



Welcome to Midnapore School!

Kindergarten Orientation

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Introductions



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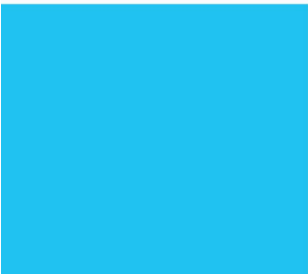
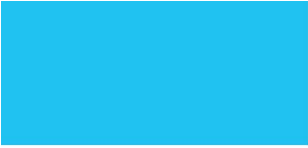
Land Acknowledgment



Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Build your child's independence by encouraging them to:

- dress themselves (zippers, buttons)
- use the bathroom and wash their hands on their own
- put away toys and help out in other small ways at home
- practice opening and closing snack containers and using a water bottle
- play games, take turns and compromise
- develop a consistent bedtime routine





Getting Ready for Kindergarten

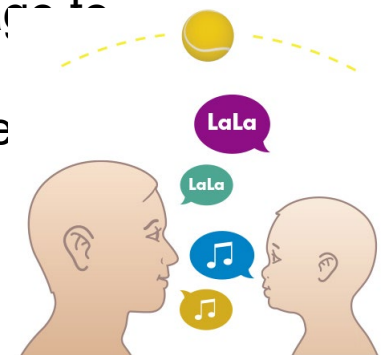
Read to your child every day:

- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
- visit your community library (when possible)

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Take time to talk with your child about everyday activities:

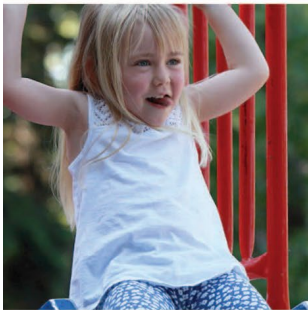
- share special activities together, such as walks to the park
- talk about what you are seeing and doing
- talk, read, sing and play in *your first language* every day
- praise children for their efforts and courage to overcome setbacks
- talk about how it is okay to make mistake



How to prepare for Kindergarten...



Learning Through **PLAY**



“Research shows that children who engage in complex forms of socio-dramatic play have greater language skills than non-players, better social skills, more empathy, more imagination, and more of the subtle capacity to know what others mean. They are less aggressive and show more self-control and higher levels of thinking”

~Miller & Almon

Learning Through Play

Play is the primary way through which young children learn.



Learning Through Play



formulating hypothesis

engaging in experimentation and exploration

discovering patterns

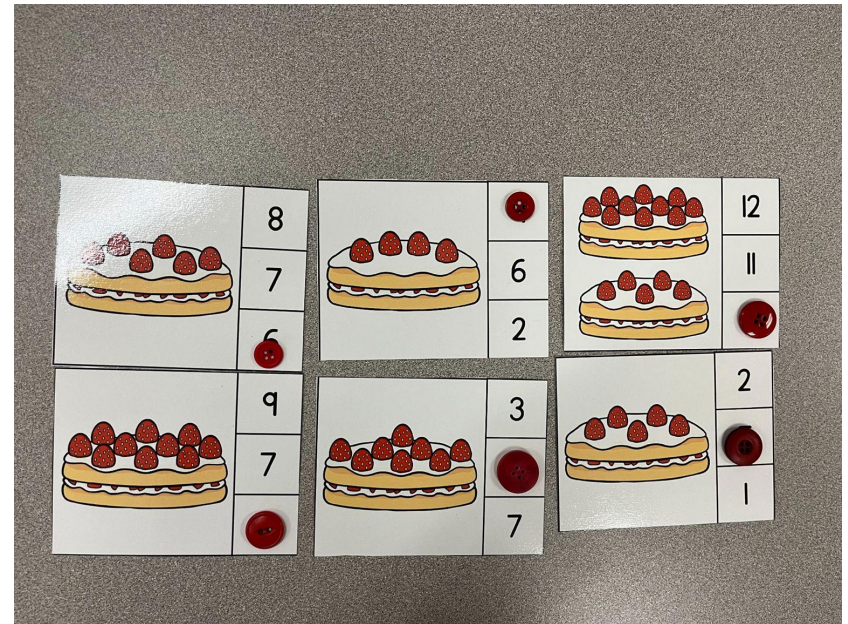
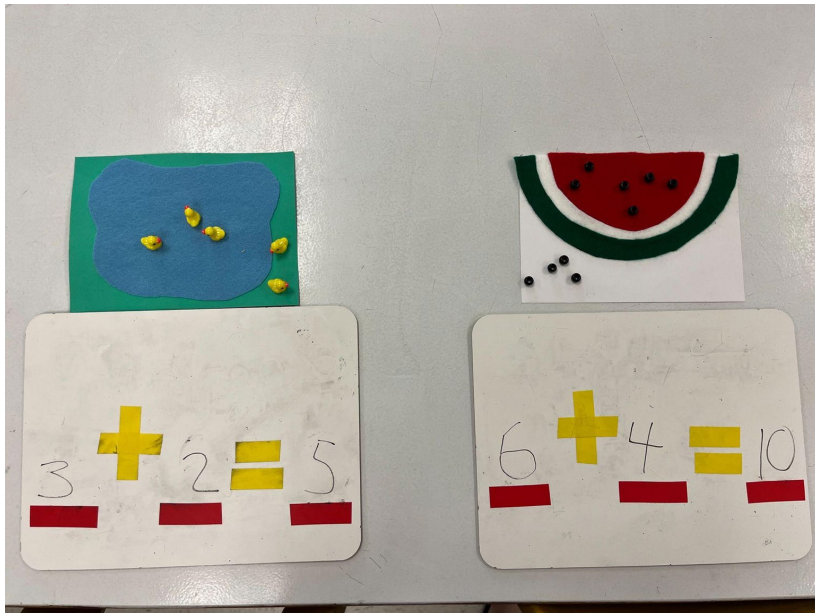
creating theories



