



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Belvedere Parkway School

2025-2026



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Starting School



- Please visit the School Website [here](#)
- Register for your My CBE Account:
<https://sis.cbe.ab.ca/public/home.html>
- You can prepare for this big change ahead of time to minimize stress and anxiety surrounding the beginning of school by talking with your child and visiting the school: [Starting Kindergarten](#)
- Here are some stories to read together before the first day of school:
 - [Monkey not Ready](#)
 - [Kindergarten is Cool](#)
 - [Miss Bindergarten](#)

About our School

- Our school motto is ROARS: Respect, Ownership, Attitude, Responsibility, and Safety
- In Kindergarten we focus on Kindness, Independence, Peer Relationships and Self-awareness
- Personal and social skills are taught through play-based centers and classroom learning



Visit the School Grounds

The building and playground will begin to feel safe and familiar if your child knows what to expect. Please take the opportunity to visit our school outdoor space before the start of the school year!



What to Expect

- A Kindergarten day involves structured routines, focused instruction, sharing and many transitions
- Young children thrive on predictable routines so in order to prepare your child for Kindergarten, practice some of your own daily routines, e.g. mealtime, morning and bedtime routines



Encourage Independence



- Putting on and taking off clothes with zippers and buttons
- Hanging up belongings and putting on shoes
- Using the bathroom independently
- Cleaning up toys or materials
- Helping out around the house
- Eating independently

Language Development

- Kindergarten is a language rich environment where oral language is used to express, share and communicate ideas
- Children are encouraged to share their experiences and feelings through a variety of activities within the classroom and with their peers



Exploring Materials



- Fine motor skills are an important part of Kindergarten and helps with the development of drawing and writing
- While there are no formal academic expectations for starting school, it is important for children to have had exposure to using pencils, crayons, scissors and a variety of building tools (Lego, playdoh, blocks)

School Time



- Morning Kindergarten Program runs from (Mon.-Thurs.)
8:00 am – 11:00 am and 8:00 am – 12:00 pm some Fridays*
- Afternoon Kindergarten Program runs from (Mon.-Thurs.)
11:35 am – 2:30 pm and 8:00 am – 12:00 pm some Fridays*
- Alternating day Kindergarten program runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays, **full day**
8:00 am – 2:30 pm and 8:00 am – 12:00 pm some Fridays*

***See BelPark's school calendar (sent home when school begins) to see which Fridays your child will attend.**

It is very important to be on time for drop off and pick-up so that your child can be a part of the daily routines.

Reporting and Conferences

- Government Numeracy and Literacy assessments are completed in the Fall
- Report card(s) are available online, dates for 2025-2026 to be confirmed.
- At the end of August, there is a short 'See your classroom' Open House opportunity before the first day of school, and in September a longer 'Meet the Teacher' Open House evening
- Learning Conferences are held in November and March and there are also opportunities to communicate with your child's teacher via email or phone when not instructing students



What does Kindergarten look like?



Classroom Learning

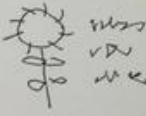
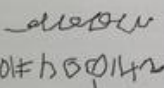
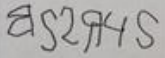
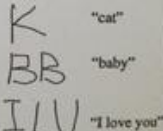


A Kindergarten day consists of a variety of activities focused on play-based learning through:

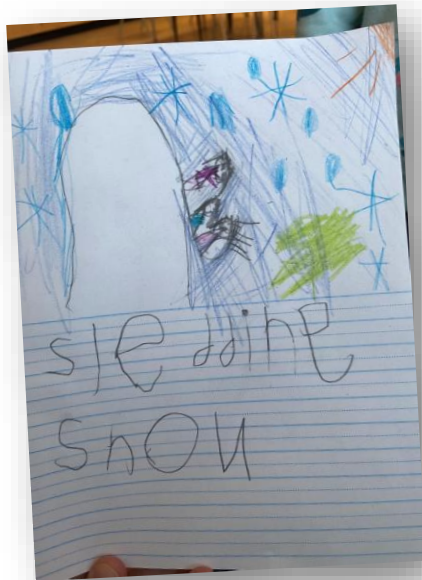
- Daily routines
- Story time
- Centers exploration
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Inquiry
- Art



Writing through Stages

Random Marks  	Representational Drawing  "This is my sister."	Drawing Distinct from Writing  "A flower for my Mom."
Mock Linear or Letter Like  "A note for Daddy."	Symbol Salad  "Macaroni"	Partial Phonetic  "cat" "baby" "I love you"

There are many stages of writing that develop through Kindergarten: swirly printing, letter printing and sound printing.



Students use personal experiences, facts they know and their imagination to build connections and share ideas through drawing and verbal expression.

Letter Recognition



Kindergarten students build confidence around letter recognition and sounds through:

- Letter of the Week activities (UFLI)
- Stories
- Songs and poems
- Sensory activities (playdoh, loose parts)
- Play-based centers

Numeracy

- Kindergarten numeracy focuses on the foundational knowledge of numbers 1 – 10 through recognizing, building, representing, counting and printing
- Numeracy is explored throughout our daily practice during centers, play and exploration



Centers – More than just play-time!

A center-based, play-focused classroom environment will support your child's individual learning needs.

- Allows for multiple entry points so all children can feel successful
- Allows for one-to-one and small group interactions with classmates and teachers
- Encourages social interactions, promotes verbal skills, social skills, peer role modeling and problem solving



Pick-Up and Drop-Off

- Please **do not** use the parking lots to drop-off or pick-up your child. Meet your child at the designated spot. It is unsafe for them to walk through the parking lot. [Parking and Drop off](#)
- Children will not be dismissed outside until the parent or caregiver is present.
- Students who ride the bus will be dismissed and escorted to their designated bus. Please follow the link for more details on [Bussing](#)
- All school doors are secured at 8:00am. If you arrive after the 8:00am bell, you will be required to enter through the main doors and check in with the office. The main doors are located on the back side of the building.



Attendance



Please call and let the school know if your child(ren) will be absent at:

403-777-6010

If you have not notified the school of your child's absence, you will receive an automated call from the school. This is per safety reasons.

What to bring



- A non-spill water bottle and a nutritious, easy to eat snack/lunch with your child every day. Full day program – please send both (snack and full lunch)
- A spare change of clothes
- A backpack large enough to hold all their things (e.g. full piece of paper, lunch, water bottle)
- A pair of indoor shoes that they are able to put on independently; these will remain at school
- Ensure all personal items are labelled with the child's name

Volunteers



We love volunteers and need them!!

Volunteers are welcome into the classroom once they've completed *both* the Police Information Check and the Annual Volunteer Registration form. This can take up to 6 weeks to process.

Parents may help with field trips, special activities, and much more! The more volunteers there are to choose from, the more field trips and activities the teacher may plan.

Looking ahead!

- You will be emailed information mid-June 2025 to let you know which program your child is in.
****Please note**** The full-day alternating Tuesday-Thursday class is primarily designed for **bussing students**. While we do our best to accommodate all requests, it is currently looking like this class will be available for bussing students only. If space permits, additional students may be added on a waitlist basis.
- Teachers will send out a welcome letter the week before school starts and include a reminder list of items your child needs to bring at that time.



Any Questions?

- Please look at our website and read the information there, most answers to your questions will be on the website!
- If not, please contact the school office😊



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