



September 2018 Kinderchatter

Psalm 139:14 "I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made..."

Welcome to Kindergarten at Calgary Christian School! This month we will be focusing on the topic of "God Made Me Special". We want each student to see themselves as gifted individuals created in the image of God. This month will be a time to build community, establish routines and explore all that Kindergarten has to offer. I am thankful for this opportunity to teach and for the wonderful staff and the families that make up the Calgary Christian School community. God has many exciting things in store for us this year. With Him anything is possible!

*Our "**Kinderchatter**" newsletter will be posted on my e-teacher page at the beginning of each month with pertinent information for the upcoming month. This will be the main source of communication about classroom needs, important dates and give an overview of the theme for the month.

* Our "**Home Folder**" will bring home daily work, school wide notices, art projects, etc. Please check your child's Home Folder after each school day and return the envelope in your child's backpack every school day.



Communicating with one another:

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns!

I can best be reached by e-mail at: nicole.bruins@pallisersd.ab.ca or call me at the school at 403-242-2896.

Room Parent

I am looking for a "room parent" for this year. This person would help me out with the communication between home & school and also create and facilitate the volunteer schedule. If you are interested in helping me out in this capacity, please email me!

Volunteering:

Next week I will send home a *Volunteer Availability Form*. Please fill it out and return it to school as soon as possible. **Volunteering will start in October**, which gives the children and myself adequate time to become familiar with each other and with the routines of the class. A volunteer schedule will be made and posted on my e-teacher page. (I will send an email notifying you when this schedule is available.) All classroom volunteers need a current police check, so please start this process as soon as possible - contact the office for more information. If you are unable to make the day you are scheduled for I kindly ask that you **find a**

replacement, as we often have activities planned that we are unable to do without your presence. Your time in the classroom is so appreciated! ☺ Thank-you!

Eating at school:

At school, your child will be given the opportunity to **eat two times** a day - a snack in the morning at 10:15am and lunch at 12:30pm. Your child is given 15 minutes to eat their snacks and 25 minutes to eat their lunch. They will learn to eat more quickly as the days pass so please do not be too concerned if they don't eat their entire lunch. *Please be advised that Calgary Christian School is a **nut-free school**.*
* We do have a **microwave**, and if you'd like to send food that needs to be heated up I can help the children with this!

Absences/Lates:

If you know you will be away in advance, please send me an email or write me a note and call the office to let them know. If your child is sick or they will not be coming into school that day- please call the office so we do not worry. There is a link on the CCS website where you can enter when your child is late or absent. If you are late, please go to the office right away to get a late slip and then you may send your child to class.

Birthdays:

Birthdays are very exciting times for your child. If you would like to send in a birthday treat to share with the class- please feel free to do so as long as: there is enough for the whole class (17 students) and it is nut free.

*If you'd like to invite students in the class to your child's birthday party, please hand them to me directly. I will place them in the appropriate **Take Home Envelope**. Please don't have your child hand them out, as some children may feel left out.

Sharing:

Sharing is a big part of Kindergarten; we encourage sharing so that your child is comfortable speaking in front of his/her peers and so that he/she has time to practice answering questions. Your child is allowed to bring something in to share with the class that is interesting to them or related to the theme of the month. Our sharing will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. This is an excellent opportunity for the class to learn about each other! *Boys* are welcome to bring in something to share on *Mondays*. *Girls* can bring something to share on *Wednesdays*.

Homework:

Your child will bring home the September Homework Package on Monday, September 10th. The intent behind the homework activities is to improve your child's fine & gross motor capacity as well as reinforce the concepts being learned at school. We have tried to create activities that are fun and engaging for both you and your child; however, we never want the homework activities to become punitive. Please try to complete as many of the activities as possible, have your child colour in the squares as the activities are completed, and return the Homework Package to school on Monday, October 1st.

Classroom Helper

Your child will take turns being the "Citizen of the Day" in class! His/her responsibilities include: being the line leader, helping others if they need help, passing things out etc. The students love the opportunity to show leadership in the classroom! ☺

Literacy:

Our Literacy program will begin with the letter P and we will be starting to write in our classroom journals! We will be sending home a letter sheet each week focussing on a different letter. Please keep these sheets and store them in a binder at home in order to *review* the literacy lessons covered in class (which includes sounds, letter formation and sight recognition of the letters covered).

Library:

Students will travel to the library where our librarians Mrs. Bosgra & Mrs. Thiessen will read them a story and allow them to take out a picture book. Your child may borrow this book for the week until their next Library time. Your child's Library slot is on Wednesday mornings.

Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic Canada offers books for sale at very reasonable prices. New book order forms will be sent home at the start of each new month. There will be a "return by" date stamped on the front to let you know when orders are due back to school, *if* you choose to purchase. *THIS PROGRAM IS TOTALLY OPTIONAL!*

Important Dates:

September 3rd - Labour Day, NO SCHOOL

September 5th/7th - Staggered Entry Days

September 6th - Back to School Social (weather dependent),
5:30-7:00pm

September 14th - NO SCHOOL this Friday for KB

September 19th - Picture Day

September 21st - CCES Hike Day

September 28th - NO SCHOOL this Friday for KB

I pray that this new school year is a blessing for you and your child.
Please do not hesitate to come and talk with me if have any questions.

Blessings to you and your family,

Nicole Bruins