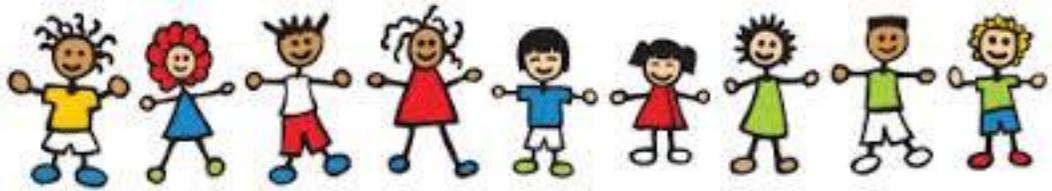


September 2018
Our Class Name: KTF

Stettler Elementary School
403-742-2235



September News

Welcome to Kindergarten!! Thank you for attending the drop in day. I look forward to teaching your child during their Kindergarten year. Here are a few items in regards to what will happen in Kindergarten. Please make sure to read through the entire newsletter, as there is lots of important information throughout that you will need to know.

New Beginnings:

September is about getting accustomed to new surroundings: school, classroom, and playground. It's about learning new rules and routines. September is also for making new friends and getting along with others. It may also mean tired and upset children, as going to school is often a big adjustment and your child may not want to attend school after the excitement has worn off. Please know this is normal and will eventually pass as they get used to the routine. Hang in there and stick with it!

Important Dates:

September 3 Labour Day (No School)
September 13 Open House
September 26 Picture Day
September 28 Terry Fox Run, Apple Day

The Open House begins at 6:30pm in the Elementary School Gym.

More information about Picture Day will be sent home at a later date.

The Terry Fox Run will take place west of the school on the school track. More information will be sent home at a later date.

For our Apple Day celebration the children may dress in their favourite apple colour: red, green or yellow.

Bell Times:

The morning bell rings at **8:50** to begin our day. The children will be dismissed every day at **3:10**. Morning recess is from **10:42 - 11:02**. Lunch time is from **12:46 - 1:06** with recess at **1:06 - 1:26**. Please make sure that your child arrives to school and is picked up on time. If your child is sick or has an appointment, please phone the attendance line at 403-742-2235. It is very important for your child to attend school on a daily basis.

Pouches:

Your child's pouch is a communication link between myself and you. A list of PD days and holidays will be on the front of your child's pouch as a reminder. I will also put important dates to remember in our monthly newsletters. Please remember to write down or keep this information, so missed activities can be avoided. Please check your child's pouch every day and remove any papers/crafts so the pouch does not become too heavy and work does not get wrecked. Please also use the pouch for any notes or other items that need to be returned to the school.

Housekeeping Items:

- Accidents can happen at anytime, so please keep a clean change of clothes (shirt, pants, and underwear) in a plastic bag in your child's school bag.
- Please dress your child for the weather. In the morning it can be very cool outside and the children do play until the bell rings.
- Please do not send your child to the classroom before the bell rings. I may not be in our room and I wouldn't want anyone to feel scared or lonely. Our class will line up outside by the office doors. We ask that parents remain outside, as the hall is very narrow and this helps keep the congestion down. Letting your child get ready on their own also encourages independence.

Snack/Lunch Time:

Our class will be having snack time in the morning before recess and lunch in the afternoon before recess. Please send healthy food and snacks in your child's lunch

kit. Some ideas for snacks are: apple slices, orange sections, grapes, crackers and cheese, carrot sticks, cucumber slices, muffins, dry cereal, such as cheerios or Life. Please do not send microwaveable snacks with your child. Please also note, we have children in our school/class with severe allergies. We ask that you refrain from packing peanut butter, peanuts, nuts, and anything containing these products to school.

Things to Leave at Home:

- Please do not allow your child to bring cell phones, ipads, tablets, ipods, or any other electronics to school.
- Toys (including things like Pokemon, hockey and baseball cards), stuffed animals, blankets, etc. are also to be left at home.

Payments:

At the beginning of the year, you will be given an online cash number so you can access our school KEV system. This will allow you to pay for things such as school fees, milk orders, and hot lunch. If you have any questions, concerns, or problems with the KEV system, please contact the office at 403-742-2235.

Book Orders:

We will be participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this year. Once a month, order forms will be sent home with your child with a return date on them. You may choose to order from any month. By ordering, we are able to gather bonus coupons to get free stuff for our classroom. This club is not a lock in type where you have to purchase a certain number of books. If you wish to order something, please make your selection and return to school with your payment (or pay online), on or before the return date. Cheques should be made payable to Scholastic Canada Ltd.

Special Helper:

Each day, I will be choosing a student to be a special helper in the classroom. On the attached calendar you will find your child's name on the day that they will be special helper. If you do not see your child's name on this month, do not worry, they will get a special helper day the next month. On their special helper day, please send something special with them such as a stuffy or toy. Please DO NOT send electronics.

All About Me Sheet:

Please fill out this sheet about your child and return the form by Friday, September 14th!

I hope we will have a great September and a wonderful school year. I look forward to working together to make this a positive, fun filled, learning experience for your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school at 403-742-2235 or by email at tfox@clearview.ab.ca and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Miss Taylor Fox