

# Kindergarten Orientation

Sunnyside School  
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Calgary Board  
of Education



# Agenda



- Introductions
- Learning through *PLAY*
- Enhanced supports in kindergarten
- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents
- Important dates & times
- First day of kindergarten
- What to expect at kindergarten
- Questions
- Tour of the school

# Introductions



Mrs. Karah Chilton – Kindergarten Teacher/Learning Leader

Mrs. Krista Schmitt – Principal

Ms. Pat Summerton – Administrative Secretary

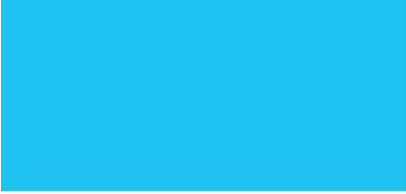


# The Calgary Board of Education



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**

[CBE Video](#)

# Learning Through PLAY





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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)

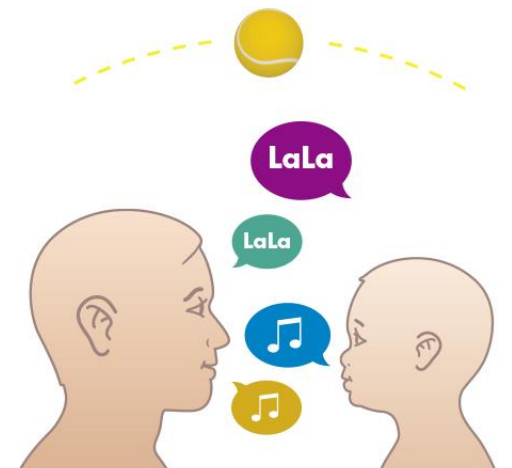


# Getting Ready for Kindergarten



**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



# English Language Learners



# Important Times & Dates



## Kindergarten Hours for the 2022 – 2023 School Year

### Monday to Thursday

8:30 to 8:40AM – Soft Start

8:40 to 11:46AM - Kindergarten

**There will be no kindergarten classes on Fridays.**

The first day kindergarten will be on Thursday, September 1, 2022. There is no kindergarten on Friday, September 2. Students will return on Tuesday, September 6.



# What does my child need?



- Backpack (big enough for library books)
- Nut-free snack that is easy to open
- Water bottle
- Extra change of clothes in a plastic bag
- Jacket and footwear that are easy for the child to put on and take off
- Dress for the weather! We love to spend time outside.
- Label all your child's belongings!!!

\*\*\*All school supplies are purchased by the school using instructional fees from parents.

- For the 2021 – 2022 school year, fees were \$20 for kindergarten students.

# Communication Between School and Home



## Google Classroom

- Weekly updates about what is happening in kindergarten
- [Google Classroom](#)



## Emails from the Teacher

- Extra updates for parents
- Please feel free to email the kindergarten teacher if you have any questions!

## Sunnyside Weekly

- Weekly emails from the principal about school-wide events and important information

