Welcome & Information Letter for Kindergarten Parents 2024/2025

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten! Please read this letter carefully as it contains important information for you.

#### FIRST DAY OF CLASSES & Parent Orientation Day

KA - Tuesday/ Thursday Class - Tuesday, September 3 Last Name A-K - 8:45-11:30 Last Name L-Z - 12:15-3:00

KB - Monday/ Wednesday Class - Wednesday, September 4 Last Name A-K - 8:45-11:30 Last Name L-Z - 12:15-3:00

KC - Monday/ Wednesday Class - Wednesday, September 4 Last Name A-K - 8:45-11:30 Last Name L-Z - 12:15-3:00

Please line up with your child at the MARKED ENTRANCE 'K'

Please ensure you park in the Southeast parking lot.

On the first day of school, **you are required to stay with your child**. This will be an important step for a smooth transition into Kindergarten. You will be able to observe a shortened version of some of the activities that your child will participate in during a typical day. During the morning, parents will go to an **Orientation Meeting** with the Teachers. At the meeting, we will give you an overview of the Kindergarten program. We will also be filling our volunteer positions, learn how to sign up for School Cash Online and Police Clearance Checks and have lots of time to ask questions. *This information is invaluable to you as a parent and will enable you to better prepare your child for the year ahead.* 

#### (Please do NOT bring siblings)

<u>KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST</u> (to be brought on Orientation Day)						
	Indoor <b>running</b> shoes (with non-marking soles) to stay at school. NO		Change of Clothes (pants, underwear, socks, shirt) In a Large Ziploc Bag. Labeled with name			
	DRESS SHOES OR LACES. VELCRO ONLY. Labeled with name.		Water bottle - labeled with name			
	Full-Size sturdy backpack. Absolutely NO Wheels. Labeled with name		Lunch kit - labeled with name			
In addition you can choose to bring \$10 cash for all classroom supplies						
OR purchase the following items yourself: (Do not label. These are shared supplies)						
	12 pack <b>fat</b> Crayola Markers – No skinny, No extra colors		24 pack Crayola Wax Crayons – No larger packs			
	6 <u>large</u> glue sticks - Elmers		1 bottle white glue			
	4 <b>fat</b> pencils 24 pack Crayola pencil crayons – No larger packs		1 pair of blunt end scissors			
			1 pack multi-colour dry-erase markers			
	2 white erasers		2 boxes of Kleenex			
	1 box bandaids - regular size		1 clear colorless plastic duotang			

Please be sure your child's name is on all personal items such as footwear, mittens, hats, scarves, etc.

We are looking forward to working with your child this year and getting to know you – the parents. We hope that you will find this information helpful as you prepare to send your child to kindergarten in the fall. Please email your child's teacher or call the school if you have any questions.



# HCA Kindergarten Skills & Readiness Checklist

If you are wondering about things you could work on at home, here is a list of some basic kindergarten skills: reading books together, drawing, singing, moving to music, talking and asking questions, using details, practice listening to and following directions, reading, writing, colouring, creating, pretending, and sharing.

#### **Social Skills**

- Uses words to solve conflicts, uses manners
- Adjusts to new situations /attempts new tasks
- Interacts appropriately with adults and peers
- Respects the rights, property and feelings of others, follows simple safety rules
- Works cooperatively (listens to others, shares and takes turns) and follows instructions
- Demonstrates increasing self-control
- Takes responsibility for own belongings (lunch, coat, etc.), able to dress self, clean up

#### Language Skills

- Talks in sentences and uses two or more ideas
- Follows one and two step oral directions
- Uses descriptive language (details)
- Pretends, creates and makes up songs or stories/
   Tells or retells stories and experiences
- Asks and answers questions with clarity
- Says full name, address and phone number

## **Reading Skills**

- Looks at books or pictures on their own
- Pretends to read books by reading the pictures, puts events of a story in order
- Tries to read in everyday situations (signs, labels, etc.) and relates stories to experiences
- Recognizes rhyming words, common words in print, many uppercase and lowercase letters
- Recognizes some letter sounds

### **Motor Skills**

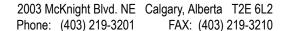
- Puts puzzles together, parts of a toy together
- Cuts with scissors, uses glue sticks
- Holds and uses crayons, markers, pens and pencils correctly (3 finger grip)
- Builds using blocks, tries to tie own shoes
- Bounces, kicks, throws and catches a ball
- Enjoys outdoor activities, like running, jumping and climbing
- Moves to a beat, follows actions in a song

### **Writing Skills**

- Tries to write, scribble or draw with increasing detail (a house, a person, a situation)
- Asks you to write words or notes to others
- Attempts to write letters, shapes, own name and recognizes own name in print

### **Mathematics Concepts**

- Compares the size of groups of objects using language such as "more," "less"
- Arranges objects in size order (big to small, or small to big), and colour groups
- Understands concepts some, none and all and more than and less than
- Identifies and draws a square, circle, rectangle and triangle
- Correctly counts four to ten objects
- Recognizes and counts numbers 1 10



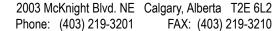




The following is a list of what each student needs to bring to class on <u>the</u> <u>first day of school</u>. Please package supplies according to the list below (a simplified shopping list is on the back of this page). Please be sure that your child's name is on all supplies & uniform pieces.

