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“Live until you’re old, learn until you’re old, and there’s still so much to learn.” - Chester Ronning (1894-1984)

June 20th, 2021

Dear Parents,

Hello! My name is Ms. Lindsay Doering and I will be teaching the Mon/Wed and Tues/Thurs Kindergarten classes this year. This will be my ninth year teaching at Chester Ronning School and I am very excited to teach kindergarten again! I have 3 kids of my own, aged 14, 12 and 9 years old.

Two big things will be happening this year. 1. We are hoping for a return to ‘normal’ but as you know, this is subject to change. 2. We will be moving to our new school after the November Break. More information about the move will be released in the fall. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns about the Kindergarten program or your child’s progress throughout the year.

Kindergarten begins the school year with an **Orientation Day**. This is where each kindergarten student can bring a parent into the school for a 15 minute orientation session. I am requesting that at least *one parent* plan to accompany their child on Orientation Day. This is an activity meant to be spent with you and your Kindergartener, so please make arrangements for younger siblings during this time. There is a **form below** to sign up for a session. I will only need 15 minutes of your time. During this time, I will introduce myself, give a brief overview of the Kindergarten classroom, and answer any questions you may have. *Please don’t forget to bring your school supplies!*

You will also find attached a year calendar, *kindergarten supply list*, some information about Kindergarten at Chester Ronning, and an “*All About Me*” activity sheet. Please help your child complete this activity page over the summer and bring it to school on Orientation Day. See the schedule below and sign up for a time:

### [KTT Orientation Session Signup](#)

**\*Please note:**

The first regular, full day, **T/T Kindergarten** class will begin on **Tuesday, September 14 for KTT** (Kindergarten Tues/Thurs).

**Kindergarten Schedule:**

Start Time: **8:35am** End Time: **3:10pm**

**The first Thursday of every month is a staff meeting. Students are dismissed at 2:10pm**

Sincerely,

Ms. Lindsay Doering

# Kindergarten Parent Information 2021/2022

*\*\*please check the [Chester Ronning](#) website for more details\*\**



- Welcome to Kindergarten!
- There is a Mon/Wed class and Tues/Thurs class. Both have occasional Fridays - check the Kindergarten calendar to see when those days are.
- Coming Soon - a video showing the school and classroom to help ease some anxiety about starting school (on the website listed above).
- There will be an Orientation Day in early September. *Come with your child to meet the teacher and check out the classroom.* Please drop off your supplies this day so that your child doesn't have to carry everything the first day of school.
- Check your supply list on the [Chester Ronning](#) website. Under Kindergarten, you will be able to check your year calendar, supply list, orientation day and time, and a 'Getting Ready for Kindergarten Checklist'
- **School starts at 8:35am and finishes at 3:10pm.** If you need bussing, go to the [BRSD transportation](#) website or call **780-672-6131 Ext. 5279**. It is advisable to check with them early as the busses tend to fill quickly.
- You will need to arrange someone to drop off and pick up your child. Kindergarten will meet at the back parking lot doors at 8:30am. At 3:10pm, we will meet at the same spot outside. I will dismiss the students when I see someone to pick them up (sibling, parent, other adult). Please let me know who will be picking up your child.
- If you are in need of after school care, please contact [OSCAR](#).
- Please have a water bottle for your child to drink out of during the day. Water fountains will most likely be closed but there are two bottle-filling stations in the school.
- Lunch is at 12:00pm. There are 2 snack times. One in the morning and one in the afternoon. Healthy snacks are encouraged, especially in the morning. Chester Ronning is a [Peanut Aware School](#) and we encourage families to be mindful of others' allergies and to choose nut-free snacks whenever possible.
- If you have any concerns about your child, please let us know as soon as possible. i.e. allergies, speech concerns, medical/behavioural concerns. (ldoring@brsd.ab.ca)
- Please make sure your child is fully potty trained before September. If there are issues, please let us know.

