



Important Dates:

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| Wednesday, September 1 | Your child will come only ONE day (you will receive a letter in June, indicating which day to visit). Students will meet the teacher, explore the room and become acquainted with the school. |
| OR Friday, September 3 | |
| Tuesday, September 7 | ALL children attend their regular class hours |

Days and Hours of Operation:

Weekdays with **NO class on Thursday.**
Morning Class: 8:50 AM to 11:51 AM
Afternoon Class: 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Supplies:

- Indoor shoes with Velcro (suitable for the gym). These shoes must remain at school
- Backpack that is large enough for snack, notes, library books, and artwork
- Lunch kit for snacks
- Change of clothes in a labelled bag

Our Vision of Kindergarten

Our school is a place where your child will:

- Develop feelings of comfort and confidence in a school setting
- Experience an environment that is enjoyable and secure
- Be encouraged to be an independent and responsible learner
- Develop a love of learning
- Come to know God through their experiences of seeing people valued and celebrated

At Good Shepherd school, we provide children with an introduction to elementary school that will give your child a positive start to formal education.

This is a unique time in your child’s life. For parents and children, it is a time of new beginnings. We believe that children need to be nurtured in an environment that is inviting and safe yet challenging. We also believe that our kindergarten program should be a place where your child is happy to be.

Children come to school with diverse backgrounds and skills. Through daily interaction with their peers, our students develop skills to enable them better to become self-reliant, responsible, caring and contributing members of society. We provide a variety of choices to challenge children in ways that they learn best. We offer a kindergarten program that will meet your child’s social, emotional and developmental needs.

Cost and Age Requirements for Kindergarten:

- For children who will be five years old by December 31, 2021
- A school fee for kindergarten year to be determined by June 2021
- Fieldtrip fees cover all field trips, buses and special activities (approximately \$130 per year – the actual amount will be given in the fall)
- All fees will be paid online through PowerSchool
- Alberta Education provides a big picture view of the kindergarten year and what your child will be learning.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslearning/kindergarten.html>

Preparing Your Child for School in September:

- Your child should have 10-12 hours of sleep
- Establish routines at home
- Instill a sense of responsibility at home; give your child tasks to be completed that are their responsibility
- Encourage your child's independence by letting them try to put on their own shoes, coat, clothes, etc.
- Ensure that your child has proper nutrition
- Read aloud to your child daily
- Allow plenty of opportunities for play
- Encourage outdoor play daily

Parental Involvement

You, the parents, are your child's first and most important teachers. Your involvement in the classroom and at home has a positive impact on your child's education. Parents are encouraged to be active participants. We will be sharing important information with you in the fall regarding a variety of ways that you can be involved at Good Shepherd.

Kindergarten Registration

To register, please visit:

<https://www.ecsd.net/page/1270/register-online-today>

For questions or additional information, please contact the Good Shepherd Elementary School office at:

780 444-4299

Priority is given to Catholic students within our school catchment area. If space permits, Catholic students out of our catchment and non-Catholic students will be accepted.

Transportation

Kindergarten busing is provided for \$35 per month. Please check with the office to ensure the proper form is filled out as soon as possible.

Other Information

There will be a Meet the Teacher night for parents in September. At this time, we will go over the Kindergarten program goals and objectives and how you can become involved during your child's school year. We are honoured and would like to thank you for allowing us to educate your child. We look forward to getting to know your child in September!

Anne Mazer, Kindergarten Teacher
Heather Pawliuk, Principal