Early Literacy



Early Numeracy



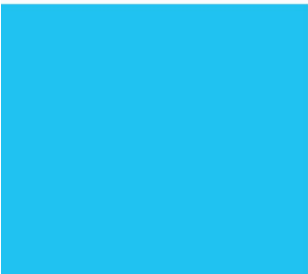


Enhanced Supports

The classroom teacher is at the centre of your child's learning team and is supported by a school learning team. Based on classroom needs, each kindergarten program will also be supported by a multidisciplinary team that works with large and small groups in the classroom.

This team may consist of:

Education Assistants or Early Childhood Practitioners
Early Learning Strategists
Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs)
Psychologists
Occupational Therapists (OTs)
Physiotherapists (PTs)
School Family Liaison (SFL)



School Council



What is the School Council, and who can join?



Get Involved!

What does the School Council do?



Special Events like fun lunches, dances, and Mandarin Cultural Events



Decision-making regarding programs and spending



Multi-year plans for large purchases like playground equipment and technology

Fundraising

One of the ways in which the School Council supports us is by providing funding for some of the “extras” in learning.



Additional Learning
Tools and Curriculum
Enhancements



Artists in Residency



Buses for Field Trips



"Caring For our
School Community"
Fund

Midnapore School Website

Please visit the school website to locate the school calendar, weekly updates and other important information.

[CBE Calendar 2026-27](#)

The screenshot shows the Midnapore School website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following elements: a phone icon and the number 403-777-8680, a calendar icon and the word 'Calendar', a grid icon and 'Quicklinks', a person icon and 'For Staff', a green 'G7 Translate' button, and a magnifying glass icon and 'Search'. Below the navigation bar is a dark red header section containing the Midnapore School logo on the left, the school name 'Midnapore School' in white, and the tagline 'Achieve academic rigour in a compassionate and collaborative learning community 以友爱协作, 致严谨学风' in smaller white text. A hamburger menu icon is on the right side of the header. The main content area is divided into several promotional tiles. The largest tile on the left features a laptop displaying a '2026 - 2027 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR' with the text 'Update: 2026-2027 Instructional Calendar' and a 'WEEKLY UPDATE' indicator. To its right are three smaller tiles: one for 'Apr. 20-24 | Upcoming Dates, Read A Thon, Next Year Kindergarten, Yearbooks, Ne...' with a 'WEEKLY UPDATE' indicator; one for 'My 1st Ride Orientation Registration' with a 'WEEKLY UPDATE' indicator; and one for 'Apr. 10-17 | Read-A-Thon, Kindergarten Registration, Update Address, School...' with a 'WEEKLY UPDATE' indicator. A fourth tile on the bottom right is partially visible, titled 'Hello April' and 'Apr. 6-10 | Read A Thon, Kindergarten Registration, School Council, Parent...' with a 'WEEKLY UPDATE' indicator.

General School Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:00 AM – 2:30 AM

Friday

8:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Lunch: 11:30 AM - 12:10 PM



Mandarin Kindergarten Schedule

Mandarin Kindergarten students attend school, either:

Monday and Wednesday (8:00 AM - 2:30 PM)

OR

Tuesday and Thursday (8:00 AM - 2:30 PM)

AND

Some Fridays (8:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

Check the school calendar online for Friday dates.



