





Let's take a look into a  
typical day in

KINDERGARTEN



# Kindergarten Arrival Time

-8:50 am Kindergarten students are allowed into the classroom. Class starts at 8:55 am.

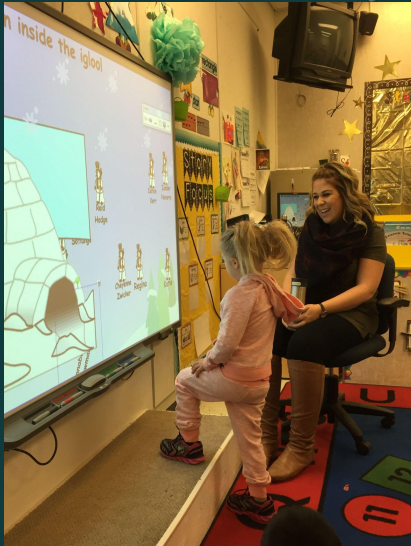
-Enter into the school using the main doors. Outside shoes go on the labeled rack.

-Students each have their own locker while they are at school, but share with a student from the other class

# Routines

We believe students thrive on routines at school. We have many predictable routines throughout our day so students can anticipate what happens next and allow them to be prepared.

This is an example of the arrival routine we do everyday we come to school.



- Students Sign in on the SmartBoard using their name (first and last), birthdays, or fun seasonal themes.
- They put their Note Totes, agendas and library book away and their inside shoes on
- Then we stand for O Canada and morning prayer



The majority of our direct instruction takes place at the carpet. We find this is an excellent way to keep students engaged and allow them to readily participate and contribute to what we are learning. We use many learning tools during this time such as mini white boards, our Smartboard, math manipulatives, stories and many other valuable learning tools!



# Carpet Time Learning





# Table Time

In Kindergarten, we value students working together, sharing and collaborating with peers to further our social skills. We find tables are a great way to do this instead of traditional desk seating. We complete a variety of activities this way such as math, literacy, science, religion and writing activities.



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# Learning Styles

We understand that not every child learns the same way. We incorporate activities and materials that are tailored to multiple learning styles.



## Snack, Lunch and Recess



- Our school has milk sales that are delivered to the classroom at lunch. \$1 per ticket.
- Both classes have a microwave that can be used to heat up lunch items.
- BSS has a hot lunch program. Orders can be placed online monthly. <https://bss.ecacs.ca>
- Students can choose from multiple areas to play at during recess times. Our school has a 10 minute recess in the morning and afternoon, and a 25 minute recess at noon.





# Learning Through Play



Learning through play is a very important aspect of our program. It allows students to take what we teach during structured learning time and apply it in a real-life way, through exploration and student-led discovery. Students engage with learning through play every kindergarten day for 40+ minutes.

The students are able to choose from various play centers throughout the room. Some examples of centers are: dramatic play, water table, painting, sand table, reading corner, writing, play dough, blocks, storyboard, crafts, math, discovery and more...





# A few examples of our Play Centers



# Shared Spaces

- Throughout the day, the two classes will swap classrooms for a variety of activities like playtime, cooking, literacy activities, etc.
- We started incorporating leveled Literacy and Math centers with all the students in Kindergarten working in both classrooms.

# Monthly Themes and Programs ☆

- Our themes last anywhere from 2 – 4 weeks and are all supported by the Alberta Education Curriculum.
- We use the Handwriting Without Tears program, which began in our Little Steps program and carries on through grade one. We believe the fluidity of this writing program supports quality and consistency for our young writers. ☆
- We use a Letter Sound Action program to teach Letter Sounds.
- We also begin Popcorn Words (sight words) in January





# Buddy Program



- There are many benefits to being a K-12 school but a large one is our buddy program. Kindergarten is lucky to have two sets of buddies. Grade 3 and Grade 12.
- We see our Grade 3 buddies almost every week as we plan activities that meet both curriculums for them to do. And they are so excited each time!
- Our Grade 12 buddies help us with activities like pumpkin carving in October. Our Grade 12 buddies help us with school traditions, like helping us with our Thanksgiving Lunch and cutting our turkey for us, decorating the big Christmas tree in December and sitting together at Mass.





## Music and Gym



Music

Students attend music class with a specialized teacher one-two times a week to explore topics such as rhythm, beat and songs.



Phys. Ed.

Students will participate in physical education while they are at school. We get to go to the gym once a week to learn new games, work on gross motor skills and most importantly have fun!



