

# Welcome to Kindergarten

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For those who do not know me yet, my name is Corinne McMurren and I will be your child's Kindergarten teacher this year! I've been teaching for almost 20 years, and have taught all elementary grades from Nursery-Grade 6. My passion lies in the early years, and I am currently loving the role of Kindergarten teacher! I take pride in helping your child develop a love of school and learning, and am looking forward to a great year! Please read through this overview carefully, as it'll give you a good idea of how the room will run this year.

## School Supplies Required

- \$40 school supply fee
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 1 box of large ziplocs
- full-sized backpack
- indoor shoes that your child can put on independently
- DAILY nut-free snack and refillable water bottle



## Communication

We will be using Seesaw to share our learning and to send important information, messages, and reminders. Please connect to your child's Seesaw journal at your earliest convenience, using the QR code provided. \*\*If you have difficulty doing this, you can call me at the school (204) 589-4745\*\*

**Seesaw**

## Entry/Exit:

AM Class: 8:50 - 11:25 am

PM Class: 12:50 - 3:25pm

At the start of your child's day, they can line up by the doors at the southeast corner (near the shed). We will say goodbye to our families here, and walk inside as a class. Pickup will be outside at the same spot.

## Literacy

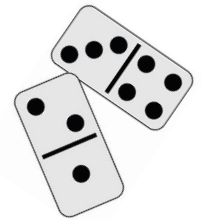
Literacy will be an important part of our day, every day. Students will engage in read alouds, small group alphabet and phonics centres, large group oral phonological awareness activities, and drawing/writing instruction at their own level. They will be assessed on their letter and sound knowledge several times throughout the year, so we can celebrate progress and plan next steps. Students may bring home learning activities to help support the learning we are doing in the classroom.



## Math

Math is a passion of mine, and will also be an important part of our day. Students will develop a solid foundation in number sense, and will work with numbers in a variety of ways (dot patterns, finger patterns, ten frames, number sentences, etc.). They will also engage in activities related to patterning, problem solving, counting, and other areas through whole group instruction, stories, songs, and games.

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## Learning through Play

I believe that learning should be fun! Our kindergarten classroom is full of books, hands-on learning materials, building tools, and other resources to ensure students are engaged and having fun while they learn. We are often working on art projects related to the themes we are studying, and proudly display these around the classroom and school. Music and movement is part of our day during circle time, movement breaks, and outdoor play.. Students also have independent play time every day, where they are able to build social skills as they explore their own interests.