Regular Program Kindergarten Schedule

Regular Program Kindergarten students attend school:

Monday – Thursday Mornings

8:00 AM – 10:47 AM

AND

Some Fridays (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

Check the school calendar online for Friday dates.

Currently, we have one regular kindergarten class that will attend in the morning.



First Day of School 2025 -26

Monday, August 31 OR Tuesday, September 1



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欢迎

Welcome

Start of the School Day

Students are asked to meet by the blue doors that are closest to the school playground.

Bused students will be greeted by an adult upon arrival.



End of the School Day

All parents picking up students greet their children at the kindergarten doors.

Bused students will be escorted by an adult to their busses.



Childcare Options



Mid-Sun

403-256-4422

BrightPath

403-256-0504

Kids & Company

403-294-9429

Before/After school care

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1) Mid-Sun Child care out of school program

(50 Midpark Rise SE www.midsun.org)

Kindergarten- Cathy Babineau

Email: Childcare@midsun.org

Grade 1-6- Jennifer Burrows

Email: midnaporeoosc@midsun.org

2) Kids and Company

15425 Bannister Road

Email: midlake@kidsandcompany.com

Phone: 403-294-9429

3) Brightpath Kids

155 Midridge Place SE

Email: midnapore@brightpathkids.com

Phone: 403-256-0504

There is a waitlist for all centers, please register as soon as possible!

Volunteering

At Midnapore School we welcome volunteers into our classrooms every day. There are many opportunities to volunteer, and many benefits.

Volunteers are required to have a current police security clearance on file and complete a yearly volunteer authorization form at the school.



MyCBE / PowerSchool

You will need a MyCBE / PowerSchool account to:

- Access your child's program info (e.g., course assessments, attendance record, report card)
- Pay fees and request waivers
- Register for transportation (one-way only for Kindergarten)
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Submit online school forms



School Messenger

- All of our school communications are sent out using School Messenger.
- You will receive weekly communications from your teacher and the school administration.
- You will have to sign up to receive what are identified as “Commercial” messages..let us explain.



Fees



School supplies – purchased and provided by the school

Additional Fees

- Noon supervision
- Field trips
- Special events
- Bussing

All fees are posted and payable in your [MyCBE Account](#) .



Transportation

If you are eligible for transportation, you will need to register your child(ren) for this service. The registration normally opens at the end of May. Please visit the CBE website for further information.

MyBusStop App

If your child will be travelling on the school bus, we strongly recommend that you download the [My Bus Stop App](#) to be provided real-time information on the location of a bus and any delays.



Transportation fees
DO NOT have to be
paid at this time.



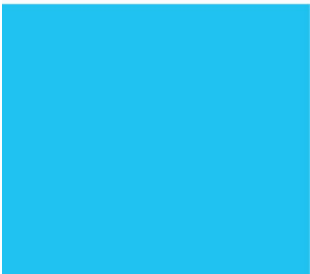
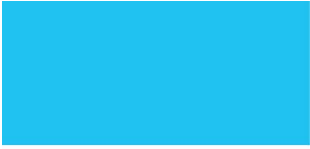
How to Register for Bussing?

Please register using MyCBE before June 14, 2026 so the routes can be planned.

Bus schedules and stops are updated annually over the summer. When routes are completed an email is sent to families.

Families and schools can see individual student's transportation information on MyCBE.





Additional Resources

The Calgary Public Library - Top Tips for Kindergarten Readiness*:

<https://calgarylibrary.ca/library-news/kitchen-table-classroom-kindergarten-readiness/>

The Calgary Public Library - Kindergarten Booklist:

https://calgary.bibliocommons.com/list/share/393767397_calgarylibrary_kids/1859193931_books_to_get_ready_for_kindergarten?_ga=2.167944481.1601611572.1619640025-939542020.1599601380

I'm Ready for Screens - Parent Resource:

https://banff.ca/DocumentCenter/View/11018/ImReadyForScreens_English

*Developed in collaboration with the CPL, Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School Division

Thank You for Coming!



We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

We are also available to support you with setting up your accounts and volunteer applications (if interested).

If you have not completed the **Kindergarten Student Intake Questionnaire**, please do so as soon as possible.



This presentation will be posted on the school website for future reference.

Mandarin Program parents, please stay behind for additional information.

