













## Kindergarten Orientation

North Haven School 2024-2025



### Kindergarten – Calgary Board of Education





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Kindergarten
Come learn with us!





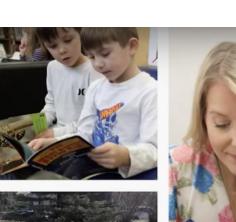






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### Agenda











- Learning through PLAY
- Enhanced supports in kindergarten
- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents
- Important dates & times
- Transportation
- First day of kindergarten

### 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.

# 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 selfcontrol and higher levels of thinking"

~Miller & Almon

### Early Literacy & Numeracy

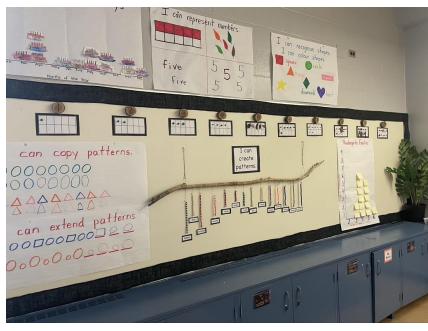














### **Enhanced Supports**









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



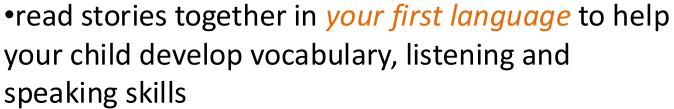
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- •enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
- visit your community library (when possible)

### Getting Ready for Kindergarten



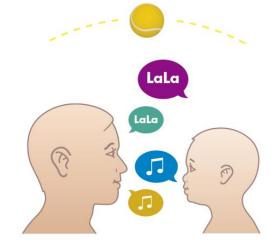


#### Take time to talk with your child about everyday activities:





- 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**





## First Day of School for Kindergarten Friday, August 30, 2024







#### **Morning Class Bell Times (Draft):**

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am - 10:50 amScheduled Fridays - 8:00 am - 12:05 pm

#### **Alternating Monday/Wednesday Bell Times (Draft):**

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 2:40 pm Scheduled Fridays - 8:00am - 12:05 pm

School fees will be charged to families starting in October. Online fee payment is the simplest and most convenient way to pay school fees. Parents can use their online account to pay fees or apply for a waiver at: www.cbe.ab.ca/mycbe.

You can find more information on the <u>CBE school fees and waivers</u> page.

### Staggered Entry details For Friday, Aug 30th

#### FIRST DAY \_ Friday August 30th





All students with the last names starting with A - N will attend. 8:00 am - 9:45 am



All students with last names starting with O-Z will attend. **10:00 – 11:45**am





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### Transportation | Bussing









Families in Carington and Livingston:

Yellow school bus routes for the 2024-25 school year are created over the summer and based on the addresses submitted before the pre-registration deadline in May. While CBE Transportation continues to accept pre-registrations, these will not be considered until route changes are done after Thanksgiving.

Only registered students have bus route and stop information provided through <a href="MyCBE / PowerSchool">MyCBE / PowerSchool</a>

Only registered students should use transportation services
Students are assigned to one stop based on their primary home address for general transportation; alternate stops will not be available
Students will be assigned a seat by the driver; students must adhere to the seating plan

More information about 2024-25 transportation service levels and proposed fees are posted on the <u>CBE website</u>.







