



Kindergarten Orientation

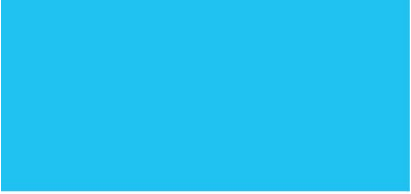


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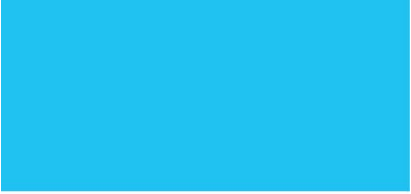




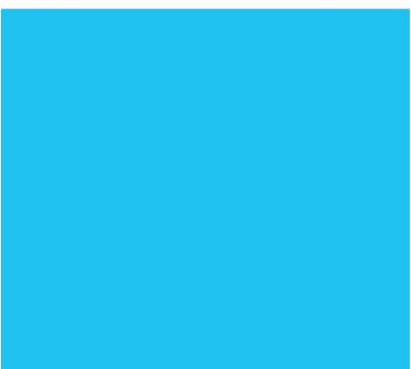
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More than just skill building or practicing for the world we will grow into, play is the primary way which children manipulate new information, fit it into existing schema or create new ones and then adjust their understanding accordingly.

- formulating **hypothesis**
- engaging** in experimentation and exploration
- discovering** patterns
- creating **theories**

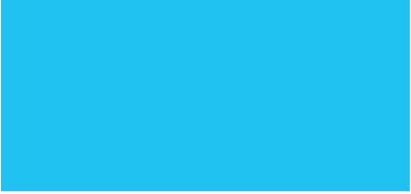


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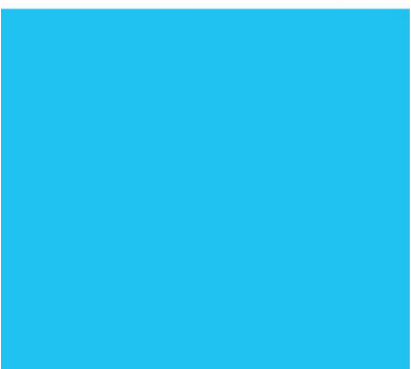


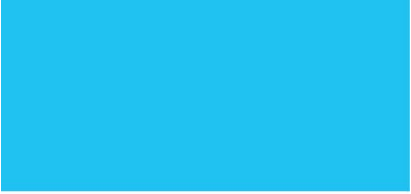
“Research shows that children who engage in complex forms of socio-dramatic play have greater language skills than non-players, better social skills, more empathy, more imagination, and more of the subtle capacity to know what others mean. They are less aggressive and show more self-control and higher levels of thinking”

~Miller & Almon



Early Literacy & Numeracy





Enhanced Supports



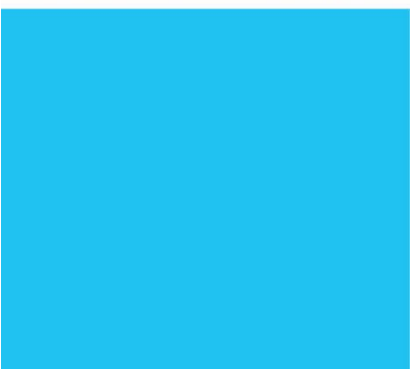
The classroom teacher is at the centre of your child's learning team and is supported by a school learning team. Based on classroom needs, each kindergarten program will also be supported by a multidisciplinary team that works with large and small groups in the classroom.

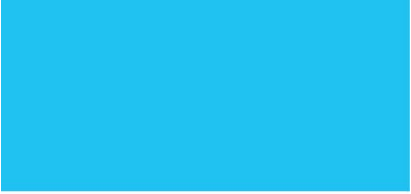


This team may consist of:



- 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)
- 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)



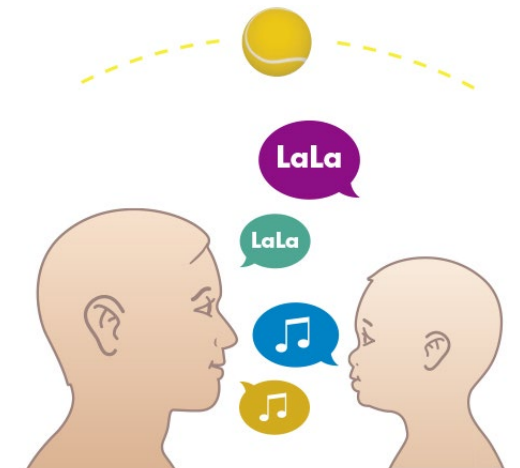
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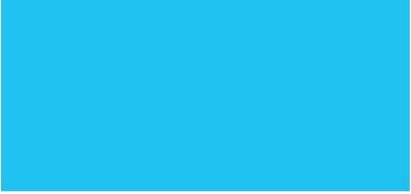


Take time to talk with your child about everyday activities:



- 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



June:

