

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

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Dear Kindergarten Families,

We are so excited to have you join us this year! We are here to give your child the safest and most engaging learning experience possible. Inspiration, wonder and joy in learning is what we aspire to in our classrooms!

Personal Belongings

Please bring along your child's school supplies on either of our first 2 gradual entry ½ days on Thursday, Aug. 29th and Friday, Aug. 30th, along with **labeled** indoor shoes, and extra clothes (underwear, socks, pants and a shirt - in a **labeled** Ziplock bag works great!)*The ziplock will be kept in your child's backpack for the school year. If you ordered your supplies through Bow Valley Basics we will have them at school.

Kindergarten is learning how to care for supplies to enable longer use. As supplies are exhausted, we may reach out to families or supplement as needed throughout the year. We ask that you please keep personal toys and stuffies at home.

Daily Food

Students are asked to bring their food in one lunch bag containing two containers labeled "snack" and "lunch." Please make sure your child knows which food item they are to eat during each time. We ask that they are confident in opening their containers independently. There will be **no** access to microwaves. Please ensure foods sent to school are easy to eat and that necessary utensils are included.

Preferred foods that your child enjoys are more likely to be eaten and will provide your child with the necessary energy and focus for the day! A reminder that BES has a nut-free policy for snacks and lunches (please do not send items such as Nutella or bars that have trace elements of nuts). Please send an easy to manage, secure close (preferably no open twist top) water bottle each day!

Celebrations and Birthdays

In Kindergarten, we will acknowledge and celebrate your child's birthday at school in a fun and engaging way. 😊

We would like to emphasize that it is most manageable when students eat only what they bring to school. We ask that family celebrations involving food take place at home. ***Please do not send foods to be shared with others.*** If there is a school event involving foods, such as 'The Big Crunch' for Nutrition month in March and cookie decorating at the Banff Springs, we will reach out beforehand to inform you and give you the opportunity to opt out if need be.

Communication

Please inform your teacher on a regular basis if there are any changes in your routine (eg. bus schedule, parent pickup, appointments, etc). This can be done through emailing bes.info@crps.ca, or messaging through SeeSaw, our Div. 1 communication platform. When you receive an invitation to SeeSaw, please accept. Please know that this is a school-monitored platform that is private to each family. Prior to your Seesaw invite being initiated, please email us directly (see below).

Morning School Routine

Please bring your child to the Moose St. Field between 8:15 and 8:30am. Enter through one of the gates and move toward the kindergarten entrance. Once you have connected with your teacher, you may head on your way. As we all become familiar with each other and confident with arrivals, we will begin inviting you to simply open the entrance door, wish your child a great day and send them to meet their teachers indoors.

After School Routine

For those students who will be picked up regularly, please meet your child at the Moose St. playground. Please make sure your teacher is aware that you are picking up your child - ie. thumbs up, eye contact, a wave. If your child travels by bus, they will be accompanied to the bus area in front of the school. We will ensure that students who attend 'Out of School Care' (OSC), safely make their way to that space.

We hope that you find the information in this letter helpful and informative. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to a very exciting year and working together in the best interest of your child.

Thank you,

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