FIRST DAY			
Inside a pencil case please send:	Inside a large ziploc bag please send:	Inside their backpack please send:	
1 box of wax crayons (24) (out of the box)	1 pencil sharpener	1 pair of Velcro runners for Phys. Ed. class (with non-marking soles, to be left at school)	
1 box of 12 markers (out of the box)	6 white erasers		
1 box of pencil crayons (out of the box)	30 HB Pencils (sharpened)	1 Paint shirt– labeled (large enough to fit over uniform)	
Inside a pencil case please send:	1 box of 12 markers	2 boxes of Kleenex	
2 sharpened HB pencils	7 glue sticks	1 small container (pump) hand sanitizer	
1 white eraser	5 dry erase markers	1 spill proof water bottle (to stay on their desk)	
1 glue stick	1 box of wax crayons (24)	Headphones for computer (can be dollar store variety)	
	1 pair of blunt scissors	1 Hilroy Exercise book-72 page green ½ plain-½ interlined	
Remember your child needs black uniform shoes, gym shoes and outdoor shoes.	If your child wears shoes with laces please make sure they know how to tie them.	Please do not purchase wheeled backpacks as they will not fit in our cubbies.	

FULL YEAR					
2 boxes of wax crayons (24 pack)	2 boxes of Kleenex				
2 boxes of markers (12 pack)	1 spill-proof water bottle				
1 box pencil crayons	1 pair of headphones (for computer class)				
30 HB pencils	1 large Ziploc bag				
6 white erasers	5 thin dry erase markers				
2 pairs of blunt scissors	2 pencil cases				
8 glue sticks	1 Hilroy Exercise book-72 page green ½ plain-½ interlined				
1 pencil sharpener					
1 pair of Velcro running shoes (with non-marking soles, for Phys. Ed. class, to be left at school)					
1 pair of black dress shoes (for indoor wear, to be left at school)					
1 Paint shirt- labeled (large enough to fit over uniform)					

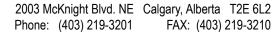






The following is a list of what each student needs to bring to class <u>on the first day</u> <u>of school</u>. Please be sure that your child's name is on all supplies & uniform pieces. We ask that you help your child be organized from the very first day by taking all supplies out of the packaging and placing them in the correct cases.

FIRST DAY		Inside their backpack please send:
Inside a pencil case (plastic box style) please send:		1 pair of Velcro runners for Phys. Ed. class (with non-marking soles, to be left at school)
1 box of wax crayons (24) (out of the box)		1 Yellow duotang
1 box of 12 markers		1 Elmer's White Glue Bottle
1 box of 24 pencil crayons (out of the box)		1 dry erase marker
		1 30 cm ruler
Inside a pencil case (plastic box style) please send:		1 sturdy, reusable water bottle with connected lid
2 sharpened HB pencils		1 half interlined, half blank exercise book (Hilroy green)
1 white eraser		4 boxes of Kleenex
1 pair of scissors		1 small container (pump) hand sanitizer
1 large glue stick		Hilroy Studio Scrapbook (20 sheets 35.6 cm x 27.9 cm)
1 metal pencil sharpener with enclosed case		5 Large Ziploc Freezer Bags
1 yellow highlighter		Inside a large ziploc bag please send:
1 red pen		40 HB Pencils (sharpened)
1 blue pen		4 large white erasers
Please do not purchase wheeled		4 large glue sticks
backpacks as they will not fit in our cubbies.		1 each: blue pen and red pen
		4 dry erase markers



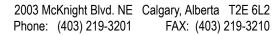




The following is a list of what each student needs to bring to class on the first day of school.

