

Florence MacDougall Community School



FMCS Kindergarten Program

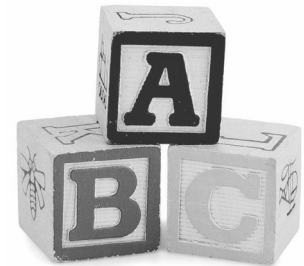
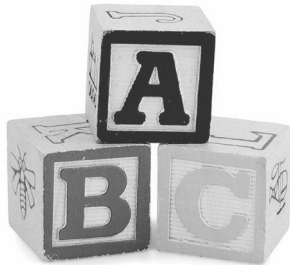
PARENT HANDBOOK

2020/2021

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Friendship, Manners, Caring & Safety

A. What is Kindergarten?

It is a place where children will experience growth, not only physically but also culturally, socially, intellectually, and emotionally. It is a place where a program of activities is designed to meet the needs and desires of young children at their level of maturity.

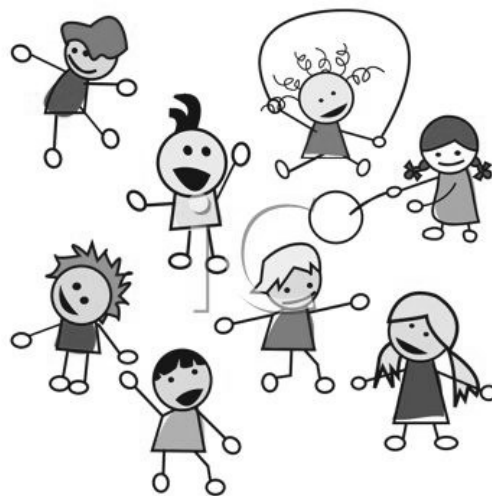
B. Eligibility

Parents **MUST** present a birth certificate in order to register their child for kindergarten. Children qualifying for Kindergarten **must turn 5 years old BEFORE December 31, 2020.**

*Early entry is possible if your child is presenting with severe language and/or medical needs. However, please be aware that the provincial qualifications for early entry are changing to more stringent parameters. **Assessments must be submitted prior to December 1 for the 2020/2021 school year.** If you believe your child may qualify for early entry, please contact Donna Kniel (donnak@fvsd.ab.ca) at the school for more information. **On reserve students** may qualify for funding through Jordan's Principle (<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1568396042341/1568396159824>).*

C. Activities Included in the Kindergarten Program

- ▶ Whole Group Activities
- ▶ Centers
 - Language Arts
 - Math
 - Art & Science
 - Dramatic Play
- ▶ Writing
- ▶ Recess
- ▶ Read Alouds (story time)
- ▶ Physical Education



D. Supplies

Please mark **ONLY** the school bag and running shoes with your child's name. All other supplies will be shared within the classroom.

- Backpack
- Running Shoes for indoor wear
- 1 pkg. of large Ziploc bags
- 1 pkg. of small Ziploc bags
- 6 large glue sticks (preferably Elmers)
- 1 pair scissors

The school will provide each classroom with crayons. *Please make sure to label your child's backpack, indoor and outdoor footwear.*



E. School Council

All parents who have children registered in FMCS are welcome to attend School Council meetings held once a month. Look for the dates on the school calendar.

F. Nutrition / Lunch & Snack Times

FMCS's Nutrition Program provides a daily lunch for all students. The menu will be included on each monthly calendar. You may choose to send a lunch from home if you do not want the school lunch for any reason. **Please send along a drink and healthy snacks for morning and afternoon snack times.**



Due to severe peanut and nut allergies within our student body, FMCS is a Peanut/Nut Safe Zone.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that all parents and students help us by not sending peanuts/nuts or food containing them to school.

This includes peanuts, almonds, cashews, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, walnuts or any type of tree nut.

G. Parent Involvement

Parents are welcome and are an asset to the Kindergarten Program. A few ways to be an active member of the school community are:

- ▶ Volunteer as a member of the School Council to participate directly in the decisions made regarding your child's education;
- ▶ Check your child's Home Bag daily.

