



Kindergarten Orientation

Nellie McClung School
June 6, 2025



Calgary Board
of Education

Welcome!

Today's Agenda



- Introductions by Ms. Terlecki
- Kindergarten video & presentation
- Questions
- Visit the kindergarten classrooms (rooms 17 and 18)
- Sign-up for volunteering in the office

School Personnel



Principal

Aleta Terlecki



Assistant Principal

Kelly Knight

Kindergarten Teachers

Cynthia Smith

Angela Henin



Administrative Secretary

Karen Buetow

Library Assistant

Tami Hopkins

Music Teacher

Jane Dennison



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Kindergarten

Come learn with us!



MORE VIDEOS



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HD

YouTube



<https://youtu.be/REXo5ZapcZc>

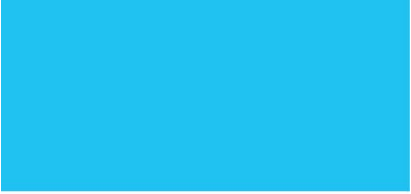
Internal Information

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 help children reach their full potential.



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



Social Emotional Development



- Becoming a caring and responsible learner in the classroom
- Building awareness of what it means to be a member of the school community
- Building independence as a learner



Looking Closely at Nature



In kindergarten, we use our 5 senses to explore nature, observe changes throughout the seasons, and investigate how plants and animals change and adapt with each season.



Field Trips and In-Class Experts



We plan on visiting South Glenmore Park and scheduling special guests throughout the year.



A Typical Day in Kindergarten



- Soft entry: manipulatives, whiteboards, books
- Large group meeting: calendar, lesson, discussions
- Movement breaks
- Structured activities: journal drawing/writing, math, printing, phonics, art
- Outdoor play
- Snack
- Centre Time
- Story or Sharing Circle
- Dismissal



Centres

- Creative exploration and learning through hands-on activities
- Small group or individual instruction
- Free choice with some mandatory activities
- Building social skills and reinforcing curriculum



A Typical Week in Kindergarten Includes



- Music provided by Ms. Dennison
- Library: weekly book exchange
- Gym
- Regular buddy activities



Parent Volunteers



Parent volunteers are vital to our program!

To volunteer, you must complete an annual registration form and obtain security clearance from the Calgary Police Service (Police Information Check) that is valid for 5 years.

- Present 2 pieces of identification when completing the application form

Please see Karen in the office today to begin the process!

School Supplies and Fees

Students require:

- A pair of indoor shoes (to be left at school)
- A container for their snack
- A water bottle
- A backpack large enough for a big library book

The CBE Instructional Supplies and Materials (ISM) fee of \$20 covers the cost of classroom supplies and may be paid online in September.



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 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



Read to your child every day:

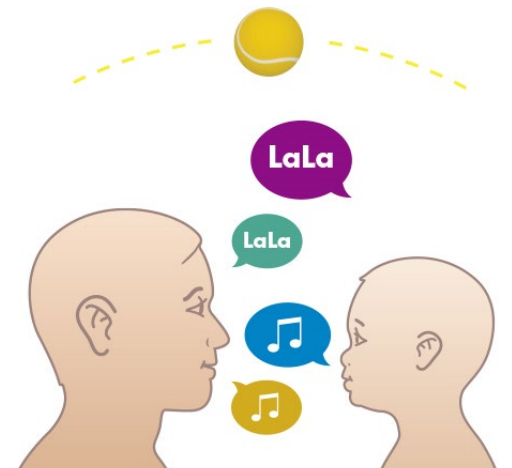
- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
-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

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



Important Times & Dates



- September: Meet the Teacher Night
- November: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- January: Report card (Math and English Language Arts)
- March: Student-Led Conferences
- June: Report card (all subjects)

School Hours 2025-2026 (To be confirmed)



Monday – Thursday 8:42 am – 11:47 am

Select Fridays 8:42 am – 11:47 am



A calendar with Friday dates is posted on the Nellie

McClung School website:



<https://nelliemcclung.cbe.ab.ca/calendar>

First Day of Kindergarten (Staggered Entry):



- Half the students attend Tuesday, Sept. 2nd
- The other half attend Wednesday, Sept. 3rd
- All students attend Thursday, September 4th



We will phone each family to let them know if their child attends September 2nd or 3rd during the week of August 27th.

Communication



The main way that the classroom teachers communicate with families is through Google Classroom.



The best way to communicate with the teachers is through e-mail:

Cynthia Smith cjsmith@cbe.ab.ca



Angela Henin anhenin@cbe.ab.ca

Please note that if you need to reach us during school hours it's best to phone Karen in the office at 403-777-8620.

Additional Resources



CBE Kindergarten Website – Resources and Information

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/programs/kindergarten/Pages/default.aspx>



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

*Developed in collaboration with the CPL, Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School Division

Questions



During the next half an hour:

- Please visit our kindergarten classrooms (rooms 17 and 18)
- Drop by the office to register for volunteering!

Thank you for coming!