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1 pair of <b>ALL BLACK</b> shoes (no other colours showing as mentioned on the uniform list)		1 pair of <b>running shoes</b> for PhysEd class (with non-marking soles, to be left at school)			
3 fine point black Sharpie markers		7 PAPER duotangs (the cheapest with prongs in these specific colou			ese specific colours)
3 EXTRA fine point black Sharpie markers		Red		Green	
1 pack of 24 <b>Crayola</b> fine point markers		Orange		navy Blue	
1 package of 24 <b>Crayola</b> pencil crayons		Yellow		Black	
4 fine tipped mixed-colour whiteboard markers (Expo is best)		Purple		white	
20 pencils - HB orange– no fancy pencils please!		lighter/sky blue			
4 red pens for marking		2 PLASTIC duotangs			
4 yellow highlighters		clear			
4 white erasers		another colour of your choice			
4 glue sticks ("UHU"-40g)					
1 Hard plastic pencil box/case (5 1/2 X 8 1/2")	1, 2-pocket folder (NO prongs, just 2 pockets)		pales		
1 sharp pair of scissors		Individual earbuds (good quality please)			
1 metric ruler (30cm - with cm/mm & inch markings)		1 yellow Hilroy exercise book (1/2 plain & 1/2 ruled)		Ao Cc	
2 small handheld pencil sharpeners (for inside student's desk - Staedtler brand is best!)	1 container (pump) hand sanitizer		Exercise BOOK CAHIER D'EXERCICES KKMM HAZIMETER Vy. Zz		
		3 boxes of kleenex			-

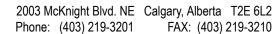






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ABEL and send to School:	1 1 inch (1") Binder (3 ring; no fancy zippers or covers)			
2 LARGE UHU glue sticks (40 g) ← other brands don't last	1 package of subject dividers with tabs (for binder)			
1 package of 0.7 mm mechanical pencils OR 20 wooden pencils	3 boxes of Kleenex			
1 package of 0.7 mm mechanical pencil lead refills OR a pencil sharpener with container	7 PLASTIC duotangs (with prongs in these specific colours)			
1 blue pen	Red			
1 red pen	Orange Orange			
1 fine point black Sharpie marker	Yellow			
1-4 pack of highlighters (multi-colored)	Green			
4 white erasers	Blue			
1 pack of 24 Crayola fine point markers	Black			
1 pack of 24 Crayola pencil crayons	Purple / a different available colour			
1 bottle of hand sanitizer with a pump	Phys Ed.			
1 pair of scissors (not safety scissors)	1 pair of athletic shoes for gym (not			
1 ruler (30 cm with mm and cm markings)	skate shoes)			
1 pair of earbuds (to use with Chromebooks)	1 old t-shirt with initials on the tag or			
2 fabric pencil cases (with zippers)	collar (will be repurposed - larger sized is better)			
1 pair of ALL BLACK shoes (no other colours showing as mentioned on the uniform list)				



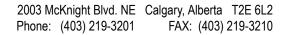




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12 duotangs	PE clothes - pair of shorts, T-shirt, shorts, and a pair of running shoes
1 - 2 pocket, 3 prong duo tang (any colour) for French	1 NIV Bible (provided by the school in gr. 3. If lost or destroyed a new one must be purchased from the school)
3 packages of 5-6 binder subject dividers (plastic with pockets preferred)	6 Hilroy exercise books (32 pages, 8 1/2 X 11" with stapled pages, not coiled or perforated)
3 blue pens	2 red pens
2 packages of loose leaf paper (approx. 200 sheets/package)	6 white erasers
2 box of Kleenex	2 highlighters (any colour)
1 package of washable markers—thin	2 pencil cases
1 package of 24 pencil crayons	2 large ziploc bags
1 small bottle of white glue	2 - 3 ring binders
3 glue sticks	1 pair of scissors
30 pencils	1 - 30 cm metric ruler
1 pencil sharpener (screw cap only)	2 thin black Sharpie permanent marker







# Bring these supplies **LABELLED** with your child's name **on the first day of school**:

9 PLASTIC duo tangs (with prongs in a variety of colours (Sold individually at Staples - the paper ones don't last)	1 package of Hilroy Exercise books, 7 mm ruled with 3 hole punch, 10 7/8" x 8 3/8" 80 pages, 3/pack (must be these, no coils)
1, 2 inch (2") Binder (3 ring; no fancy zippers or covers)	1 pack of 24 Crayola pencil crayons
1 package of 5 subject dividers with tabs (for binder)	1 pair of scissors (not safety scissors)
2 packages of loose leaf paper (approx. 200 sheets/ package)	1 ruler (30 cm with mm and cm markings)
1 package graph paper (0.6 cm grid or 1/4" grid)	1 pencil sharpener with cover
1 student dictionary and thesaurus (Webster's, Gage or Oxford)	2 thin black Sharpie markers
2 fabric pencil cases (with zippers)	4 white board markers
1 pack of 24 Crayola fine point markers	1 old sock or whiteboard eraser
24 pencils (yellow HB)	1 pair of earbuds (to use with Chromebooks)
6 blue pens	3 large Ziploc bags
4 red pens	3 boxes of Kleenex
1- 4 pack of highlighters (multi-colored)	Phys Ed.
2 LARGE UHU glue sticks (40 g) ← other brands don't last	1 pair of athletic shoes for Phys. Ed. (not skate shoes or sneakers)
6 white erasers	gym strip (T-shirt and long shorts)
1 pair of ALL-BLACK shoes (including the soles) - NO CROCS	