



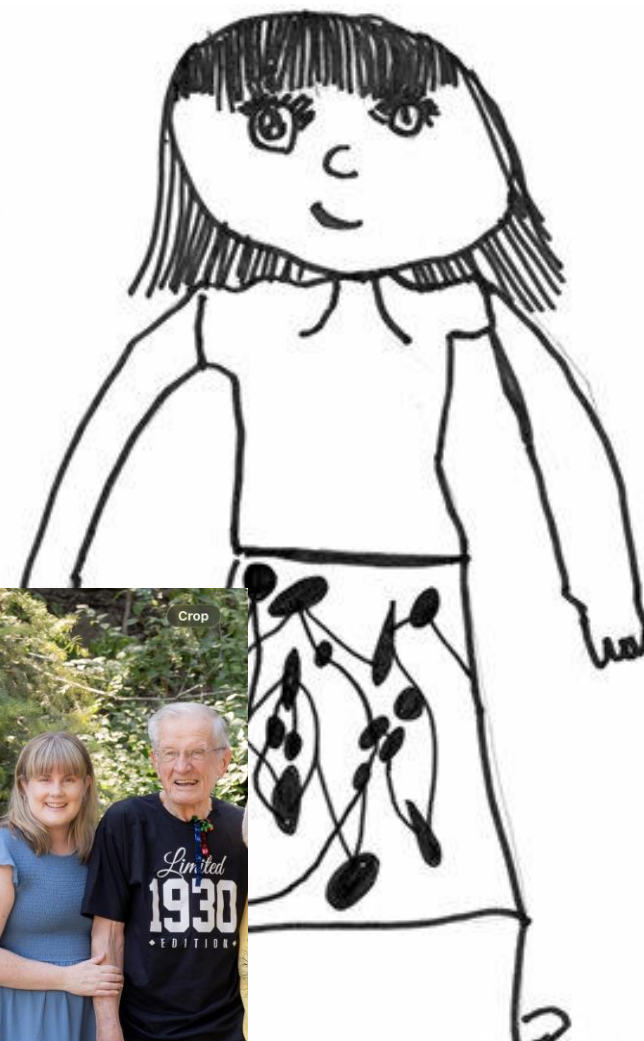
Kindergarten Orientation

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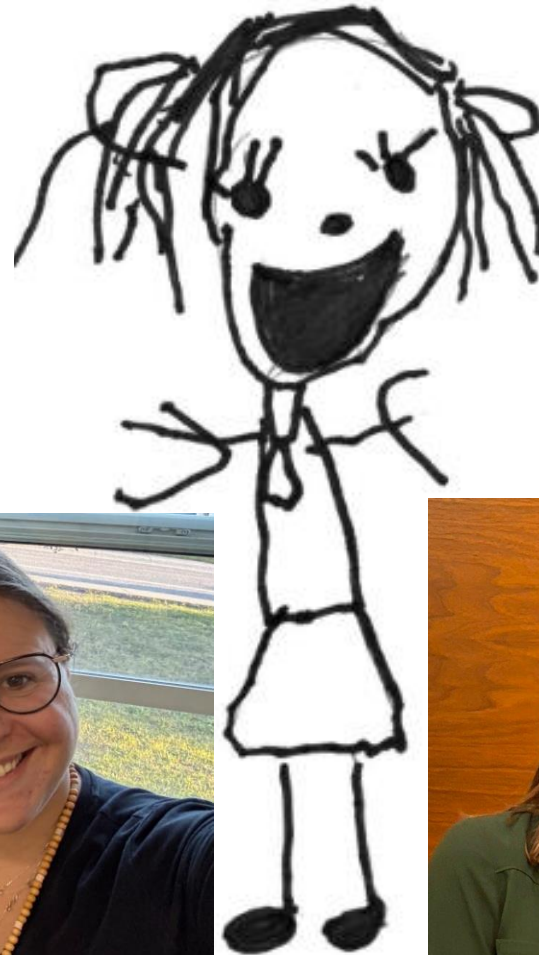
Meet our Team



Meet our Team – Can you
guess the adult?



