

I am a Child of God



September 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". 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 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 each month with pertinent information for you to review. This will be the main source of communication about classroom needs, important dates and give an overview of the theme for the month. Starting in October, a calendar will show the volunteer schedule.



* Daily work, school wide notices, art projects, etc will be sent home in a laminated envelope with your child's name on it. Please check this after each school day and return the envelope in your child's backpack on the next 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: cheri.groot@pallisersd.ab.ca, either before 8:30 or after 3:30. With all the activity in Kindergarten, I cannot commit to checking my e-mail throughout the school day. If there is something more urgent- please call the office.

Volunteering:

Be sure to stop by the main office to begin the process of completing a Police Check. You will not be allowed to volunteer without one. Volunteering will start in October, after the children have become accustomed to the routines of the class. **Have a look at the options below and please email me with your preferred volunteer day/time.** My goal is to have one parent each day we are at

school. I will make a volunteer schedule each month and post it to my e-teacher page. If you are unable to make the day you are scheduled for I kindly ask that you **find a replacement** as often we have activities planned that we are unable to do without your presence. Your time in the classroom is so appreciated! ☺ Thank-you!

Tuesday mornings 11:00-12:30

Thursday mornings 11:00-12:30

Friday afternoons - 12:00-1:45

Eating at school:

At school, your child will **eat two times** a day -once in the morning at 10:15 and then again at 12:30. Please make sure that you send in something for snack (something healthy: yogurt, fruit, veggies, etc) and something for lunch (sandwich, muffins, fruit, pasta etc.). Your child is given 15 minutes to eat their snack and 20 minutes to eat their lunch. They will learn to eat quicker 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** if you'd like to send some leftovers, but be aware that there are 20 little ones and only one microwave! ☺

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 receive a late slip and then you may send your child to class.

Birthdays:

Birthdays are very exciting times for your child. In school, we celebrate birthdays the closest day we can to your child's actual birth date. 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 (18 students, 2 teachers), it is nut free, and it is not too messy.

*If you'd like to invite students in the class to your child's birthday party, please hand invitations to me directly. I will place them in the appropriate **Take Home Envelope**. Please do not have your child hand them 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. To eliminate too many students bringing in sharing all on the same day:

*** Boy Sharing: Tuesdays**

*** Girl Sharing: Thursdays**

Homework:

At the beginning of each month a zip-lock bag will be sent home with your child. The activities in the bag are meant to supplement the kindergarten program. Please take the time to have your child complete the activities on their off-days of school. A new bag will be sent home the first week of each month. Of course, reading to/with your child is always encouraged. 😊

Special Helper:

Your child will take turns being the “**Special Helper**” in class! A new Special Helper will be assigned each day. His/her responsibilities include: being the line leader, helping others when they need help, passing things out, leading the calendar activities, 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! In a few weeks, your child will come home with a FLASHCARD RING - each week a new letter will be sent home for you to add to the ring. Please take time each day to review all the letters on the ring, being sure to say the name, sound and action. **Please keep the ring at home in order to review the letters covered.**

Library:

Students will travel to the Library where our Librarian Mrs. Thiesen, 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 class is on Thursday afternoons.

KG Education Assistant:

Mrs. Meagan Bassett is our classroom Education Assistant. She will be working in our class each day and is a big help to both the children and to me.

September Fridays:

We have class on two Fridays this month - September 14 and 28.

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, September 18 - KG Student and Class Photos

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 you have any questions.

Blessings to you and your family,

Cheri Groot