CBE will notify parents about registering for bussing

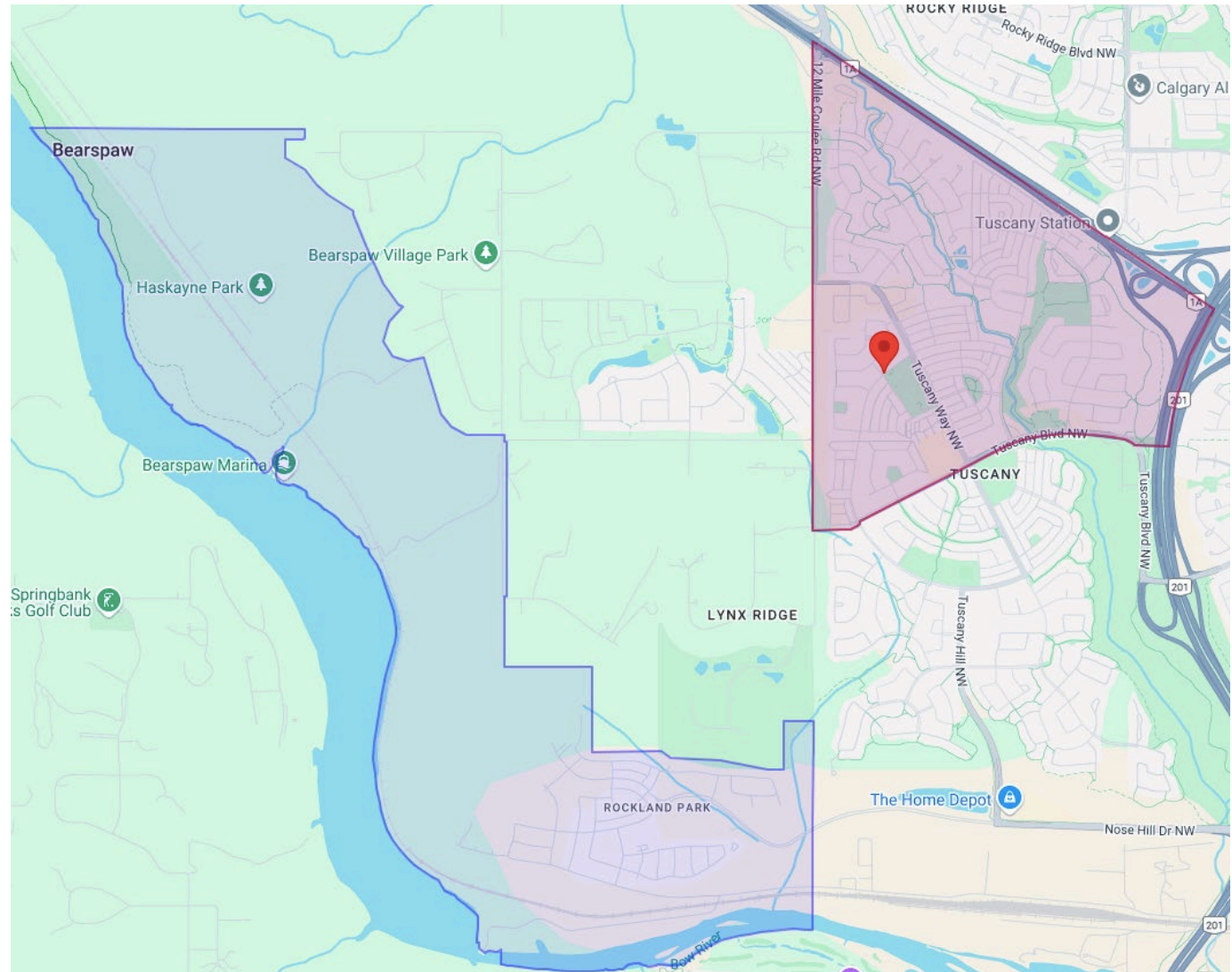


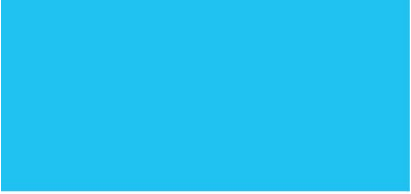
Aug 31 and Sept 1:

Staggered Entry (slow start for success!)



Attendance Areas in CBE





Transportation | Bussing



School “walk-zones” are set provincially



These zones may change in the fall of 2025

Currently, EHS only has a bus from Rockland Park area

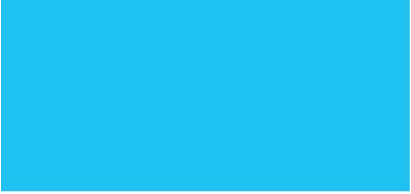


- Kindergarten students can ride one-way (depending on AM/PM class)



Lessons learned from past EHS Kindergarten adventures!

- **Automatic flush** - *practice using a washroom with automatic flush, and can independently wipe their bottom.*
- **Snack in Kindergarten** - *especially for PM kindergarten- It is a SNACK and not lunch. Please be mindful of this. We have **15 minutes set aside to eat** so we do not have time in the program to eat a full lunch. No peanuts/nuts, there are severe allergies next year. Please also send items that your child can open independently.*
- **Indoor shoes** - *velcro please, unless your child can tie their own laces.*
- **Outdoor gear** - *have your child practice getting ready independently- zipping zippers, buttons etc. (especially for the winter months, snowpants and boot practice)*



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/1859193_931_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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