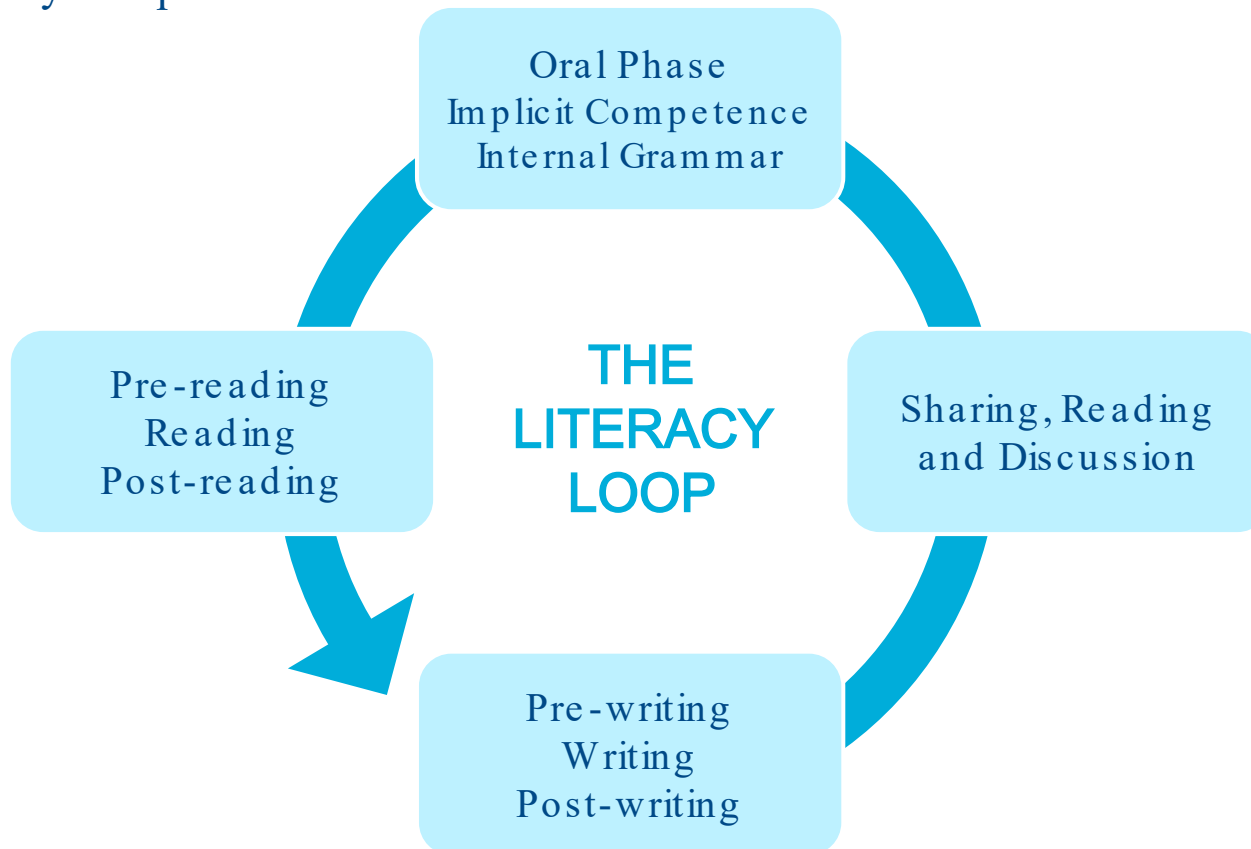
Mandarin Bilingual Kindergarten Program

Language of Instruction (from Kindergarten to Grade 4)

Mandarin	English	Bilingual
Chinese Language Arts	English Language Arts	All other subjects
Science	Social Studies	
Math	Health	

