

Mrs. Elkow's Kindergarten News



GROUP A & B

September 2018



Welcome to Brentwood Elementary and welcome to my kindergarten class! Kindergarten is an exciting time as children embark on new adventures as they begin their school years journey! There will be a lot information to share with you about all the exciting things that go on in our Kindergarten. Please read through and feel free to contact me about anything. Return the 'Student Information' sheet as soon as possible. Sincerely, Mrs. K Elkow



STAR OF THE DAY

Each child will have the opportunity to be the Star of the Day, approximately 4 times over the course of the year. You will find your child's special day scheduled on the September kindergarten calendar attached. If they are not on the September calendar, their turn will be in the following months. This person will have the distinct honor of bringing show and tell, helping with the calendar and weather chart, as well as being line leader. Your child is encouraged to bring one show and tell item on their special day. Please discuss this item with your child prior to their day, so that they are better prepared to share special information, i.e. where they got it? Who gave it to them? Why is it important to them?

HOME FOLDER

Each student has a home folder. Please check this folder each school day and ensure it is brought back every day your child has school! If there is anything that ever has to be given to me please use this folder!

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- You as parents are your child's first teachers. Now that your child is entering a more formal learning environment, we hope you will remain involved in their education. Beginning in October, there will be a number of ways you can be supportive of our kindergarten program:
 1. Volunteering in the classroom on your child's special helper day.
 2. Supervising field trips and helping on Kindergarten parties and special days.
- When you volunteer in the classroom, be prepared to be busy. Little people think and move quickly. Often we just need another set of hands to help out with some of the activities we have planned. Things you may be expected to do range from helping children with a game, activity or craft; reading to students; supervising them while they work; cleaning the table; or filing and cutting. You will likely be working with most students in the class, not just your child. We greatly appreciate your help! Remember, we will be happy to begin accepting parent volunteers beginning in October.

PLAY DOUGH PARENTS

If you are interested in signing up for a month to make play dough for our classroom, please use the online google document that will be emailed out or write me a note in the home folder.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow our classroom
twitter account

@ElkowsKinders

Follow our school twitter
account

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COMMUNICATION

I look forward to getting to know each student and their family. You can contact my any time via email kristy.elkow@eips.ca, phone 780-467-5591 or by writing a note in the home folder. Every weekend I will email out a 'Keepin' Up with Kinder' email including important notes and dates for the upcoming week. A monthly 'Kindergarten News', like this one, will be sent out at the beginning of every month.

I will be adding parent emails to the 'Remind' app which is a quick way for me to send out any necessary reminders.

Please also check the school website at brentwoodelementary.ca to keep up to date with our school community.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Through the Scholastic Book Club, age appropriate catalogues will be sent home each month. You are not obligated to buy any books off of this form but this club offers wonderful books at reduced prices - what a great way to build your home library! The kindergarten program does benefit from free books we receive when we place an order. Please fill out the form attached to the book order and return it in the Home Folder to me. If you would like to place an order, there are two payment options:

- 1) Please fill out the order form and attach a cheque payable to Scholastic Canada Ltd. Return the order in an envelope to the teacher.
- 2) Online - Visit Scholastic Reading Club at parentpay.scholastic.ca. I have an on-line account with Scholastic. Complete your payment and then submit your order to me. We will get credit for your order and the books will be shipped directly to our classroom.

It takes approximately 2-3 weeks for the books to arrive and they will be placed in your child's backpack.

