



Kindergarten Orientation

2026-27



Calgary Board
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Agenda



- Learning through *PLAY*
- Enhanced supports in kindergarten
- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents
- Important dates & times
- Transportation
- First day of kindergarten

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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.

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**

Learning Through PLAY



Learning Through PLAY



“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



By the end of Kindergarten I can:

- Write my name with a capital letter
- Identify both upper and lower case letters by name
- Identify sounds at the beginning, middle and end of spoken words

- Compose quantities within 10
- Represent a quantity in different ways
- Predict the next elements in a repeating pattern



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)

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



Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Read to your child every day:

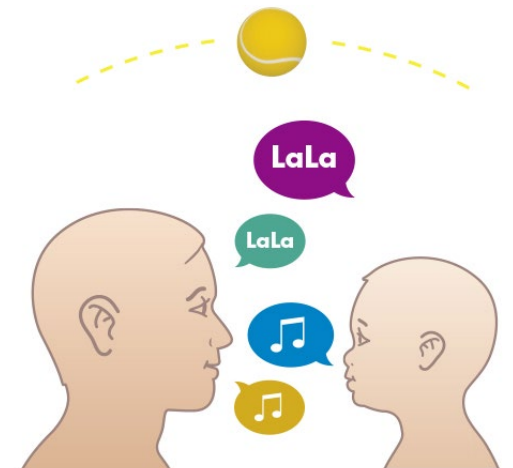
- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
-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



Important Times & Dates



School Hours (2026-27):

Monday-Thursday 8:00 – 10:46
Alternating Fridays 8:00 – 12:00



Refer to the calendar for Friday attendance!

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CBE schools are closed on the days shaded grey.

Month	Day	Event
Aug 28, 29, 30	Org/PD/Org days	
August 31	First day of school	
September 4	Labour Day	
September 22	PD day - No School	
September 29	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation(30th-in lieu)	
October 9	Thanksgiving Day	
October 20	PT Conferences-No School	
October 19,20	PT Conferences	
November 8	Last day of classes	
November 9	System PD day-No School	
November 10 - 14	Fall Break	
November 15	Classes resume	
November 24	PD day - No School	
December 8	PD day - No School	
December 22	Last day of classes	
Dec 25 - Jan 5	Winter Break	
January 8	Classes resume	
January 15	PD day - No School	

August 2023	September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024
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- Students are to meet the teacher at the Kindergarten (ramp) doors with their parent/caregiver
- Students are picked up at the Kindergarten doors(ramp) by a **known caregiver**, documented in PowerSchool as an emergency contact
- An adult caregiver must meet the bus, for students accessing this service



MyCBE / PowerSchool
 Pay fees or register for services or parent-teacher conferences

My CBE Account

To create an account, you will need your child's CBE ID number and use the email you provided upon registration. Subscribe to receive all emails from the school, using the same email we have on file:

https://calgary.schoolmessenger.com/cbe_subscribe

myCBE **PowerSchool**

Student and Parent Sign In

Welcome to the Calgary Board of Education's new MyCBE / PowerSchool Portal.

Students: Your username is your CBE Student ID and your password is your CBE network password. If you are new to CBE, ask your teacher or school staff for your CBE Student ID and initial password.

Parents/Guardians: Please sign in with your new MyCBE / PowerSchool Parent Account. Your previous My CBE Account and HomeLogic username/password will no longer work. See [below](#) to create a new Parent Account.

Username

Password

* **Password Manager Users:** You may experience issues saving this password to your password manager (i.e. LastPass). You may need to manually save the password instead of letting your password manager update it automatically.

Sign In

Welcome to MyCBE / PowerSchool

Use the icons below to register or pay for services. Use the navigation on the left to see more information about your student(s).

- BrightSpace by D2L** (Brightspace logo)
- my Fees** (Envelope with dollar sign icon)
- my Noon Supervision** (Briefcase with apple icon)
- my School Conferences** (Group of people icon)
- my Transportation** (Bus icon)
- my Waivers** (Clipboard with pencil icon)

Communication

Primary sources of information are through email and our [school website](#)

Whole-School Information:

Weekly email message sent every Sunday morning during the school year.
Info also posted to website.