- The office needs a copy of your child's birth certificate and completed registration forms. Make sure these have been completed. (Make sure you have filled out your registration form.)
- The new school is scheduled to be open mid November. More information to come. We will make sure the students are prepared and comfortable with the transition.

*-Please note that we don't know exactly what September will be like and we will communicate through messenger and our website closer to the start of school. Please check the website for any updates. You can sign up for the School Messenger texts that the school sends out by texting "yes" to 978338. (standard text message and data rates may apply) Once your child has been registered in our student record system you should start receiving updates. There may be some transition time where you start receiving this year's updates as we wrap this year and get next year started. Please don't block or unsubscribe from this.*

Resources:

- [Here](#) is a link on some advice dealing with separation anxiety.
- The [kindergarten curriculum overview](#) for parents from Learn Alberta.
- [Here](#) is a link to some tips to help prepare your child for kindergarten.
- [Healthy lunches and snack](#) ideas from Alberta Health Services.

Please email or call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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# 10 things your kid should know how to do before kindergarten starts

But don't freak out if they don't!

By **Today's Parent** August 10, 2020

Congratulations! Your little one is starting school in the fall. And even though you know this day has been coming for a while, it's normal to feel a little anxious about whether they're ready—especially with everything going on this year. Here's a checklist of things most kids starting school should be able to do (and some things you may want to work on over the next few weeks.)

## 1. Get dressed

By now, kids should be able to pick out weather-appropriate clothes and put on shoes, boots, coats and other gear for going outside without assistance.

## 2. Drop their nap

Say bye-bye to that midday snooze. Your kids will need to have a solid sleep routine established so they don't tire out by lunch.



## 3. Bathroom skills

While some classes have toilets in the room, kids will still need to know how to go to the washroom on their own—this includes knowing how to wipe their bum and properly wash their hands.

## **4. Name recognition**

Can your kid spot their name? While most kindergarteners still aren't able to read, they should be able to identify the letters of their name so they can find things like their cubby, artwork and personal belongings.

## **5. Lunchtime**

When you're shopping for lunch gear, make sure you pick containers your kid can open and close on their own. They should also be able to properly feed themselves with utensils.

## **6. Letters and numbers\***

More than just singing the ABCs, your kindergartener should recognize different letters and some simple words. They should be able to count and do basic math, like "I ate one of the five Cheerios, so now there are only four left."

## **7. Shapes\***

Before kindergarten, kids should be able to identify basic shapes, like a circle, square, triangle and rectangle.

## **8. Fine motor skills**

Your kids should do things like trace, colour and use kid-friendly scissors.

## **9. Story time**

Can your kid sit still and pay attention when you read them a book? Do they understand the concept of stories having a beginning, middle and end? At this age, they should understand the proper way to hold a book and how to turn the pages—and that it's the words that tell the story, not just the images.

## **10. Independent play**

Unlike with daycare, ratios are bigger in kindergarten, so kids should be able to play on their own without constant support and attention.

\*These are skills that are part of the kindergarten curriculum. Please do not worry if your child has not mastered these.

If you are still working on any of these skills, that is completely fine and is something we work on together. But it does help if they have some level of independence.

# About Me

My name is:

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My hair color is:



I am  years old.

My birthday is on:

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Here is a picture of me:

My eye color is:



I write with my:

Left Hand



Right Hand





# 2021/22 Chester Ronning School Kindergarten Tuesday/Thursday

August 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
6 school days + orientation						

September 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
6 school days + orientation						

October 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	9 school days					

November 2021						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
8 school days						

December 2021						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
7 school days						

January 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	10 school days				

February 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					
9 school days						

March 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
10 school days						

April 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9 school days						

May 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
10 school days						

June 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
8 school days + graduation						



## Legend

September # - Orientation.		September # - First full day of class.		June # - Graduation Day.	
○	Kindergarten School Day		Professional Learning Day– no school		Teacher's Convention
	Orientation Day		Planning Day – no school		Semester Break
	First / Last Kindergarten Day		Day-In-Lieu of Interviews – no school		
	Staff Collaboration – no school		Early Dismissal		