

WELCOME TO SISTER ANNATA BROCKMAN OPEN HOUSE

FEBRUARY 4, 2021

ECSD

Welcome to Kindergarten

Important Information for Getting Started

Registration:

Registration form filled out online including Birth Certificate

Criteria for Entering Kindergarten:

Your child must already be five years old entering Kindergarten or, turning five years old by December 31 of 2021.

School Hours:

The current school hours are as follows:

Morning Class: M, T, W, F - 8:05 - 11:07 a.m.

Afternoon Class: M, T, W, F - 11:38 - 2:40 p.m.

*Please note these hours may change for next year.

School Contact Information:

Phone: 780-444-0250

Website: www.sisterannatabrockman.ecsd.net

Small Group Staggered Entry Days:

The first few days of school we will have *staggered entry days (small group days)*. This means that your child will attend school one of these dates, for a portion of the day and be part of a small group. Having staggered entry in Kindergarten helps make the transition from home to school a little bit easier for your child. It is a time for your child and the teacher to get to know each other in a small group setting before the class comes together as a whole. We will talk about daily routines, explore centers, learn where all the important places are in the school and have lots of fun. During small group day your child will come to school with you, but you will leave them to spend the day on their own, as we want your child to be encouraged to be independent at school right from the very start.

Specific information regarding staggered entry dates will be sent out closer to the dates.

Parent Involvement:

An important part of the Kindergarten Program is the involvement of parents. This way, the teacher and parent(s) can work together as partners in education. Involved parents report that they become more aware of what is happening in school, gain greater respect for teachers, become more positive toward education in general, and truly enjoy watching and joining in their child's growth through participating in the learning that occurs in the school setting. There are many ways in which you can become involved in your child's Kindergarten experience. Parent volunteers will be invited and encouraged to help in the classroom. Making materials at home or being a resource person are also great ways that you as a parent, can participate in your child's learning.

Field Trips:

There are several field trips in Kindergarten over the course of the school year. Field trips are always curriculum related. Occasionally, instead of leaving the school, we have visitors come into the class for an "in school field trip". These may include firefighters, police officers, puppeteers, magicians, the Edmonton Opera, etc. Some of these field trips will be combined to include both the morning and afternoon groups. On these days, the noon hour bussing will be cancelled. There will always be plenty of warning for these changes. Parent volunteers are very important on field trips. Please note that there are fees associated with the various fieldtrips.

School Supplies:

We are in the process of developing the school supply list. A detailed list will be available on the school website at the end of June. A list will also be included when you receive your information regarding start times and staggered entry dates. Please label all items clearly with your child's name.

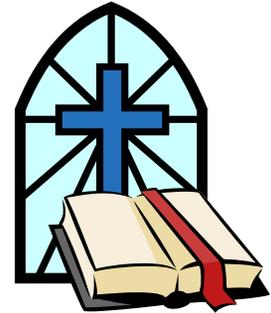
Indoor Footwear:

NOTE: If your child is unable to tie shoelaces, we strongly recommend that you get shoes with VELCRO fasteners. Our day moves at such a fast pace that struggling with laces can create a frustrating situation for your child. Parents are asked to practice tying laces with their child at home.



School Website:

<http://sisterannatabrockman.ecsd.net>



A Kindergarten Overview is available online at:

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

Kindergarten Religious Education in Separate Schools:

https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslearning/kindergarten_religious.html

Early Learning Program Information for Edmonton Catholic Schools:

<https://www.ecsd.net/page/1820/early-learning-program-information>

KINDERGARTEN AT-A-GLANCE

ALBERTA EDUCATION

EARLY LITERACY

A is for apple.

Your child will begin to understand that letters have sounds and that together those sounds form words and carry meaning. They will have fun sharing their ideas and experiences, forming letters, printing their names and playing with the new words they learn.

CITIZENSHIP & IDENTITY

I am unique and I belong!

Your child will develop a strong sense of identity, self-esteem and belonging by exploring their environment and sharing stories. They will see themselves as unique and discover the connections they have with others.

