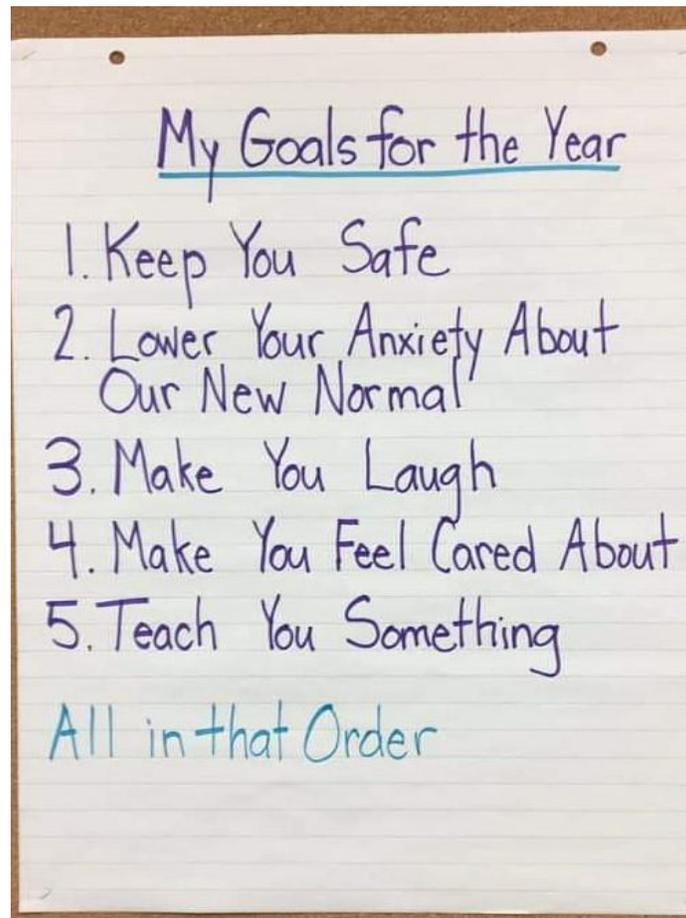


# Welcome to Kindergarten!



Dear Parents,

Welcome! I am very excited about meeting each and every one of you. I'm looking forward to teaching your child and providing meaningful experiences to develop a lifelong love for learning. I truly want their first year of elementary school to be a positive experience. This letter will explain how I run my classroom and what one should expect this year. It will probably be a good idea to keep this letter at home so you may refer back to it if necessary. If you ever have any questions, you may email me ([ldoering@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:ldoering@brsd.ab.ca)) or call me at school (780) 672-5588. It is best to email me, since I am able to check messages from home.

## Morning Routine

Classes will enter the school at **8:35am**. **On the first day, you can accompany your child to meet me outside the classroom.** I will take them into the classroom. After that, parents are asked to stay in their vehicle while we are meeting outside. Give a hug before saying goodbye, and we will see you at the end of the day!

## Dismissal

Kindergarten is dismissed at **3:05pm**. I will meet you outside with the class. Please let me know who will be meeting your child at the end of the day (mom, dad, grandma, sibling). If there is a change one day, please email to let me know in advance. If your child is attending OCSAR, an adult will take them to the OSCAR room. Bus students will also be accompanied by an adult in kindergarten.

\*Please note that the **first Thursday of every month** will be early dismissal for staff meetings. On that day, students will be **dismissed at 2:05pm**.\*

## Daily Schedule

I try to follow the class schedule as closely as possible, although there will be some changes that will happen with special events. Please see the attached Timetable for reference.

## Snack

Please bring 2 nutritious snacks and a healthy lunch for your child each day. We will have snack around *10:28am, lunch at 11:55am, and an afternoon snack at 1:53pm*. If you send a juice box with your child, we will be sending empties home in their lunch kit as there is no recycling this year. Please bring a water bottle to school to sip from during the day. There is NO microwave in the classroom, so please choose a lunch that doesn't need to be warmed up. **Chester Ronning is a Nut-Free School, so please pack something that is peanut free.** \*\*If your child has any food allergies, please let me know so that we can accommodate accordingly.\*\*

## Discipline

In our classroom, we will be following the "Star Rules." They allow learning to take place in a safe and productive environment, while emphasizing respect. The rules are as follows:

S – Share with others.

T – Talk when the teacher says it's okay.

A – Always keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.

R – Respect others by listening, caring, and sharing.

I use a discipline technique called PAT (preferred activity time). The class earns stars each day for following the STAR rules. However many stars they earn is converted in minutes of free center time they earn at the end of the day. It gets the class to work as a whole and 'free center time' is something that motivates them!

If your child is making bad choices in school, I will contact you either in person or through an email, depending on the incident. I believe that parents and school need to work as a team to best support children's growth.

## Homework

Please look in your child's backpack **every** day for handouts or letters. Often times children forget what papers they were given. This year, there will be no agendas. Instead, I will be using an app called SeeSaw to communicate newsletter and activities happening in class. You will be given a sheet to sign up for SeeSaw on your orientation day.

## Star Student of the Day

Starting in October, I will select a "Star Student of the Day." When your child has been selected, they are my special helper for the day. They will be the line leader and help with various tasks throughout the day. I will be sending home a *Show and Tell* calendar in October. On this day, please have your child bring something special that they would like to show the class.

## Assessment

Kindergarten will receive a progress report in February and a report card at the end of June. We are in the process of planning parent/teacher conferences in November. I will keep you updated as much as possible about your child's progress, but please contact me if you have any concerns.