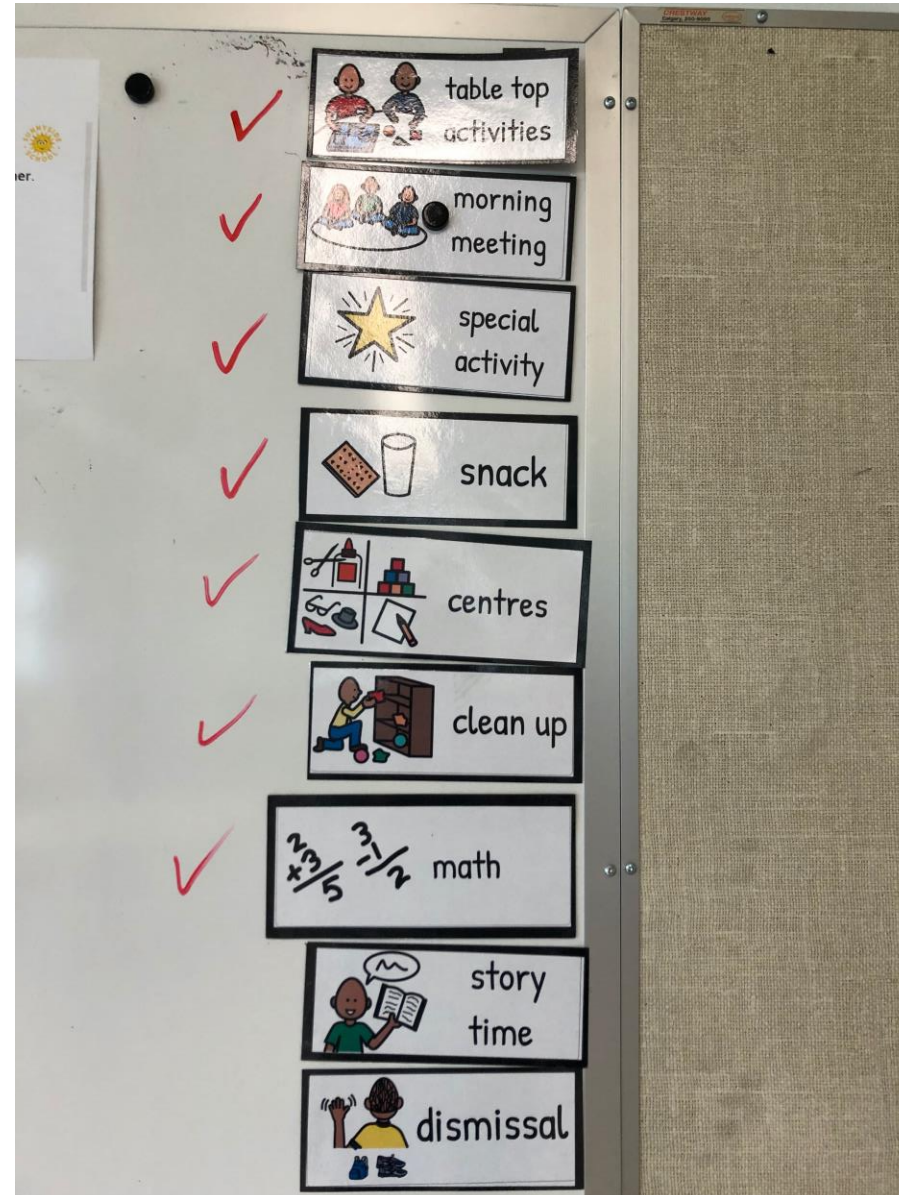
## School Website

- Up-to-date information about our school
- [Sunnyside Website](#)