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Agenda



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

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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



“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



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

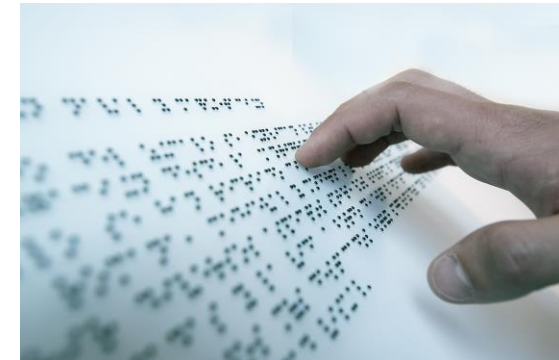


Getting Ready for Kindergarten



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)

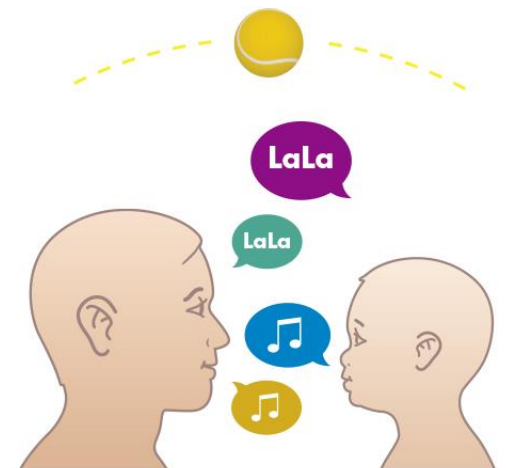


Getting Ready for Kindergarten



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



Bell schedule Kindergarten AM

Monday –Thursday
8:52-11:43

Friday
8:52-12:57

Bell schedule Kindergarten PM

Monday –Thursday
12:36-3:27

Friday
8:52-12:57



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CBE schools are closed on the days shaded grey.

August 26, 27, 28	Non-Instruction Days
August 29	Classroom Sneak-A-Peek
August 31	First Day of School
September 1, 2	Kindergarten Staggered Entry
September 7	Labour Day
September 17	Grade Team Information Night
September 25	Non-Instruction Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 12	Thanksgiving Day
October 19	Non-Instruction Day
November 10	Last Day of Classes
November 11-15	Fall Break
November 16	Classes Resume
November 28	No School for Kindergarten
November 26, 27	Student Learning Conferences
November 27	Non-Instruction Day K-5 Conferences
December 18	Last Day of Classes
Dec 19 - Jan 3	Winter Break
January 4	Classes Resume
January 7	NY French Open House
January 21	No School for Kindergarten
January 29	Non-Instruction Day
January 29	Term 1 Ends
February 1	Term 2 Begins
February 11, 12	Teachers' Convention
February 15	Family Day
February 19	K-5 Learning Showcase
February 23	Report Cards Visible to Parents
February 26	Non-Instruction Day
March 18	Last Day of Classes
March 19	No School for Kindergarten
March 18, 19	Student Learning Conferences
March 19	Non-Instruction Day K-5 Conferences
March 20 - 29	Spring Break
March 30	Classes resume
April 30	Midseason/Poolakis Non-Instruction Day
May 20	No School for Kindergarten
May 21	Non-Instruction Day
May 24	Victoria Day
June 9	Kindergarten Orientation Online
June 17	K-5 Learning Showcase
June 24	Report Cards Visible to Parents
June 25	Last day of Classes
June 28	Appeals Day AM
June 29	Non-Instructional Day

2026 – 2027 HVS INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

August 2026	September 2026	October 2026
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Bell Schedule Grades 1 – 5 Monday – Thursday 8:52am – 3:27 Friday 8:52am – 12:57	Bell Schedule Kinder AM Monday – Thursday 8:52am -11:43 am Friday 8:52 – 12:57	Bell Schedule Kinder PM Monday – Thursday 12:36 – 3:27pm Friday 8:52 – 12:57



AM/PM
Alternative
Fridays

No Kindergarten
Days

Non-Instructional
Days

Student Learning
Conferences

Transportation | Bussing



2026-2027 Transportation Registration Now Underway

Registration for the 2026-27 school year began on May 13. Registrations must be received by June 14, 2026 to ensure students are added to routes for the first day of classes next year. Late registration will continue to be received but will result in a delay in access to the bus route.

•[2026-2027 Transportation Service Levels and Proposed Fees](#)

•Register using [MyCBE](#)

Transportation is an annual service that can be paid monthly. Families are not able to register for only certain months ahead of time. Once registered, service continues until a cancellation is submitted, even if the student doesn't ride the bus every day.

