

Welcome to Kindergarten!

I am so honoured that you chose your school within Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division as the place to begin the learning journey with your child. You will find the early years environment in your child's school to be welcoming, safe and full of excellent learning experiences. Whether this is your first child entering school or you have older children who are already in school, the first days of Kindergarten can be thrilling but filled with mixed emotions. You might be excited and nervous about the school experience for your child. Your child may have some butterflies that come with this new adventure. Your calm and encouraging words will help provide the assurance your child needs. You have been, and will continue to be, the most important teacher in your child's life and you can help your child to have a successful school experience.

You will be supported in this effort by caring and skilled people at school. Your Kindergarten teacher shares a love of children and has specialized education to work with you and your child to create positive learning experiences. Families and teachers are also supported by dedicated school administrators, caring support staff and an array of others who can be called upon to provide special opportunities or guidance in a variety of ways. Your school will be a place of caring, support and learning as we all work together to make Kindergarten a wonderful experience for your child.

SRPSD is passionate about our pursuit of excellence, respect for diversity, and achievement for all. We are guided by our Strategic Plan that outlines five priorities, but it seems that the summary of our Learning and Innovation priority is especially relevant for Kindergarten: *"Students experience joyful learning that fulfills current needs and provides a foundation for future success."* Joyful learning is expected as children learn through experiential play and also learn that mistakes and challenges are certain to occur, but they are stepping stones to success.

The school certainly has hopes and dreams for your child, but we also need to know your dreams and your child's dreams for the future. We are clearly together in this work of providing a rich learning environment for your child in Kindergarten and beyond. The sharing of our hopes and dreams as well as our successes and challenges will make this shared work more meaningful and effective. SRPSD is committed to being your partner on this learning journey with your child.

We are fully aware of the trust you have placed in us to be the school that works with you to nurture the learning and wellbeing of your child. We look forward to working with you in Kindergarten and the years to come.

Yours in Education,



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