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# Kindergarten Readiness

## Kindergarten Birthdate Calendar | 2026- 27 Registration

Locate the child's birthdate in the chart below, then check the colour description below.

| 2020 | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Students will be 6 in 2026 |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------|
| 2021 | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Students will be 5 in 2026 |
| 2022 | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Students will be 4 in 2026 |

**Blue Months-** Child must be registered in Grade One.

**Green Months-** Child should be registered in Kindergarten (\*please see below)

**Yellow Months-** Child is eligible to start Kindergarten in 2026-27 **OR** 2027-28

**Red Months-** Cannot register as this child is too young (born after December 31, 2021 cutoff).

\*Children born between September- December 2021 may register in Kindergarten or Grade One. We would strongly encourage children born during this time to be registered in Kindergarten unless the child has prior ECS programming.

\*Overage Kindergarten registrations may be processed for children up to age 7 and who have not attended any prior ECS programming pending approval from Early Learning and Alberta Education.

\*If there are any registrations outside of these parameters, please contact Early Learning at [earlylearning@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:earlylearning@cbe.ab.ca).



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## Learn about the school:

- Take your child to the school playground (when available)
- Attend the school's kindergarten information session (when available)
- Review the school website and events

## 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
- Make age-appropriate choices and solve problems independently
- Introduce themselves to new similar aged friends when out and about



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## 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 mistakes
- Build up to 3-step instructions at home: get dressed, brush your teeth, brush your hair



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## 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, make predictions, ask follow up questions about what is happening in the story
- Visit your community library (when possible)



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## Build your child's interest in literacy and numeracy:

- Make a game of looking for letters and numbers on community signs and in books
- Provide scissors and playdough to strengthen fine motor skills
- Provide opportunities for your child to draw with pencils, crayons and felt pens, use glue sticks
- Help your child print his or her first name, if they are interested
- If you are unsure about your child's milestone achievements, please be sure to discuss these with your family doctor
- Ensure your child has had a recent hearing test if you have concerns and an eye exam within the last year





# I'm ready for Kindergarten

because I can...



- ☐ Use the bathroom
- ☐ Blow my nose
- ☐ Wash my hands
- ☐ Get dressed in all my clothes
- ☐ Say my first and last name
- ☐ Be safe with scissors
- ☐ Open lunch containers
- ☐ Take my turn when playing
- ☐ Recognize some letters and numbers
- ☐ Rhyme words like hat/bat, dog/log

all by myself!



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