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Literacy Loops / NLA



Mandarin Bilingual Kindergarten Program

Curriculum & Confucius Institute collaboration



Cultural Events & Celebrations

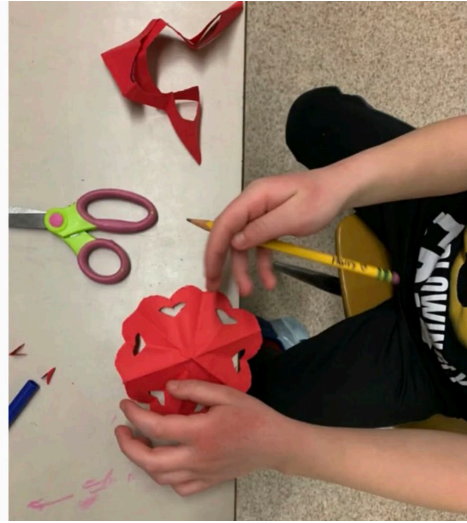
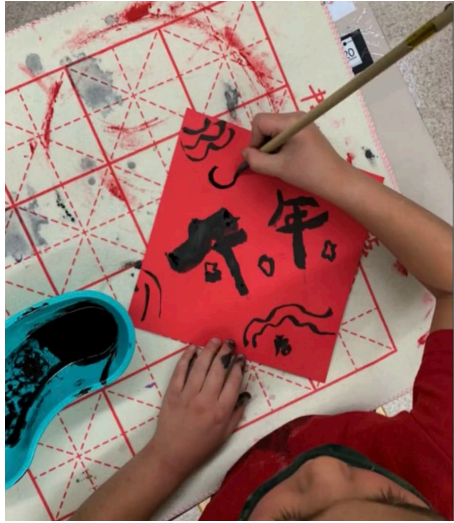
- Mid-Autumn Festival
- Chinese New Year
- Asian Heritage Month

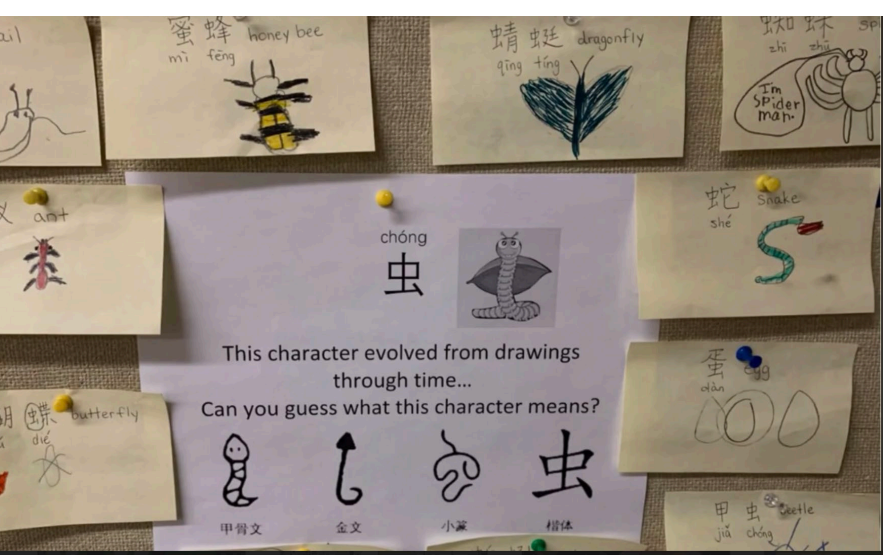
Chinese culture and traditions are integrated with lessons .

- Poems
- Ink and Chinese painting
- Chinese fables and classics
- Songs and instruments
- Chinese martial art
- Chinese sports



Mandarin Bilingual program







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这是什么动物?

这是一只动物。

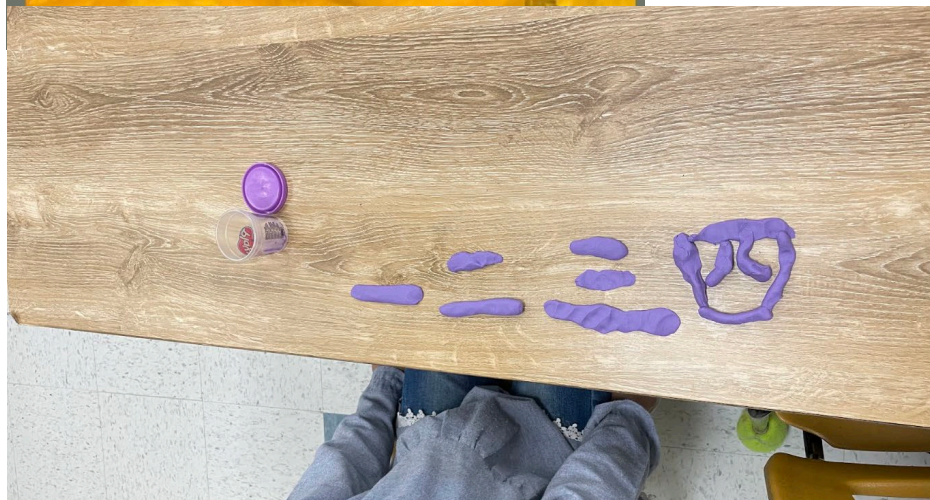
它没有毛。

它没有腿。

它喜欢吃虾。

它怕恐龙。

这是一只???





Chinese Cultural Celebrations



Mid -Autumn Festival



Chinese New Year