## Late or Absent

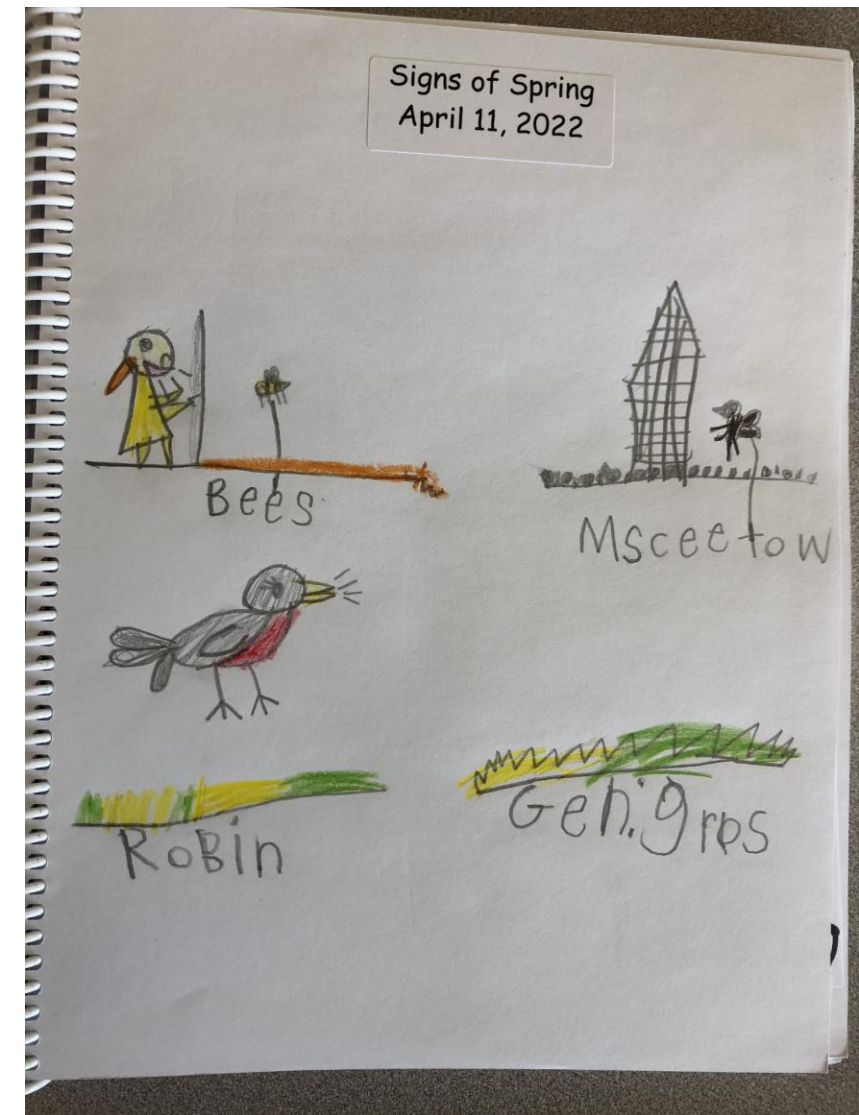
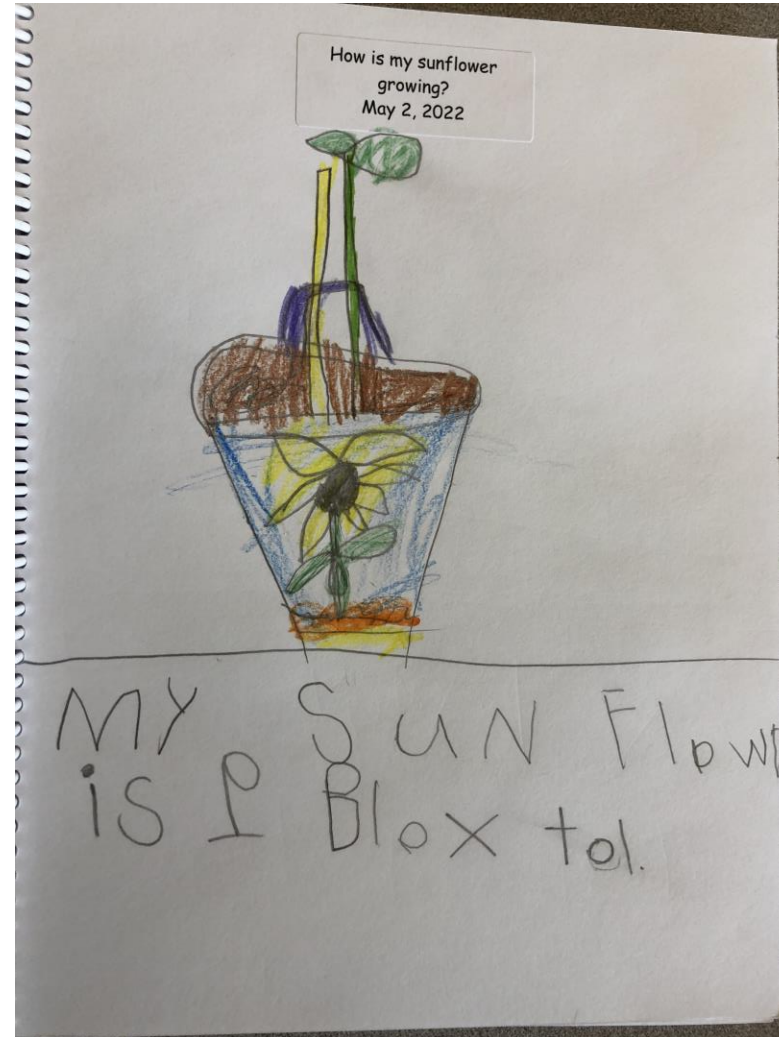
- If your child is late for school, please bring them to the front door and ring the bell.
- If your child will be late or absent, please call the office at (403) 777-6390 extension 1 or email [Sunnyside@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:Sunnyside@cbe.ab.ca).