H. Safe Arrival Program

Whenever your child will be absent, **please call the school at 780-926-2331 OR email flomac@fvsd.ab.ca**. Once attendance is taken, if a student is not accounted for the parents will be called to inform them, through our automated call out system, that their child has not arrived at school. **We urge all parents to keep the school advised of any phone number changes.**

I. Skill Areas

Based on the Kindergarten Program Statement the following areas will be covered: mathematics, language, community and environmental awareness, creative and cultural awareness, physical skills and well being, personal and social responsibility. Throughout the year the student will be working on the following specific skills:

- ▶ Identifying colors
- ▶ Identifying numerals
- ▶ Matching numerals to objects
- ▶ Printing numerals
- ▶ Identifying shapes
- ▶ Alphabet recognition
- ▶ Beginning and ending sounds
- ▶ Printing first and last names using upper and lower case
- ▶ Rhyming words
- ▶ Self-help skills
- ▶ Gross and fine motor skills



J. Daily Schedule

The FMCS Kindergarten Program is a full day program. Your child will be enrolled in either a **Monday/Wednesday** or **Tuesday/Thursday** program with alternating Fridays.

For example, if your child was registered for Mon/Wed their schedule would be:

Week 1: Monday / Wednesday / Friday

Week 2: Monday / Wednesday

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:45 AM Parent Drop Off Begins

9:00 AM Morning Classes Begin

2:30 PM Students Dismissed

*****An individual class schedule will be provided to the parents of each Kindergarten student as breaks and such happen at alternating times for each class to maintain cohort safety.***



K. Transportation

Bussing is provided for all rural students. If the busses are not running due to inclement weather it is announced over the radio stations (CKYL 102.1 / KIX FM 106.1); however the school is open. You can also download the **FREE Fort Vermilion School District Bus Status** app from the iTunes store or Google Play. Our website also displays all current bus statuses on the home page (fmcs.fvsd.ab.ca). Children **MUST** be dressed warmly in case of breakdowns. Students will be sent home by their regular means unless **parents advise us of a different arrangement.**

Rural families please contact the FVSD Bus Garage at 780-928-3860 (Ken Peters) for bussing information and to register.

AUGUST 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Civic Holiday					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Organizational Day	Professional Development	Professional Development	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Organizational Day					
30	31					

OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					NO SCHOOL Division PD Day	
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 PM (K - 3)		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	This full day program operates two days/week and alternating Fridays. Mon/Wed (Group A) ■ Tues/Thurs (Group B) ■	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES Group B ■	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES Group A ■			
	NO SCHOOL Labour Day	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 PM (K - 3)		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

NOVEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					NO SCHOOL Division PD Day	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				Christmas Eve	CHRISTMAS DAY	Boxing Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				New Years Eve		
27	28	29	30	31		

FEBRUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
	NO SCHOOL Day off in Lieu of P/T Interviews	NO SCHOOL Day off in Lieu of P/T Interviews	NO SCHOOL School Closed	NO SCHOOL Teacher's Convention	NO SCHOOL Teacher's Convention	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	NO SCHOOL Family Day	CLASSES RESUME				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					NEW YEARS DAY	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 PM (K - 3)		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					NO SCHOOL Division PD Day	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
				EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 PM (K - 3)		6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						Spring Break BEGINS
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

APRIL 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 <small>Good Friday</small>	3
EASTER	Easter Monday		CLASSES RESUME			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

JUNE 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 PM (K-3)		
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION <i>Last Day of Classes for ECS</i>			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					LAST DAY OF CLASSES (1-9)	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Professional Development	Organizational Day	
27	28	29	30			
						SUMMER BREAK BEGINS (K-9)

MAY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					NO SCHOOL Division PD Day	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	NO SCHOOL Victoria Day	NO SCHOOL School Closed				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Canada Day		
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31