**Kindergarten & Pre-Kinder 2019-2020**

**Welcome!!!!!**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our class! I am looking forward to working with you to make your child’s year an exciting and memorable one. For those parents who do not know me, here is a brief introduction of myself. I grew up in Legal and now live here with my husband and three children. I started teaching in 1997 and have been here in Legal the whole time. Most of my years have been with Kindergarten but I have also taught Grade 1, elementary Music, and most recently added Pre-K to my experience. Going on 22 years!! Yikes!! I can’t even believe that!! Teaching this age group is my passion. I love the children and watching them grow and succeed over the course of the year. I hope to make this year a special one for your child. I will do my best to keep the lines of communication open throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or want feedback about your child at any time.

I am anticipating a busy and productive year. Our program will run four days a week, Monday through Thursday, as well as the occasional Friday. The morning class will run from 8:26am until 11:26pm and the afternoon class will run from 11:56am until 2:56pm, with the exception of full-day fieldtrips. Notification will be sent home prior to these days. If someone other than a parent will be picking up your child, you must notify myself by either writing a note and sending it to school with your child or phoning the school and leaving a message with our secretary. I will not allow any child to go home on his/her own. If a child has not been picked up, he/she will be brought to the office to wait.

Our Kindergarten program objectives are based on the Specific Learner Expectations listed in the Kindergarten Program Statement from Alberta Education. Pre-Kindergarten will be working on specific, age appropriate skills, and will be taken out with one of our EA’s for part of the day to focus on these. Our center times, snack times, and gym times will be together.

I will send home a newsletter each month with the highlights of the previous month, objectives for the month, fieldtrips and special days, and a calendar of events for the month. **Please keep it for the entire month.** I will not send home reminders unless a change has occurred. A copy of the newsletter will also be posted on my webpage. It is very disappointing for a child if he/she has missed out on something, so please keep the newsletter as a reference for special dates (wear something red to school, special student days, etc.). Kinder/Pre-Kinder News and other important information will be sent home in the agendas. School agendas will be signed by myself or the EA in our room and sent home daily. Please send this agenda back to school each day as it will be a good way to communicate back and forth. The cost of this agenda is included in your child’s registration fee and if it becomes lost, you will be asked to purchase another one at your cost.

I rely on parent volunteers to help make the Kindergarten year a successful one. I realize that for some it will be difficult to make it in; however volunteering can also include preparing things at home (such as play dough). If you would like to come in and help out in the class, please let me know or fill in your name on the calendar posted on the board outside of the classroom. Please check it from time to time when you pick up your child. Your help is greatly appreciated.

I will be adding some information on my webpage for you, which outlines our yearly program, classroom rules, behavior program, learning centers, and general expectations. I hope you will find this helpful and informative.

I am very excited to be teaching your child this year and look forward to meeting you all very soon. Any questions or concerns, call 961-3791.

Thank-you,

Mrs. Michelle Fraser