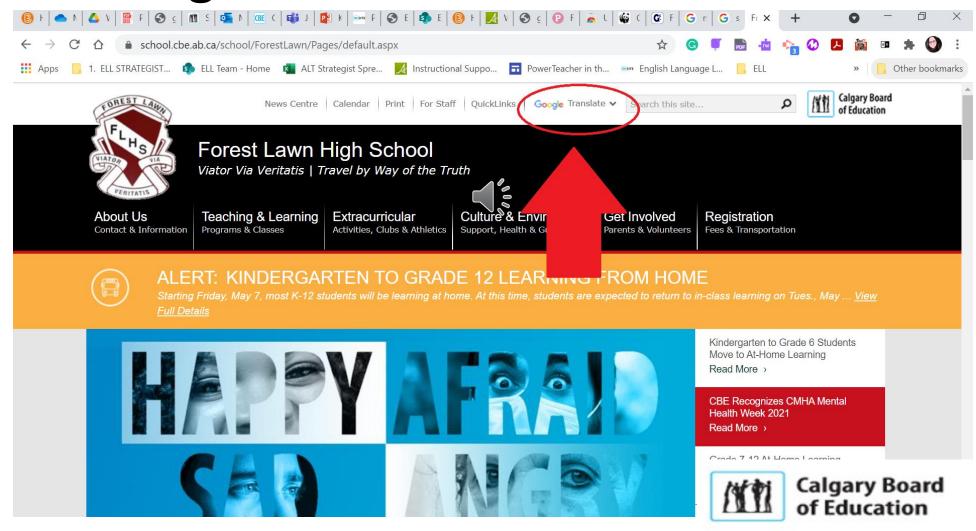


### **English Language Learners**

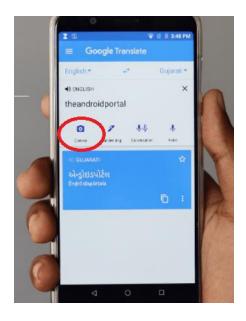
- focus on shared experiences to support language development and build communication skills
- daily read-alouds, songs, poems, drama and physical movement
- Centre-based programing
- play-based learning tasks
- visual cues to assist children as they make sense of the school environment
- wide range of learning opportunities
- keep home language alive
- Children are not funded as EAL learners in Kindergarten but they may be identified as students who will need more support in Grade 1



### Google Translate on CBE Websites







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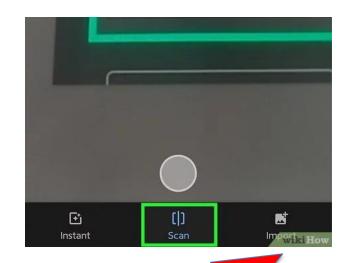
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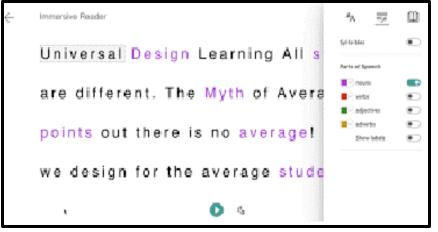
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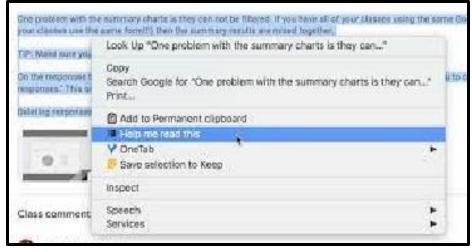




### Immersive Reader







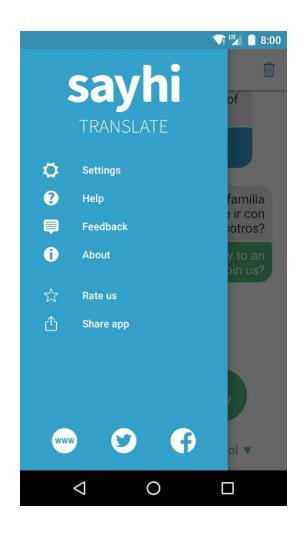
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## SAY Hi App for Speaking Translation





### First Days of Kindergarten









- Backpack
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Healthy snack
- Water bottle
- Pair of outdoor shoes
- Pair of Velcro non-marking indoor shoes that can be left at school

### Additional Resources











https://calgary.bibliocommons.com/list/share/393767397 calgarylibrary kids/1859193 931 books to get ready for kindergarten? ga=2.167944481.1601611572.161964002 5-939542020.1599601380

The Calgary Public Library- Top Tips for Kindergarten Readiness\*:

https://calgarylibrary.ca/library-news/kitchen-table-classroom-kindergarten-readiness/



#### I'm Ready for Screens- Parent Resource:

https://banff.ca/DocumentCenter/View/11018/ImReadyForScreens English

#### Kindergarten Eye See...Eye Learn Program:

https://www.optometrists.ab.ca/@/AAO/ESEL

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

### Questions