# What is a typical day in kindergarten like?















# Literacy



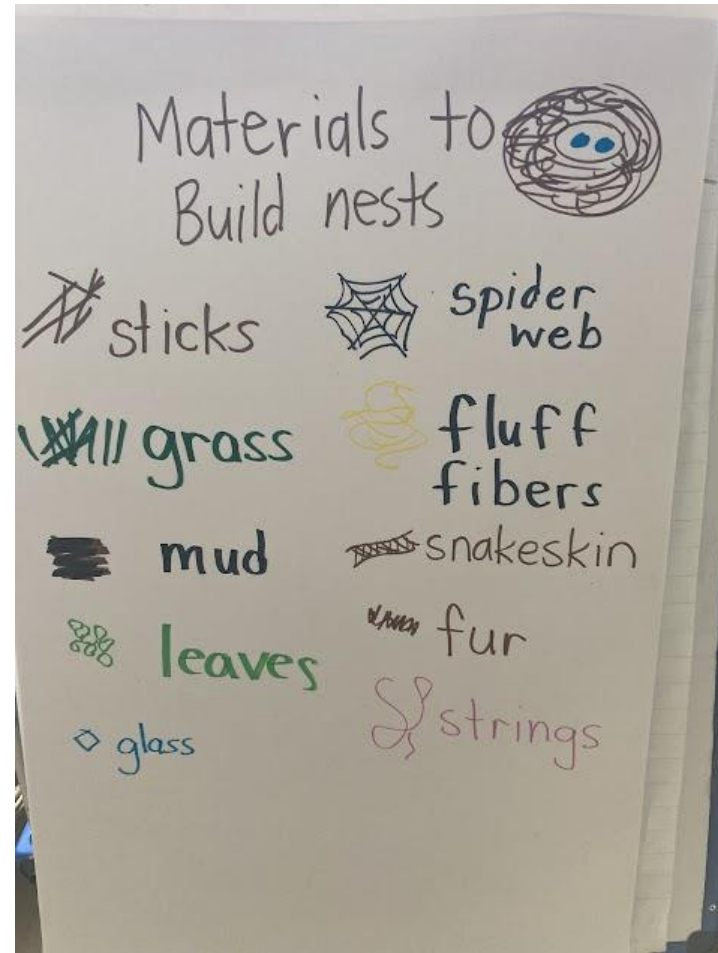
# Numeracy



| 3D Shapes  |               |                 |                 |   |
|--|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| Shape  | Does it roll? | How many faces? | How many edges? | Looks like  |
| cone<br>      | yes           | 1               | 1               |    |
| sphere<br>    | yes           | 0               | 0               |    |
| prism<br>     | no            | 4               | 4               |    |
| cylinder<br> | yes           | 2               | 0               |   |
| cube<br>    | no            | 5               | 12              |  |



