



Kindergarten & New Registrants Orientation

Escuela Canyon Meadows
International Spanish Academy

June 6, 2025



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Canyon Meadows School

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¡Bienvenidos a la Escuela Canyon Meadows!



Agenda



- Welcome to Escuela Canyon Meadows!
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- Early literacy and numeracy
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- Additional Resources

Story Time



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I am going to Escuela Canyon Meadows!

School Council



- Chair: Robin



Contact the School Council

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The Calgary Board of Education



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.

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

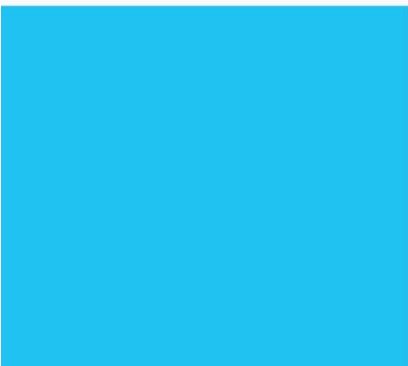
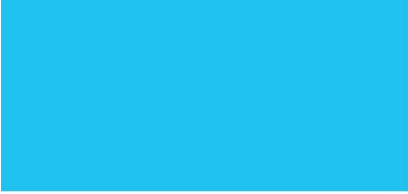
Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs)

Psychologists

Occupational Therapists (OTs)

Physiotherapists (PTs)

School Family Liaison (SFL)



Kindergarten: 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**

Kindergarten: Learning Through *PLAY*



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“Research shows that children who engage in complex forms of socio-dramatic play have greater language skills than non-players, better social skills, more empathy, more imagination, and more of the subtle capacity to know what others mean. They are less aggressive and show more self-control and higher levels of thinking”

~Miller & Almon

Early Literacy & Numeracy



Early Literacy: Spanish Oral Language Development



Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Build your child's independence by encouraging them to:



- dress themselves (zippers, buttons)
- 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



What does my child need for Kindergarten?



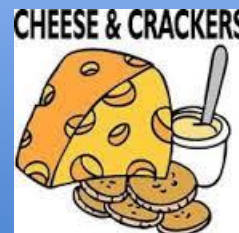
Running shoes that your child can put on and take off independently



What does my child need for Kindergarten?



Healthy Snacks ("Nut Aware" school)
Easy to Open and Eat!



What does my child need for Kindergarten?



A backpack that is large enough for an extra change of clothes, snack and a library book



What does my child need for Kindergarten?



Label everything with your child's name!



Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Read to your child every day:

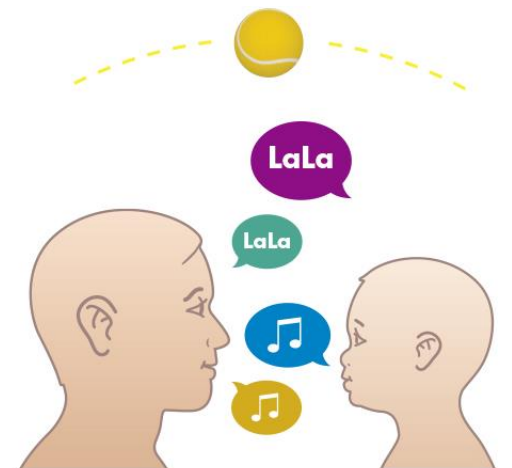
- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
- visit your community library (when possible)

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



The Bilingual Classroom



- Reflects the culture of the target language through student work, signage and routines
- Respects and promotes the diversity of cultural groups within the target language
- Promotes language skill acquisition and development
- Presents opportunities to learn and share information and experiences in multiple ways



Bilingual Instruction | K-5



- 50% English / 50% Spanish
- Math – 100% Spanish
- Interdisciplinary bilingual projects (Science, Social Studies, Health and Art)



English as an Additional Language (EAL)



- English language learners' language and academic development are supported through a wide range of programming options and personalized instructional strategies.
- Programming depends on students' backgrounds, grade levels, and language proficiency levels.

Residencies and School Wide Events



- Latin Dance
- Visual Arts & Literacy
- Indigenous Education
- In-Line Skating, Skiing, Lacrosse
- Celebrations of Learning
- And many more (i.e., field trips)



Important Times



Kindergarten

AM KINDERGARTEN
Monday – Thursday:
7:55 - 10:45 am

PM KINDERGARTEN
Monday – Thursday:
11:35 am- 2:25 pm

Alternating Fridays:
7:55 am-11:55 pm

Bussing - one way
(no mid day bus)

Gr 1 - 5

Monday – Thursday:
8:00 am – 2:30 pm
Recess break:
15 minutes
Lunch break:
36 minutes

Friday:
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bussing am and pm

First Days of Kindergarten & Gr 1-5



- First day of school for **Gr 1 to 5**
 - **Tuesday, September 2, 2025**



- First day of school for **Kindergarten**
 - **Wednesday, September 3, 2025**



- Friday, September 5 - **Kindergarten PM** attends
- Playpark Doors for entry and dismissal (Kindergarten)
- Kindergarten AM and PM class lists will be created for Monday, September 8

Important Dates

Canyon Meadows School Calendar



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CBE schools are closed on the days shaded grey.

August 27, 28, 29	Professional Learning/ Organizational Non-instruction days
September 1	Labour Day
September 2	First day of school for Grades 1 to 5
September 3	First day of school for Kindergarten
September 29	Student Learning Conferences Non-instruction day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 13	Thanksgiving Day
October 20	Non-instruction day, Calgary General Election
November 7	Last day of classes
November 8-12	Fall Break
November 13	Classes resume
November 28	Student Learning Conferences Non-instruction day
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 27	Professional Learning Non- instruction day
March 19	Last day of classes
March 20	Student Learning Conferences Non-instruction day
March 21-29	Spring Break
March 30	Classes resume
April 3	Good Friday
April 24	Maatoomsii Pookaiks, Professional Learning Non- instruction day
May 15	Professional Learning Non- instruction day
May 18	Victoria Day
June 26	Last day of school Early Dismissal
June 29, 30	Organizational Non-instruction days

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2025 – 2026 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR CANYON MEADOWS SCHOOL

August 2025	September 2025	October 2025
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Sept. 2, Nov. 27, March 19 – No Kindergarten
Sept. 3 – First day of school for Kindergarten
June 26 – System-wide Early Dismissal Day

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Kindergarten AM	7:55 – 10:45	AM Kindergarten	PM Kindergarten
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Posted on our school website:
[About Us/Calendar](#)

Transportation | Bussing



- Transportation pre-registration **deadline June 22, 2025**
- MyCBE / PowerSchool to register for bussing
- Congregated stops for Alternative Programs
- Proposed fees for 2025-2026
 - \$180 for one-way - Kindergarten
 - \$ 360 – Gr 1 to 5

Please see: [CBE Transportation Page](#)



Additional Resources



The Calgary Public Library- Top Tips for Kindergarten Readiness*:
[School Readiness | How to Prepare for Kindergarten - YouTube](#)



The Calgary Public Library- Kindergarten Booklist:
https://calgary.bibliocommons.com/list/share/393767397_calgarylibrary_kids/1859193931_books_to_get_ready_for_kindergarten?_ga=2.167944481.1601611572.1619640025-939542020.1599601380



I'm Ready for Screens- Parent Resource:
https://banff.ca/DocumentCenter/View/11018/ImReadyForScreens_English

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Questions

