with the Grade 1s. During the course of the day we will be taking body breaks, and doing some Music and Movement to increase our physical activity. From time to time, during nice weather (all seasons), I will also take the students outside.

Recess: Recesses for Kindergarteners are 10:35 am to 10:50 am, 12:30 pm – 12:50 pm, and 2:00 pm to 2:15 pm. Lunch is from 12:10 pm – 12:30 pm. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately, according to the weather conditions.

Child of the Day: Each day a child is chosen to be a special helper in our classroom. He/She will help with special duties throughout the day; calendar, will be first in line (budge pass), choose a song or video to sing to or dance to. The Child of the Day can bring in **one** show and tell item to share with the class. Due to the number of children in the class, I feel it would be more appropriate to have only one child bring something for show and tell each day. This also helps the children learn how to take turns as they wait for their special day. Due to safety protocols, if your child would prefer to show a picture of something/someone for his/her show and tell, please send it to me before your child's special day and I will project it in the classroom.

I look forward to an **awesome** year with your child! Let's work together so that we may provide the best education and school experience for them. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kristen Bertrand

