

The **A****B****C**'s of ELKP

Important information to use throughout the year!



Welcome to Kindergarten at Christ the King School. Our names are **Grayce Hartt** and **Paula Roy** (ECE) and we are very excited to welcome your child to our kindergarten classroom. This will be a year in which your child will explore, experience, experiment, discover and create and we are looking forward to sharing this world of learning with your child during the 2019/2020 school year.

We hope this package will provide you with the information you will need to help make your child's start in kindergarten successful. Please feel free to contact us any time if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours Truly,



Mrs. Hartt & Ms. Roy

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| <p style="text-align: center;">A</p> | <p>Absences – Please call the school and let us know if your child will be absent. The school phone number is 519-759-4211.</p> <p>Agendas – The kindergarten children will receive an agenda. Your child’s agenda will be checked by one of their educators each day. This is an important tool that we use to communicate between school and home. A letter will accompany the agenda requesting \$5.00 to help cover the cost.</p> <p>Arrivals – The bell rings in the morning at 8:45am. Supervision on the school yard begins at 8:30am. Your child is asked to remain outside in the fenced-in Kindergarten area until the bell rings. When the bell rings, the children are asked to line up against the wall and will be brought into the school by their teachers.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">B</p> | <p>Backpacks – Please have your child bring a spacious backpack to school every day. Important work, newsletters and masterpieces will need to go home. Please check your child’s backpack every night. Don’t forget to label your child’s backpack with his/her name.</p> <p>Balanced Day – At Christ the King, we have a balanced school day which means that we have two nutrition breaks. Please send enough food for your child to eat (two small lunches). We encourage parents to help their child choose nutritious and healthy lunches to bring to school. It is important to remember to send a drink to school. Water is encouraged. Also, please remember to send a fork or spoon if needed.</p> <p>Book Folders – Several weeks into school, students will start to bring home a folder with a book in the back pocket to be read at home. Please take time to help your child read his/her book each night and remember to return the book each school day.</p> <p>Book Orders – Your child will receive monthly Scholastic book orders. This is an excellent way to encourage reading at home. If you wish to purchase a book, please complete and return the order form by the due date. More information will be send home along with the first book order flyer.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">C</p> | <p>Calendar – A monthly calendar will be available to download from the school’s website. Our gym, library days, STEM days and important events will be indicated on this calendar.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">D</p> | <p>Dismissal – Students are dismissed at the end of our school day at 3:05.</p> <p>Data Sheet – Please complete the data sheet and return it to school as soon as possible. We may only dismiss your child to the people indicated on the data sheet. If at any time someone new will be picking up your child, please let us know. If you call the school, our school secretary will give us a message.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">E</p> | <p>Envelope – Your child will have a zippered envelope or “zippy bag” with his/her name on it. Important newsletters, calendars, and your child’s work and homework will be placed in his/her envelope. This is an effective way to ensure that parents receive all important correspondence. Please place all returning correspondence (agendas, home reading, book orders, and signed forms) in your child’s envelope. To ensure that parents/teachers receive all important correspondence, the envelope must be returned to school every day.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">F</p> | <p>Fun – This year promises to be filled with fun activities. We will be learning how to read, practicing simple sight words, improving our phonics skills and be involved in many exciting math inquiries. Please don’t forget to ask your child what he/she did in school each day.</p> <p>Freshgrade – This online app allows us to document your child’s learning and share it with you through pictures and a learning story. More information on how to enroll will be coming home shortly.</p> |

