

## Millarville Community School Kindergarten Program



Welcome to Millarville Community School! This booklet is intended to provide you with information to facilitate a smooth introduction to Kindergarten for you and your child.

### Class Times

Kindergarten classes are on **Tuesday and Thursday and some Fridays** as well. Attached please find the list of Kinder Fridays for this year. School begins at **8:25 a.m.** and students are dismissed by **2:55 p.m.**

### Bus Students

If your child is riding the bus, please make sure they know their **bus driver's name and bus number**. You might like to consider getting a luggage tag with this information on it and attach it to your child's backpack. For the first few days, I will help the children find their buses, but by the middle of September, they will be able to find their buses on their own! If you are picking up your child, **please meet your child on the steps** and walk around the school buses.

### Shoes

Your child will need a pair of indoor running shoes that will stay at school. Your child **MUST** be able to put on and take off all indoor and outdoor shoes by themselves. If your child **can't tie** yet, please **do not** send shoes with laces.

### Clothing

Have your child wear comfortable, washable clothing to school. Your child must be able to handle their clothing **on their own**. Please make sure **all coats, hats, mittens, boots, and snow pants** are **well labeled** with your child's name.

### **Washroom**

Please review with your child proper use of the washroom. Your child should be able to **independently** undo buttons, wipe, flush, and wash up afterwards. Proper hygiene is a must so we all stay well and healthy this year!

### **Snacks and Lunches**

Going to school all day means eating lunch at school. At the beginning of the year, the children often come home with a lot of leftovers. This is because they are excited and love to visit with their new-found friends instead of eating! Packing a few, smaller-sized, portions often helps. The children will also have a snack time scheduled in the mid-morning, before recess.

### **Supplies**

All daily supplies are provided in the classroom. Each child needs to bring a **backpack** each day. Your child should be able to open and close the pack on their own and it should be big enough to carry home art treasures, library books, and newsletters.

### **Field trips and Guest speakers**

We plan special field trips over the year to places like the RCMP station, Heritage Park, the Zoo etc. Sometimes we invite special guests to come in and visit. We always require parent helpers for field trips out of the school. The cost for all trips is covered by your school fee and by the generous support of our school fund-raising society.

### **Book Orders**

Each month we send home **Scholastic book order forms**. You are under no obligation to purchase! If you choose to purchase some books, please send a cheque payable to Scholastic Canada. Please **do not** send cash!

### **Volunteering**

Your help in the classroom is appreciated. A monthly schedule of volunteers will be sent home, beginning in mid September. We enjoy parent help in the afternoon, during centres, **from 12:30 p.m. until dismissal**.

The MCS School Council requires two **Kindergarten Room Reps**. This group meets once a month on Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. You are not required to attend the meetings, but you would be a resource for our class for phone or email fan-outs. If you are interested in being our representative, please let me know.

We also require a **Classroom Play Dough Coordinator**. The Play Dough Coordinator will keep us well-stocked with new play dough each month. All supplies and a recipe will be provided!

### **Communication**

Each week, I will publish our class newsletter, giving information about upcoming events and other tidbits. I will email you the link to our school website so you can check out what we are working on and what's upcoming! Could you please make sure we have your **current email address** so you receive all the information you need!

The school also publishes a digital newsletter, the Millarville Messenger, that goes home via email every two weeks. You can follow our school on Twitter **@MCSWildcats**. Our school website is also another great source of information, and the newsletters are also available there for you to view. Our Kinderclass has its own webpage as well. The website can be found at

<http://millarville.fsd38.ab.ca/>

Communication between home and school is absolutely vital to ensure your child's success and happiness. Please feel free to contact me by email at

**ledererc@fsd38.ab.ca**

I am also on **Twitter**, where our Kinder class can be followed **@KeensKinders**. This is a public account, but I do not post photos with children's faces, names or other identifying features on them. You can also reach me by phone at **403-938-7832**.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know you and your child!

Christine Lederer