Follow us on [Instagram](#) for updates and glimpses into life at Riverbend School! riverbend_cbe

Classroom Information:

You can expect regular updates on what students are learning from their teacher.

Your first point of contact is the classroom teacher.



Volunteering



- Partners in learning
- Opportunities in the classroom, field-trips, library help, special events, etc.
- CBE Police Security Clearance required ***BEFORE*** volunteering.
- Grandparents /extended family are welcome too!

Transportation | Bussing



- The bus-eligible area for Riverbend is limited. If you reside in the bus-eligible area and would like to access transportation, see below.
- Registration through MyCBE Account opened May 13.
- Deadline to be included in route planning for the fall is **June 14, 2026.**
- Kindergarten transportation is one-way only, for arrival at school. You will need to arrange pick up at 10:46 (Mon-Thurs.) Students may ride both ways on the Fridays that Kindergarten attends.
- More information can be found on the [CBE website](#).



First Days of Kindergarten



What does your child need?



Shoes

- Durable
- Able to put on/off independently
- Velcro
- Safe for physical education



Backpack

- Snack bag & water bottle
- Should fit a library book
- School work/folder



Too Small



Preschool



Small



Large

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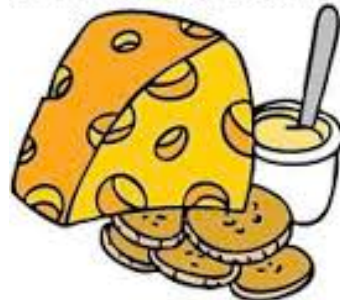


Snack

- Healthy *snacks*
- Non-spill water bottle (no juice)
- Nut-aware school
- Complete [Student Health Plan](#) form to report allergies & medical conditions



CHEESE & CRACKERS



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Nut Aware School



Students in this school are sensitive to:



Thanks | Please be aware. If you come in contact with these nuts, please wash your hands and all surfaces.

Change of Clothes



Accidents happen!

- Include a Ziploc with name & change of clothes in backpack



Everything Must be Labelled



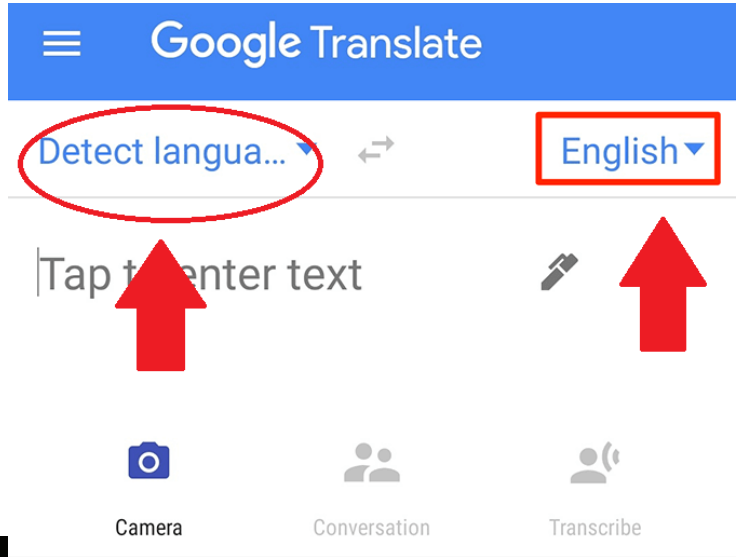
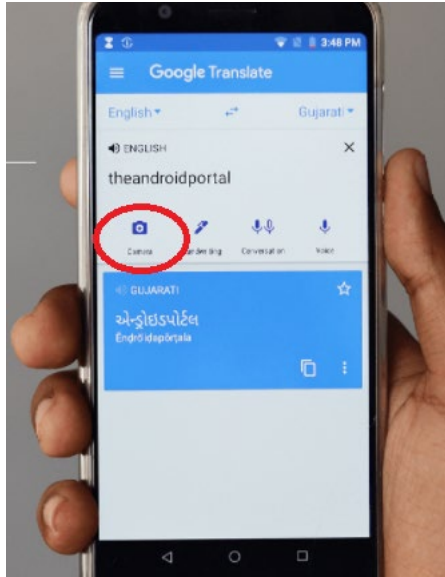


