



Kindergarten Orientation

Piitoayis Family School



Calgary Board
of Education

Agenda



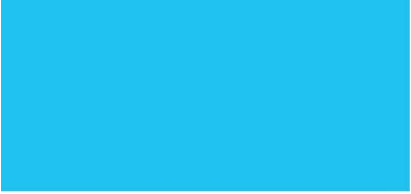
- Learning through *PLAY*
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- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents
- Important dates & times
- Transportation
- First day of kindergarten

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

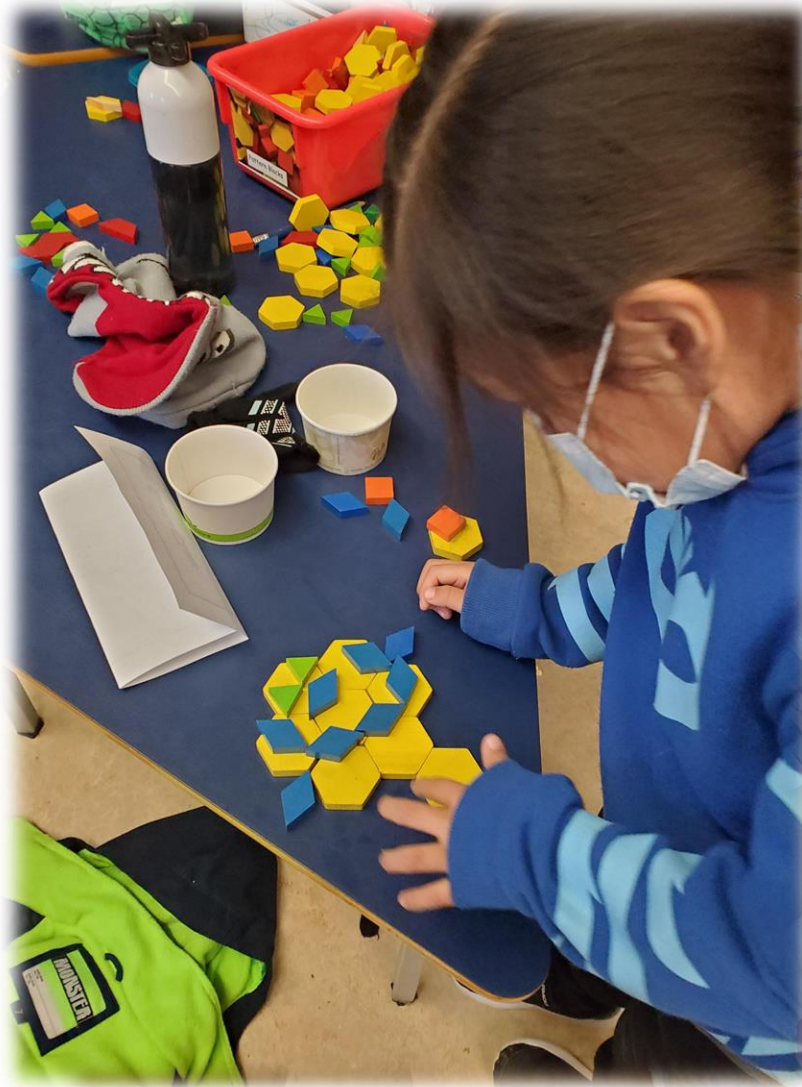
discovering patterns

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 self-control 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, tying shoes)
- 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:

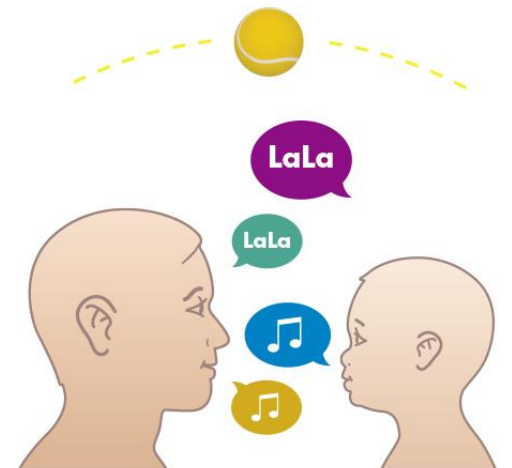
- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
-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



School start time: 8:40 am

School end time: 3:05 pm

First day of school will be September 1st.

- **There will be a staggered entry for kindergarten students.
See next slide.**

Please see the CBE's school calendar for more important dates.

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/calendars/Documents/2021-2022-Traditional-Calendar.pdf>

First Days of Kindergarten



Kindergarten's staggered entry will be as follows:

- Wednesday, September 1st – Students with last names starting from A-K
- Thursday, September 2nd – Students with last names starting from K-Z
- Friday, September 3rd – All students

Your child's first day will include:

- An introduction to school routines
- A school tour
- Most importantly, the opportunity to make new friends and begin their learning journey!

Students will receive:

- A backpack, school supplies, breakfast, lunch, and snack.

Transportation | Bussing



Please take a look at the link below for information on bussing with the CBE

<https://cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/my-1st-ride-program.aspx>



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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Questions