## Scholastic Book Orders

Each month, our classroom receives Scholastic Book flyers. This year, orders need to be completed online. They will be sent to the classroom, and then I will send them home with your child. It is a very inexpensive way to buy books and if enough books are purchased, our classroom receives bonus coupons that can be used to purchase items for the classroom.

## Volunteers

Unfortunately, at this time, we will not be able to have classroom volunteers. I will let you know if anything changes.

## Supplies

Please let me know if you need a supply list. This year, students will NOT be able to share supplies, so please label as much as possible. Anything unused will be sent home at the end of the year. **I ask that you please bring a change of clothes in a bag. Accidents do happen, especially in new environments! Please include a shirt, pants, socks, and underwear.**

## Birthdays

Birthdays are a big event for Kindergarten children. However, treats (cupcakes, cookies) will not be allowed in the classroom this year. However, I am hoping that we will still be able to celebrate in other fun ways.

## **Communication**

I will be sending a monthly newsletter and calendar home via SeeSaw. There is a school newsletter that is sent via email or text. Please take a few minutes to look these over when you get a chance. Any important information will be texted to parents from the school. Please email me, use the SeeSaw app, or phone the school if you have any concerns.

## **Circle of Courage**

The Circle of Courage is our school's philosophy on positive youth development. It is based on 4 principals:

Generosity - Character is cultivated by concern for others so that the child can say, "I have a purpose for my life."

Belonging - The universal longing for human bonds is cultivated by relationships of trust so that the child can say, "I am loved."

Mastery - The inborn thirst for learning is cultivated; by learning to cope with the world, the child can say, "I can succeed."

Independence - Free will is cultivated by responsibility so that the child can say, "I have the power to make decisions."

## **Field Trips**

In Kindergarten, we learn about our community and so we go on several field trips. Unfortunately, at this time we are unable to go on any field trips. I would like to do virtual field trips as much as possible. We will be spending as much time as possible outside. Please make sure to dress your child appropriately for the weather.

*\*\*Due to Covid 19, expectations layed out in this message may change throughout the year.\*\**

I am eager to start the year and get to know your child! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the Kindergarten program and/or your child. I believe that communication between home and the school is truly important!

Sincerely,

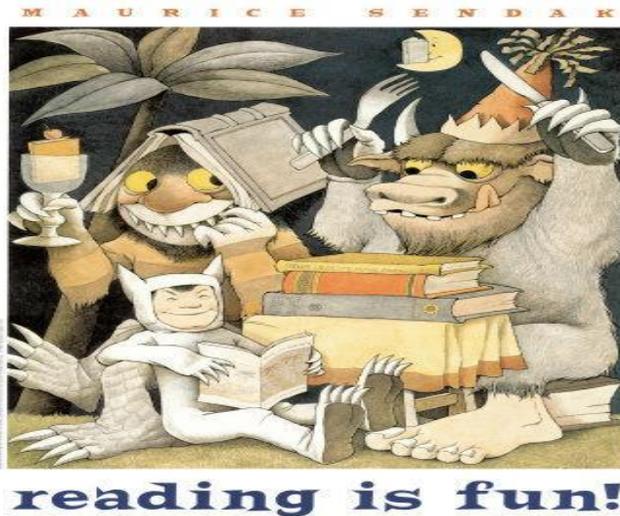
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Chester Ronning Phone Number: (780) 672-5588

## Tips for Reading with Your Child

- **Make Reading a Priority.** Let your child know how important it is to read regularly. Establish a regular time and place for reading.
- **Read to Your Child.** Make time to read to your child on a regular basis. It is a great way to help develop a love of learning.
- **Ask Your Child to Read to You.** Have your child read aloud to you.
- **Keep Reading Material Close By.** Make sure children's books and magazines are easily accessible. Keep a basket of books in the family room, kitchen, or your child's bedroom to encourage him or her to read more often.
- **Visit the Library.** Make visits to the library a regular activity and let your children select their own books.
- **Be a Reading Role Model.** Read a lot. Let your child see you read and hear you talk about your books.



# Chester Ronning Bell Schedule - 2020-2021

Period	Bell times	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Call-in Bell	<b>8:35</b>					
1	<b>8:40 - 9:16</b>	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy
2	<b>9:16 - 9:47</b>	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy
3	<b>9:47 - 10:18</b>	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy
	<b>10:18 - 10:42</b>	snack 10:18 - 10:30 /recess 10:30 - 10:42				
4	<b>10:42 - 11:04</b>	Numeracy	Numeracy	Numeracy	Numeracy	Numeracy
5	<b>11:04 - 11:35</b>	Numeracy	Numeracy	Numeracy	Numeracy	Numeracy
	<b>11:35 - 11:55</b>	Phys Ed				
Lunch	<b>11:55 - 12:15</b>	LUNCH				
Recess/ 6	<b>12:20 - 12:51</b>	Prep/Foss	Prep/Foss	Prep/Foss	Prep/Foss	Prep/Foss
7	<b>12:51 - 1:22</b>	Citizenship & Identity	Citizenship & Identity	Enviro & Comm. Awareness	Enviro & Comm. Awareness	Creative Expression
8	<b>1:22 - 1:53</b>	Citizenship & Identity	Citizenship & Identity	Enviro & Comm. Awareness	Enviro & Comm. Awareness	Creative Expression
RECESS	<b>1:53 - 2:05</b>	snack 1:53 - 2:05/recess 2:05 - 2:18				
9	<b>2:18 - 2:39</b>	Centers	Centers	Centers	Centers	Centers
10	<b>2:39 - 3:05</b>	Centers	Centers	Centers	Centers	Centers