<https://cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/general-transportation.aspx>



Transportation | Examples



AM Kindergarten



8:52am – Start of Kindergarten - Bussing Available

11:43am – End of Kindergarten – No Bussing Available



PM Kindergarten

12:36 pm – Start of Kindergarten – No Bussing Available

3:27pm –End of Kindergarten – Bussing Available

English Language Learners



About one-quarter of our students are identified as English as Additional Language Learners (EAL). Our schools offer many different kinds of programming and supports to assist learners to develop English skills while also advancing academically.

- [Keep the Home Language Alive](#)
- [Why English Language Development?](#)
- See [Learning English for School](#)

Additional Supports

Programming for English as Additional Language Learners is based on their ESL coding and their language assessment which results in a benchmark level. There are also other services in the CBE which provide help and support for immigrant families. These include:

- [Diversity and Learning Support Advisors](#)
- [Interpretation Services](#)

<https://cbe.ab.ca/programs/supports-for-students/Pages/English-as-Additional-Language-Learners.aspx>

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May 25-29 | Next Year Bell Times Adjustment, School Bus Registration, Dress for the Weather...

• WEEKLY UPDATE



May 18-22 | Volunteer Tea RSVP by May 19 Long Weekend Joy

• WEEKLY UPDATE



Apply Now for Yellow School Bus Service for 2026-2027



Hidden Valley Volunteer Tea

May 11-15 | School Council Meeting, Volunteer Tea, Upcoming Dates

Please join us for a celebration with entertainment and refreshments

• WEEKLY UPDATE



May 4-8 | Calendar Full of Events, Bus Driver Appreciation Day, Hats on for Mental Health!...

• WEEKLY UPDATE

Volunteer With Us

We welcome volunteers in the classroom, on field trips and with certain tasks at school or at home. Certain activities or field trips would not be possible without the active participation of our volunteers. Contact us about ways you can volunteer with our school.

Volunteering at Hidden Valley School

Volunteers are valued members of our community in their support of our students and teachers.

Some of the many ways volunteers support our school include:

- Listening to children read
- Creating classroom materials
- Providing special programs
- Assisting with projects and field trips
- Providing one-on-one support
- Assisting in the library
- Participating in School Council events



HVS Safety Vest



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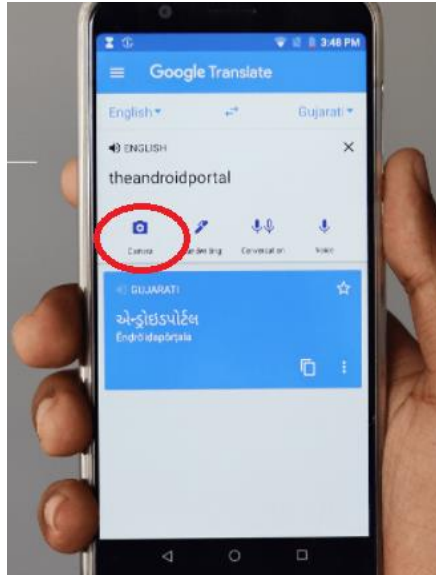
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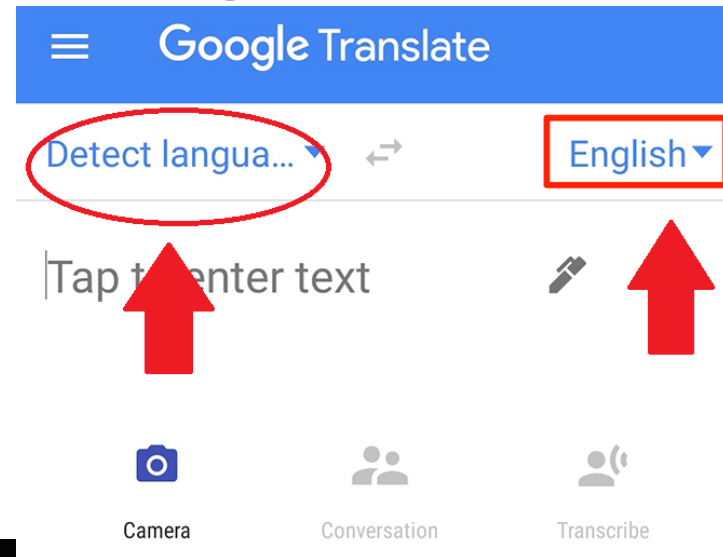
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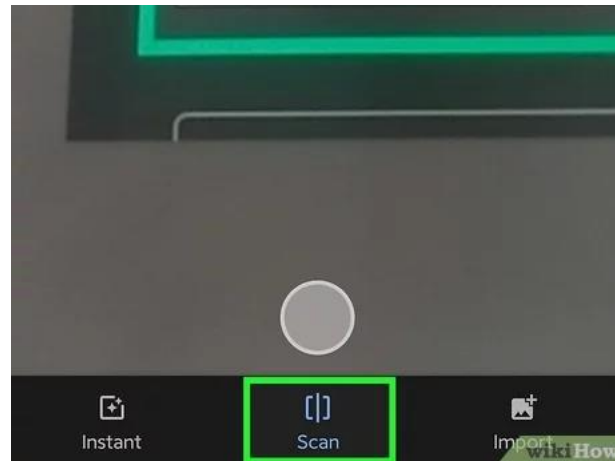