# Environment and Community Awareness





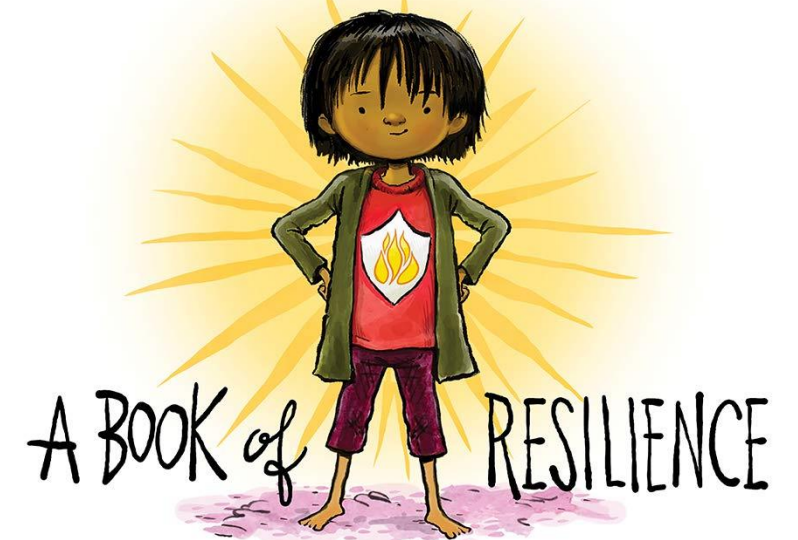
# Citizenship and Identity

*I am unique!*

*I belong!*



# I AM COURAGE

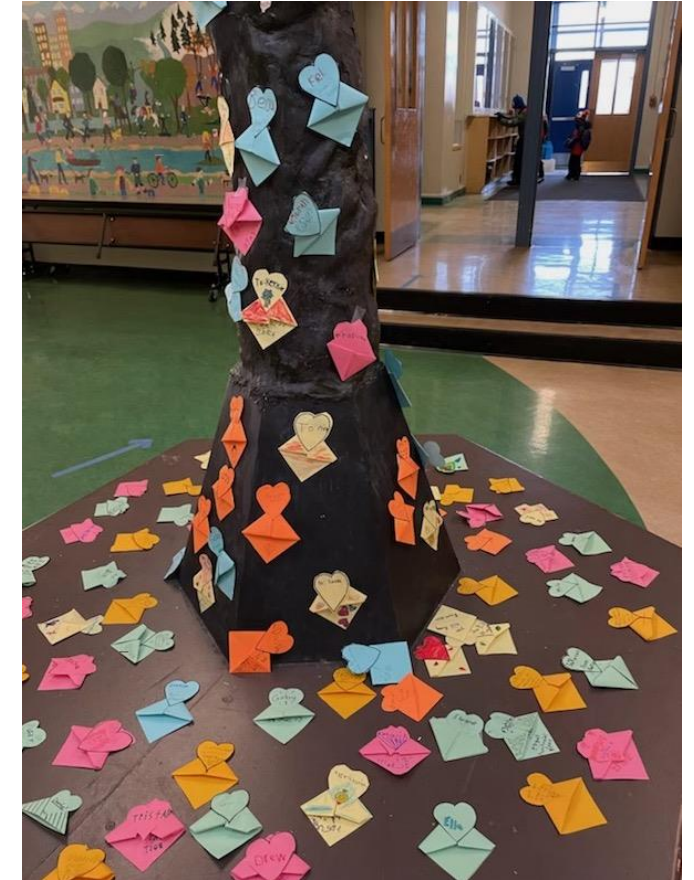
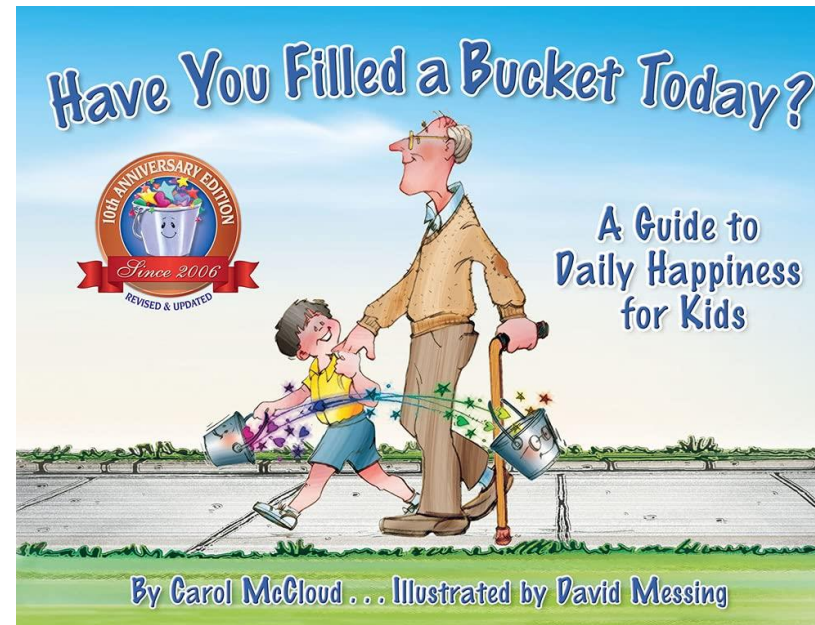


## A BOOK of RESILIENCE

BY SUSAN VERDE • ART BY PETER H. REYNOLDS  
THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING TEAM



# Personal and Social Responsibility



# Special Activities



❖ Classroom Buddies



❖ Residencies

❖ Community Walks

❖ Land Based Learning

❖ Field Trips

❖ School-wide Assemblies and Performances

❖ School-wide Activities





# Getting Involved at Sunnyside!



## **Volunteer**

- Call the school office to get started with your application

## **Join School Council**

- Next meeting on June 2, 2022 at 6:30PM

# 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](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](https://banff.ca/DocumentCenter/View/11018/ImReadyForScreens_English)

\*Developed in collaboration with the CPL, Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School Division

# Information Package



- ❖ Welcome to Kindergarten
- ❖ Enhanced Supports
- ❖ Getting Ready for Kindergarten
- ❖ School Council brochure
- ❖ Child Care brochure



# Questions