# Kindergarten Learning Milestones

Throughout the year, your child will learn a variety of skills and knowledge. Notable milestones include:

- Counting
- Patterns
- Personal Information (first and last name, phone number, address, etc.)
- Letter printing and formation
- Sentence writing
- Rhyming
- Opposites
- Sorting
- Foundations of reading
- Character and Social skill building
- Fine Motor development
- And many amazing crafts



# Expectations of Students

- We use Time Outs in our classrooms once routines and expectations are clearly established. Students may have to sit out of Play Time once they have surpassed our three warning rule.
- For more serious offences, students can be sent to the “Detention” Room. This is a room, supervised by a teacher, where a student would go instead of going outside for Lunch recess.

# Field Trips



- In kindergarten, we visit a variety of places throughout our town. This helps us establish a sense of community and the different roles these businesses play within our community as a whole.
- Some of the places we visit are the Public Library, a senior living facility, the optometrist, Boston Pizza, Bakery, Police station, and the splash park.





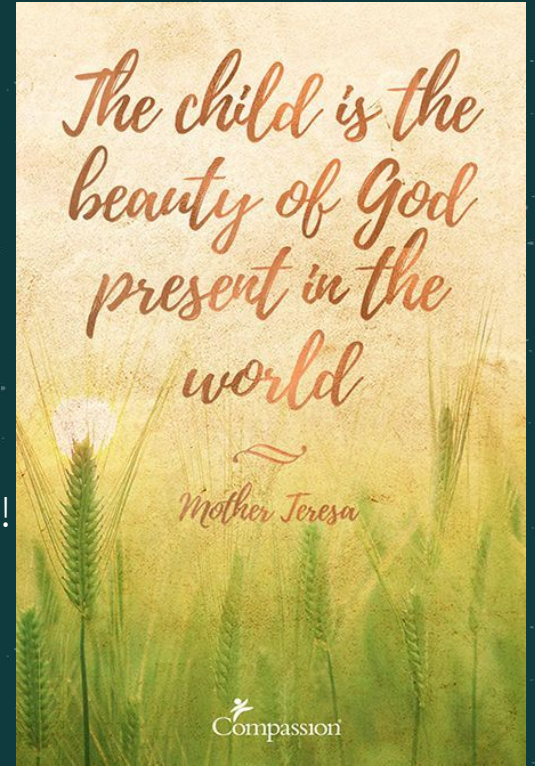
# Kinder Cooking

Each month we either cook or bake a yummy creation that corresponds with our monthly theme or learning objectives. We find this time is very valuable as it teaches skills such as number recognition, measuring, turn taking, sharing, etc.



# Religion

- Our religion program is created around “**Growing in Faith Growing in Christ**” resources. We continually incorporate religion into each day as well as our monthly themes. Kindergarten participates in a monthly school wide Mass service.
- This is a new program to us! More info will be available once we dive in!



# The Kindergarten Team Extended Version

The kindergarten teachers work very closely with Ashley the occupational therapist, Holly, the speech pathologist, and Kerry the physical therapist as they can provide valuable insight to students needs.





# Parent Involvement

- Parents are invited to assist us on field trips throughout the year. As well as special classroom activities that could use extra hands.
- Student-Led Conferences are held after the second report card. This is a time when you can bring your child and let them show you all they have learned throughout the year.
  - We also celebrate a Mother's Day Tea in our Classrooms for a special date with mom.

# Bussing

We offer bussing for both in town and rural students.

- In Town Bus Fees \$150 for ECS, \$275 for single full time students, \$550 for family.  
If you require in town bussing, please contact our school office.
- If you require rural bussing, you can register online through Buffalo Trail Bussing  
<https://sites.google.com/a/btps.ca/btps-transportation-registrations/>



# Kindergarten Orientation

You and your child will have a scheduled 15 minute visit at the start of the school year. This is set up so that your child has a chance to see his/her locker, classroom and meet the teacher with the comfort of his/her parent(s).

- Tues/Thurs class – August 31
- Mon/Wed class – September 1

Please bring school supplies on this day.

# Staggered Entry Days (Small Group)

- Students will spend a half a day with half the class. This gives them a chance to see the school, learn some routines and become comfortable in the room with a fewer number of students.
- Please send one snack on this day.

Tues/Thurs class – September 5

Mon/Wed class – September 6

# Regular Full Day Kindergarten

Tuesday/Thursday ECS classes start date - September 7

Monday/Wednesday ECS classes start date - September 8

# Questions?

If you have any questions or comments please feel welcome to contact us and we will be happy to help!

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