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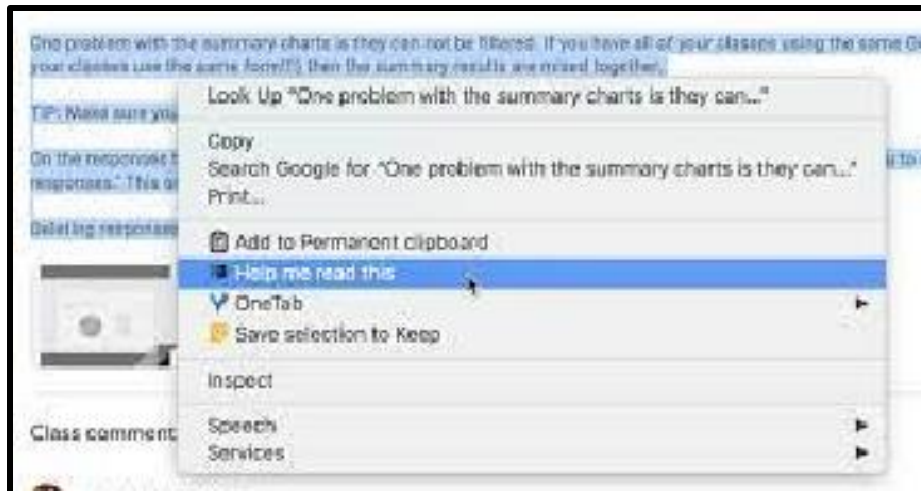
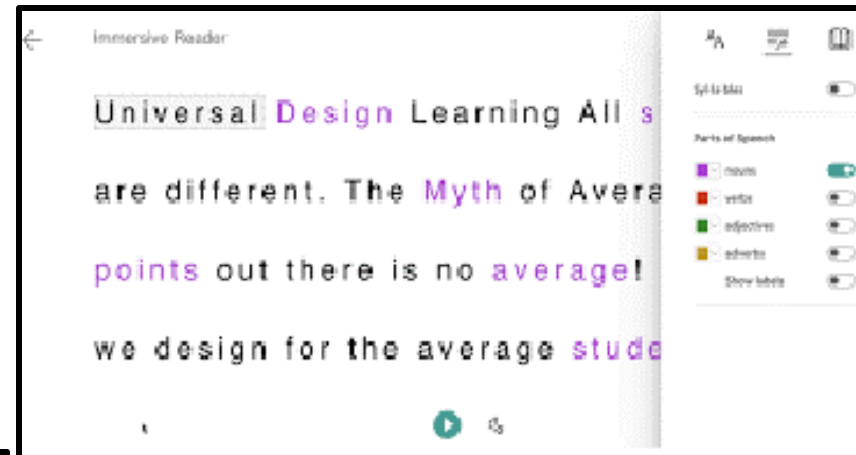
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Immersive Reader



