



Hans Helgesen Elementary

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Dear Kindergarten families,

Thank you for your participation in our “Welcome to Kindergarten” visit in early June. We were so excited to meet your children and are looking forward to a wonderful year of fun and learning together!

As discussed at the orientation visit, Kindergarten children across the District follow a gradual entry schedule as they begin school. This offers some shorter opportunities to support successful school transition for Kindergarten students. This also allows for returning students in grades 1-5 to transition to new classes before the new Kindergarten students arrive. Kindergarten children will attend for a one-hour afternoon visit, followed by two alternating half days prior to starting full days at school.

By Wednesday, September 10th, most Kindergarten children will be attending full time. Some students may have a partial day transition to school. **After Wednesday, September 10th, children will be assigned to their classes for the year.** You will begin to receive information from your child’s teacher once full days begin. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate any teacher requests or discuss individual class placements. Thank you in advance for your understanding. Below is your child’s gradual entry schedule.

Hans Helgesen’s 2025 Gradual Entry Schedule for Kindergarten

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| • Friday, September 5th | 1:30 – 2:30 pm |
| • Monday, September 8th | 8:30 – 11:30 am |
| • Tuesday, September 9th | 12:30 – 2:30 pm |

Kindergarten children will begin full days of school on Wednesday, September 10th.

Our school hours are as follows:

- First Bell – 8:30 am (Kindergarten children are met by teachers outside the front entrance of the school. The day begins with attendance and outdoor play)
- 10:05 – 10:20 am Recess
- 11:38 – 12:05 pm Lunch eating in classrooms
- 12:05 – 12:38 pm Outside play time
- 2:38 pm Dismissal (Parents meet children at the side exit of the school for pick up)

The Kindergarten school supply list is available on our school website, [Hans Helgesen | Elementary School](#). This year at Hans Helgesen, we were able to support the bulk purchase of some additional school supplies through a one-time funding opportunity. Supplies do not need to be labelled, as they are shared. Supplies will not be needed for the first few days of Kindergarten.

At the end of August, you will receive a short questionnaire to help us to learn more about your child in preparation for their arrival at school. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share some helpful information with us. We want your child to feel happy, safe, and supported as they start their exciting journey into school.

Please reach out if you have any questions. Our school office will reopen on Monday, August 25th at 8:00 am.

We can't wait to see you in September! Welcome to Kindergarten at Hans Helgesen!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Karen Sjerven

Principal



Karen Sjerven (she/her)

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