



July 2, 2021

Families of 2021 Kindergarten students at Hans Helgesen,

Thank you viewing our Welcome to Kindergarten slideshow, filling in the online survey and attending the Drive-Through where we were able to spend a few special moments meeting your family. Although we had to adapt our regular routine to align with physical distancing rules, we appreciate your participation and are looking forward to getting to know you better.

As you may know, kindergarten students begin a new adventure of exploration and learning with a gradual entry to school. Students usually have an orientation session in the Spring or September and then begin to attend school for a short period of time and a small group of peers, increasing in increments until they attend a full day with the whole class in attendance. They will get to know the staff and students as they learn school routines and expectations. This is an exciting time for your child, your family and the school staff as you begin together to establish a learning environment that is safe, caring, comfortable, caring and fun.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Kindergarten classes will be determined after we meet the students and get to know them. The entire Kindergarten team will be working with the children during the first couple of weeks of September and the students will doing activities in both Kindergarten classrooms. This will allow us to form balanced classes that support all students.

Each student will attend one orientation session and then start school on Monday September 13th following the gradual entry schedule posted below.

Kindergarten Orientation

This is an opportunity to meet the new K's and let them meet their new peers.

- Friday, **September 9th** 9:00 – 10:00 **or** 10:30 – 11:00

Online booking for K orientation begins on **Monday, July 5 at 9:00a.m.** You must first register and create an account with School Appointments before you can book an appointment.

The link is here: <https://hanshelgesen.schoolappointments.com/>

Gradual Entry to Kindergarten

Every child will attend these two half days.

- Monday, **September 13th**, half-day class (12:45 – 2:35)
- Tuesday, **September 14th**, half-day class (12:45 – 2:35)

First full day of regular classes for all Kindergarten students!

- Wednesday, **September 15th**, (8:25 – 2:38)

Students now follow the schedule of the rest of the school 8:25 – 2:38.

Our goal is to create a positive introduction and support school success through these initial visits. We look forward to a great year for your child with our outstanding team of teachers and support staff! Have a wonderful summer!

You and your child may feel both excitement and apprehension. This is normal; everyone feels both of these feelings at the start of a new experience! Just know your child is ready for Kindergarten and we are ready for your child! [This video may have some helpful ideas.](#)

Please contact us if you have any questions,

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