What do I see, smell and hear in my community?

How do I shape the environment? Kindergarten children explore materials, build structures and use technology to explore, investigate and describe their world. They see similarities and differences and become aware of how one action can cause something else.

ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Learning numbers and solving problems with patterns.

Your child will represent and describe quantities of things up to 10. They will understand and create repeating patterns and compare objects based on their attributes. They will solve problems involving numbers, patterns and objects, and connect numbers to their everyday life.

MATHEMATICS

PERSONAL & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

I know how to act and how to work and play with others.

Kindergarten children develop ways to express their feelings positively and to show respect and care for others. Trying new things and taking risks give them confidence in their ability to learn so they take responsibility for completing activities.

PHYSICAL SKILLS & WELL-BEING

A healthy body is part of a healthy life.

Your child will begin to develop a love for physical activity through movement, games and activities. They will use a variety of equipment and see that they have the power to make healthy food choices and play safely.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder!

Drama, art, music and dance give your child ways to express their ideas and feelings, to bring their imagination to life and to see their creativity in a variety of forms. Your child will respond to objects and art, explore music and dance, and develop confidence through drama.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

"In God's Image"

Use the existing special moments and experiences of young children and affirm their religious importance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Kindergarten Centres

Language Learning:

- Understand knowledge of words and their meaning
- Listen to, respond to and read stories and poems
- Use sounds, words and grammatical structures
- Dictate and write stories (drawing, copying, inventive spelling)
- Develop an awareness of print
- Understand proper book handling skills and develop reading readiness skills



Math and Science:

- Develop observation skills
- Develop learning strategies to acquire knowledge (classifying, comparing, sequencing, measuring, predicting)
- Develop understanding of cause and effect
- Develop concept of number, space and time
- Develop questioning and problem-solving skills

Spiritual:

- Within our Catholic school children are taught and encouraged to develop their own spirituality through discussion, stories, songs, celebrations and sharing experiences

Physical:

Opportunities are provided for the children to:

- Develop gross motor skills (running, climbing, jumping etc.)
- Develop perceptual motor skills/fine motor skills (printing, cutting, puzzles, play dough, Lego etc.)
- Develop body awareness

Social and Emotional:

- Develop positive relationships with many children and adults
- Co-operate and share with others
- Develop and use a problem-solving approach to deal with problems
- Develop skills required of a group member (listening, giving and receiving instructions, assisting and receiving assistance)
- Develop ability to cope with successes and failures
- Recognize, accept and express feelings appropriately



Creative:

Opportunities are provided for the children to:

- Produce original ideas and products and share them with others using their imagination
- Use creative thinking to generate new ideas and solve problems



Curriculum:

Alberta Education provides parents with an overview of the kindergarten program and expectations. Please visit the following website if you would like more information

<http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildlearning/gradeataglance/kindergarten.pdf>

How can I help my child get ready for Kindergarten?

There are many ways that you can make the transition to school go smoothly for your child:

- Talk often about Pre-K/Kindergarten and reassure your child that it will be an exciting experience.
- Help your child develop a sense of responsibility. Encourage your child to learn to look after his or her belongings. For example... dressing self, putting clothing away.

Here are some other ideas to consider:

- Read with your child daily and have conversations about the books read.
- Visit the public library.
- Explore the world that your child lives in. Talk about what your child sees. Point out signs, numbers and letters that he or she sees.
- Provide opportunities for your child to interact with other children to promote the development of social skills.
- Encourage your child to know personal information about him or herself (i.e. First and last name, phone number and address).
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes together.
- Celebrate together in the little accomplishments that occur each day.
- Pray together.
- Speak to your child in his or her first language to build a strong foundation for communication.

Getting Ready for September!

- Small group staggered entrance for the first 2 days. This allows your child to get to know a little about the classroom with a small group of students.
- First full day will be slightly different than older siblings.
- A letter will be sent to your home in August to advise you of your child's small group date and time!