Google Translate on CBE Websites

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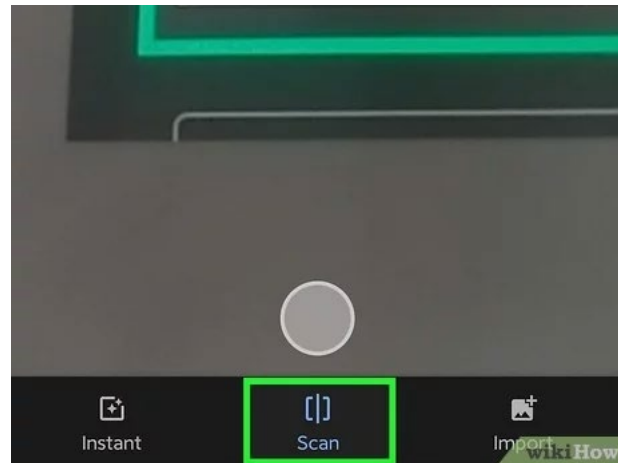
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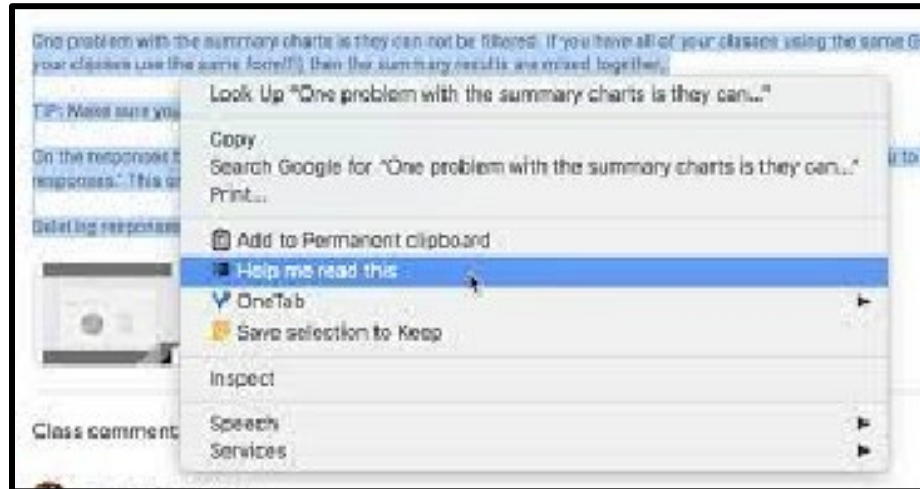
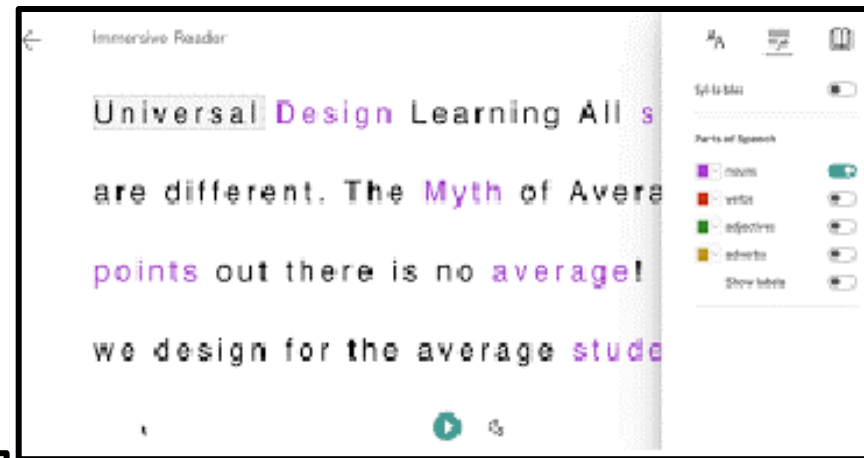
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Immersive Reader

