



Kindergarten Orientation

Monterey Park School



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Agenda



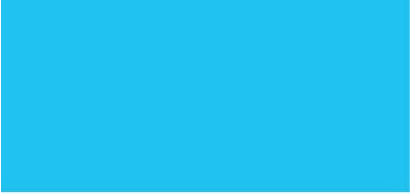
- Learning through *PLAY*
- Enhanced supports in kindergarten
- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents
- Important dates & times
- Transportation
- First day of kindergarten

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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**

Learning Through *PLAY*



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)
- practice using public washrooms
- 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



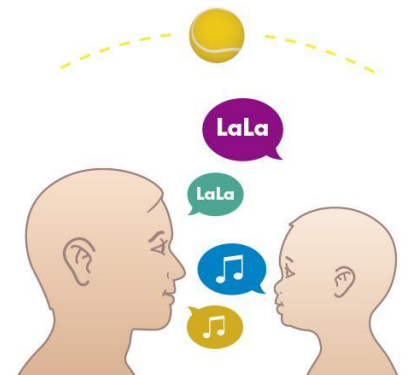
Getting Ready for Kindergarten



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
- visit the school playground over the summer to practice coming to the school

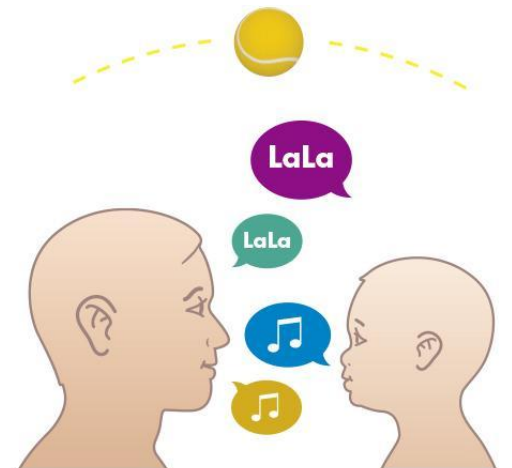


What does my child need?



- Indoor shoes
- Snack and lunch
- Backpack
- Extra set of clothing to remain in backpack
- Water bottle

The school provides all classroom supplies needed



Dressing for the Weather



In Kindergarten, we go outside every day!



- The weather can change drastically
- The children are outside often during the school day; before/after school, as well as for outdoor and land-based learning
- **Send your children with appropriate coats/jackets and footwear for outdoors. Snow pants, hats, and mittens for when the weather gets cold.**
- Label their belongings! This helps ensure misplaced items get returned to the proper owner
- If the weather drops below -20 degrees, we will not go outside

Indoor Shoes



Snacks and Containers



Important Times & Dates



- First day of school: September 2nd, 3rd.
- Fridays: End at 12:55pm and students will attend alternating Fridays. A calendar will be distributed closer to the start of the year.

	Full Day
Start Time	9:13 AM
End Time	3:51 PM

Transportation | Bussing



Skyview students will be bussed. Please register for bussing.

There is an adult making sure students get to and from the bus safely.

Attendance is taken on the bus when leaving the school so your child will never be left behind.





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Monterey Park School 2025 – 2026 CALENDAR

CBE schools are closed on the days shaded grey.

August 27, 28, 29	Non-instruction days
September 1	Labour Day
September 2	First day of school
September 29	Parent Teacher Interviews
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 13	Thanksgiving Day
October 20	Non-instruction day, Calgary General Election
October 21	Non-instruction day, 77 Kindergarten - no school
November 7	Last day of classes
November 8-12	Fall Break
November 13	Classes resume
November 27	Parent Teacher Interviews Evening only
November 28	Parent Teacher Interviews
December 19	Last day of classes
Dec 20 - Jan 4	Winter Break
January 5	Classes resume
January 30	System Professional Learning Non-instruction day
February 12, 13	Teachers' Convention
February 16	Family Day
February 17	Non-instruction day, 77 Kindergarten - no school
February 27	Non-instruction day
March 19	Parent Teacher Interviews Evening only
March 20	Parent Teacher Interviews
March 21-29	Spring Break
March 30	Classes resume
April 3	Good Friday
April 24	Maatoomsi/Pookaiks, Professional Learning Non-instruction day
May 15	Non-instruction day
May 18	Victoria Day
June 26	Last day of school
June 29, 30	Non-instruction days

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School Hours: Grade 1-6 Mon-Thurs: 9:13 am - 3:51 pm Fri: 9:13 am - 12:55 pm Kindergarten – Full Day Alternating ■ Mon/Wed: 9:13 am - 3:51 pm Fri: 9:10 am - 12:55 pm (in pink) ■ Tues/Thurs: 9:13 am - 3:51 pm Fri: 9:13 am - 12:55 pm (in green)		

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