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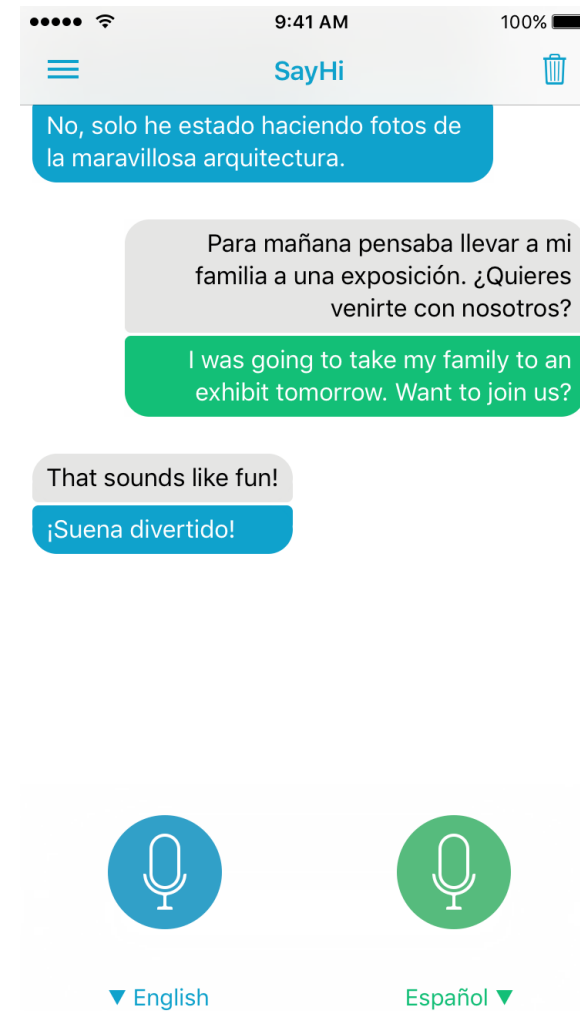
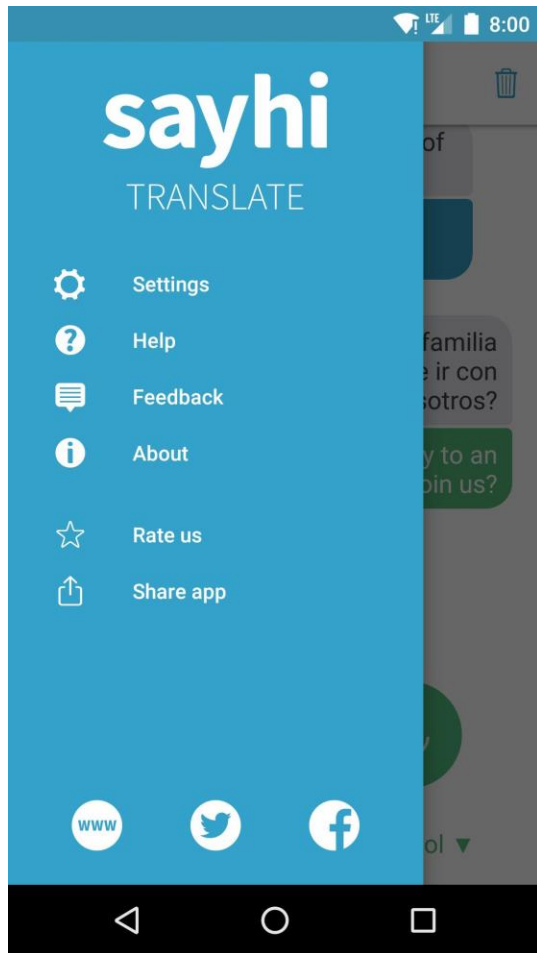
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SAY Hi App for Speaking Translation



26-27 Kindergarten Bell Times



DRAFT – Approved Version to be Shared Soon

Kindergarten Timetable		
	Monday - Thursday	Alternate Fridays (see below)
Morning (AM) Kindergarten	8:52 AM - 11:43 AM	8:52 AM - 12:57 PM
Kindergarten Timetable		
	Monday - Thursday	Alternate Fridays (see below)
Afternoon (PM) Kindergarten	12:36 PM – 3:27 PM	8:52 AM - 12:57 PM



First Days of Kindergarten



Staggered Entry

Staggered entry for kindergarten helps children adjust gradually to the start of the school year, receive individual attention, reduce anxiety, build relationships, manage logistics, and adapt to routines. This means your child's first day of school will be

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Monday, August 31

OR

Tuesday, September 1

OR

Wednesday, September 2.

First Full Day

- **Your child will attend school, for their first official day, on Thursday, September 3rd.** To help your child get off to a great start in kindergarten, please ensure they come to school each day with:
 - A backpack (large enough to hold a library book, water bottle and snack items)
 - A change of clothes (including underwear and socks, labeled)
 - Indoor shoes (non-marking and easy for your child to put on independently)
 - Comfortable clothing suitable for daily physical activity and outdoor play
 - A reusable water bottle (labeled)
 - Healthy snacks for the day
- **Please label all items clearly, including shoes, clothing, and water bottles.**

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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We cannot wait to welcome your children to Hidden Valley School!



Questions

