



River Valley School

A safe and happy place to learn!

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Welcome to Kindergarten!

The beginning of a child's formal education is such an important milestone. We are very excited to begin this adventure with you and your child! Kindergarten is a fun place to be, and we work very hard to have students look forward to school each day. In kindergarten, students begin to develop the habits, knowledge, skills and attitudes that will help them through not only their school career, but life as well. Traditionally Kindergarten Orientation at RVS has occurred the last week of June, but with the pandemic challenges of last Spring we made the decision to delay until Fall, which has changed the logistics of school startup for Kindergarten. To provide some clarification:

Orientation

Students who are registered for Kindergarten should be signed up for one 90 minute Orientation session. If you are not signed up, please call the office at 403-638-3939. These sessions are happening Sept 1,2,3. At your appointment time you should come to the front doors of RVS, pop into the office to sign in, and then someone will guide you to the Kindergarten room. Children will attend in one room with both K teachers, who will do some fun activities in an effort to get to know your child just a bit and assess some basic skills. Parents in attendance will join RVS staff in the other K classroom, and be provided with some basic RVS information. You might even be enlisted to do some cutting/ gluing for the teacher! Following the Orientation, you and your child will exit the building - again through the front doors.

School Schedule

You will receive a call from RVS by the end of Friday, Sept 3, to let you know who your child's teacher will be, and what days of the week they will be attending - either Mon/Wed and alternate Fridays, or Tue/Thu and alternate Fridays. They will also communicate what your 'staggered start day' is. We only have ½ the students attend at a time for the first few days, in order to ease what can be a big transition from home to school. These staggered entry days run Sept 7,8,9,13. This provides both M-W and T-Th students an opportunity to attend once, before they come together as a whole group. That said, the first day for a full M-W class will be Sept 15 (also Picture day), and the first day for a full T-Th class will be Sept 14 (Picture day for these kiddos is Sept 16).

Unfortunately at this time due to the pandemic, we are not having volunteers within the building. However, joining the Parent Council is an opportunity to connect with other folks with kids in school. It is a committed group of parents who meet once a month, after school or in the evening, to hear about the latest goings-on in the building. They also orchestrate some fundraising, and make decisions around what to spend this fund raised money on. To date they have been instrumental in getting the new playground in place, buying new bike racks, the spin cycles for the school, 90 chromebooks/2 carts, 2 tents for athletics events, and most recently provided funding for the landscaped space/outdoor classroom cement pad. If you are interested in more info., please contact for details:

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Stay tuned to school newsletters, as they indicate the date of Council Meetings, which are usually the third Tuesday of the month, and currently being held at 7:00pm (potentially virtually).

On behalf of the staff at River Valley School, I would like to welcome you to our school community. I look forward to getting to know you and your child as we begin this educational journey together. If ever you have questions or concerns, I would encourage you to give me a call. Let the learning adventure begin!

Cheers,

Leslie Cooper-Shand
Principal
River Valley School