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| G | Gym – Please make sure that your child has a pair of running shoes for gym class. Leaving a pair of running shoes at school as his/her indoor shoes will ensure that he/she always has the proper, safe footwear for gym class. Please label your child’s shoes with his/her name. |
| H | Homework – Throughout some of our inquiries, simple learning activities may be sent home to engage your family in your child’s learning. Please don’t forget that we need to read each night and that our book folders need to be returned to school daily. |
| I | Illness – It can be very difficult to decide when your child should stay home BUT please do not send your child to school when he/she is ill. If he/she has a temperature the general rule is not to return to school until the fever has broken for 24 hours. This prevents other children from becoming ill and your child will be more comfortable at home. |
| J | Just let us know – if there is something that you need clarified, send a note in your child’s agenda, call the school or stop by before or after school. Please sign in at the office so that they can page us to let us know that you wish to talk. |
| K | Keep up – Reading the newsletters and referring to the monthly calendars will help you “keep up”! It is very important to check your child’s zippered envelope daily! |
| L | Labeling – all your child’s belongings with his/her name will help prevent lost items. Library Days – Once a week, we will have a scheduled library day. Mrs. Jesik is our school librarian. Your child will choose a library book that will stay in the classroom for the week for our students to enjoy in the library centre. |
| M | Monitors – A lunch monitor will be in the classroom with the children during the nutrition breaks from 10:25-11:05 and from 12:45 – 1:25 . They will receive help opening packaged food items and containers when needed. |
| N | Newsletters – Two newsletters will be posted on the CTK website each month; a classroom newsletter and a school newsletter. Newsletters contain important information about our learning in the classroom as well as upcoming activities and events at the school. Please register for CTK website notifications to stay informed when newsletters are posted. |
| O | Outdoor shoes – The children are required to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes for school. When they come to school, they need to change into their indoor shoes. This will help to keep our school and carpets clean. It is recommended that you leave a pair of running shoes at school as indoor footwear. Your child’s indoor shoes stay at school in his/her cubby. |
| P | Peanut Allergy – There are children with peanut allergies attending Christ the King school. The safety of these students is very important, therefore, CTK is a peanut/nut free school. Play Dough Club – We appreciate parent help in making play dough for our classroom. If you are interested in participating, please ask about our sign-up sheet for a schedule of open weeks! Prep Teacher – Mrs. Christilaw is returning as our gym teacher. She will also be contributing to our religious education program on her teaching days. |

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| Q | <p>Quick Good-byes – Quick good-byes are the best way to insure a good start for the morning. Linger parents make for tearful kindergarteners.</p> |
| R | <p>Report cards – There are three reporting periods throughout the school year. A shorter progress report will be sent home in late October. The first term report card will go home in January and the second will go home in June.</p> <p>Remind – This is an online app that we use to communicate short reminders to you. Information will come home on how to sign up for our reminders.</p> |
| S | <p>S.T.E.M. – stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Math. We will have a STEM prep teacher assigned to our school to teach students about coding, robotics, building for a variety of purposes. Please refer to our monthly calendar for STEM days.</p> <p>Side Doors - The children are dismissed from the side doors of the school. Our class will line up in the hallway at dismissal time. We will be dismissing students as we see their pick-ups arrive on the playground.</p> <p>If you need to pick up your child early, please call the school or visit the office first. Someone at the office will contact us and your child will meet you at the office.</p> |
| T | <p>Tardiness – We encourage parents to have their children at school on time as learning begins promptly at 8:45. We understand that, on occasion, arriving to school on time is challenging. To avoid a rush of students and parents at the office in the morning, teachers will adjust the attendance in their own classrooms until 9:15. If you arrive at school after this time it is important to go to the office and let our school secretary know that your child is at school.</p> |
| U | <p>Unimaginable – Your child’s growth this year will amaze you. He/she is moving from the concrete world of the early learner to the abstract world of the elementary learner. His/her questions are changing from “What is that?” to “Why is that?” Enjoy them and spend a little time each day talking with your child as he/she learns and grows.</p> <p>Unique – Each child is unique in personality and academic development. This year your child will be involved in many learning opportunities designed to help him/her be successful.</p> |
| V | <p>Volunteers – We welcome all parents, guardians and grandparents to assist in providing the best education for our children. Whether you can volunteer once a month or once a week, your help is always appreciated. Volunteers are required to provide the office with a current police check. 😊</p> |
| W | <p>Weather – It is very important that you pay close attention to the weather forecast each day. The children need to be properly dressed for recess. Remember to provide snow pants, boots, mittens and a hat in cold snowy weather. Keeping an extra set of mittens and a hat in their backpack is always a great idea. Please make sure to label all clothing.</p> |
| X | <p>EXtra clothing – Please send an extra set of clothing (pants, shirt, socks and underwear) inside a ziplock bag (labeled with your child’s name) to school. Your child’s bag of extra clothing will be left at school for unforeseen emergencies.</p> |
| Y | <p>You – You are a very important person in your child’s learning environment. You are your child’s first teacher. We hope to be able to provide you with many more occasions and activities to share with your child to help further his/her learning this year.</p> |

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ZZZZ – Please make sure that your child gets plenty of rest. Setting and keeping a bedtime schedule is very important. Coming to school all day is hard work (for the teachers too). Proper rest will help your child to be alert and ready to learn.

Zoom – As fast as you can say the **ABC**'s, this school year will be over. Our hope is that your child will begin to grow into a life-long learner and that you have many opportunities to participate in his/her world of learning.