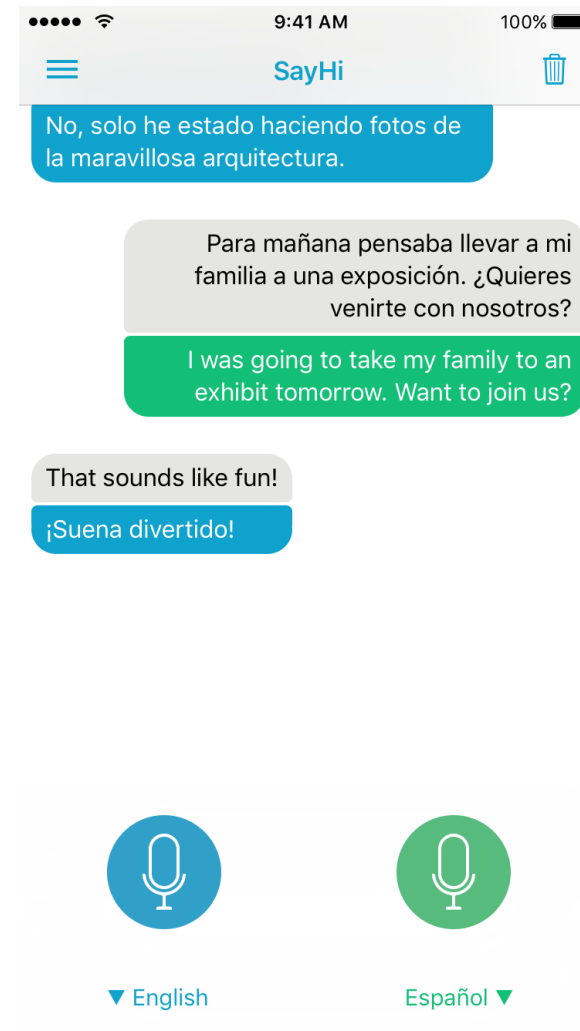
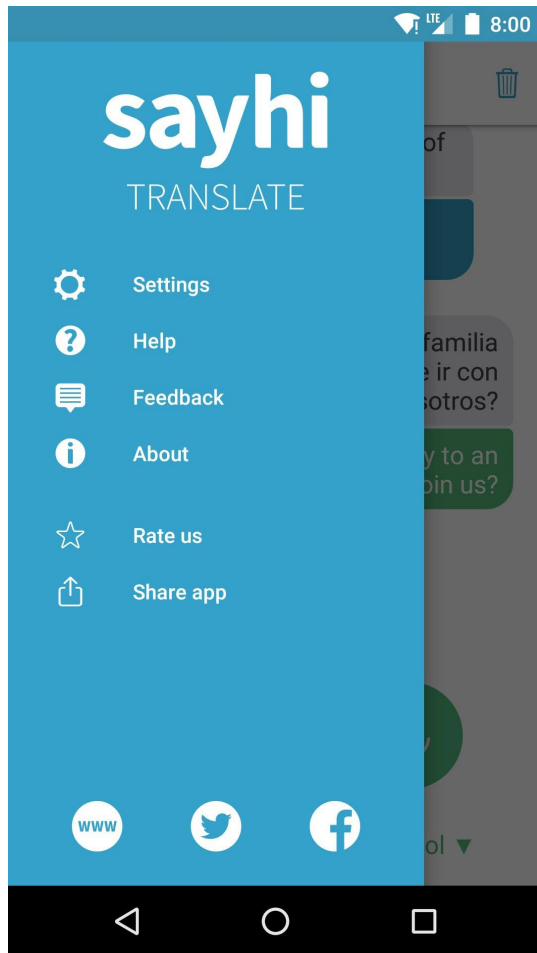


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SAY Hi App for Speaking Translation



Additional Resources



The Calgary Public Library- Top Tips for Kindergarten Readiness*:
<https://calgarylibrary.ca/library-news/kitchen-table-classroom-kindergarten-readiness/>



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?



Please reach out to us at:
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We are happy to answer any
questions you may have!

