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Welcome to Kindergarten! My name is Sarah Bradley (Mrs. Bradley) and I will be teaching the Mon/Wed and Tues/Thurs Kindergarten classes this year. This will be my first year teaching at Chester Ronning School. I have had the pleasure of teaching Grade One at CW Sears in Tofield since joining Battle River School Division in 2015. I have two children of my own who are 1 and 3 years old. I am so excited to be part of your child's first year at such a wonderful school! 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. 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.

*Please note: The first regular, full-day, **T/T Kindergarten** class will begin on Tuesday, September 13 for KTT (**Kindergarten Tues/Thurs**).

Kindergarten Schedule: Start Time: 8:35am End Time: 3:11pm

Orientation Day - Friday, September 9th:

Parent(s) please accompany your child during this time for a 15 minute orientation

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(9:00am - 10:00am) (10:30am - 11:30am) (12:30pm-1:30pm) (2:00-3:00pm)

Sincerely,

Sarah Bradley

CHESTER RONNING SCHOOL



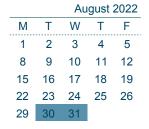
Supply List - 2022-2023

The following list is given as basic supplies that teachers will require for the first day of school. Any additional supply requirements will be given during the first few days of school. Parents are urged to check the materials the student may already have and merely complete the list.

KINDERGARTEN

	1 - backpack
	1 – lunch kit
	1 – personal water bottle with a secure lid (spill/leak-proof, not glass)
	1 - pair of running shoes
	→ *Shoes must be:
	■ Non-Marking (no black soles)
	☐ No laces, velcro only- <u>unless</u> your child is able to tie their own shoes
	1 large Ziploc freezer bag
	1 large box of Kleenex (large 200/box)
	1 fabric pencil case
	1 pair of scissors (high quality brand, metal blades - Fiskars if possible)
	2 large Elmer glue sticks (<i>preferably – purple</i>)
	2 white erasers
	1 package of 24 wax crayons
	1 package of 24 pencil crayons, sharpened
	1 package of 10 or 12 smelly/scented markers
	2 dry erase (whiteboard) markers inside a sock (to use as an eraser)
	2 - 72 page plain exercise book (blue Hilroy, no lines)
(2022-2)	2023) We will be providing pencils.

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!



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Kindergarten Tuesday/Thursday Calendar

*calendar subject to change.

Morning Bell - 8:35am Dismissal Bell - 3:11pm

Text YES to 978338 to receive school text/emails

15 minute orientation - September 9. Last name A-F 9:00-10:00am Last name G-M 10:30-11:30am Last name N-T 12:30pm - 1:30am Last name S-Z 2:00 - 3:00pm

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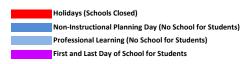
2022-2023 School Calendar - Approved by BRSD Board January 27, 2022

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Staff Collaboration (No School for Student	s)
Staff Meeting (Early Dismissal)	
Last Operational Day (No School for Stude	nts)

Rationale

Professional Learning and Staff Collaboration Days - As an organization that learns, we are ensuring sacred time for staff professional development and skill enhancement, using research-based practice and opportunities for collaboration to support mastery of our Critical 2 priorities and to support student needs.

Staff Meeting Days - We have incorporated an early dismissal of 60 minutes on the first operational Thursday of every month except September and January.

Kindergarten Parent Information 2022/2023

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.
- 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 <u>Chester Ronning</u> 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 3:11pm. If you need bussing, go to the <u>BRSD</u> transportation website. It is advisable to check with them early as the busses tend to fill quickly and registration opened June 1.
- You will need to arrange to have someone to drop off and pick up your child. Kindergarten will
 meet at the front doors at 8:30am. At 3:11pm, 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.
- 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 <u>Peanut</u>
 <u>Aware School</u> and we encourage families to be mindful of others' allergies and to choose nutfree 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.
 (sbradley@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.

-Please note that we don't know exactly what September will be like (COVID restriction wise) 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 ParentAugust 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

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