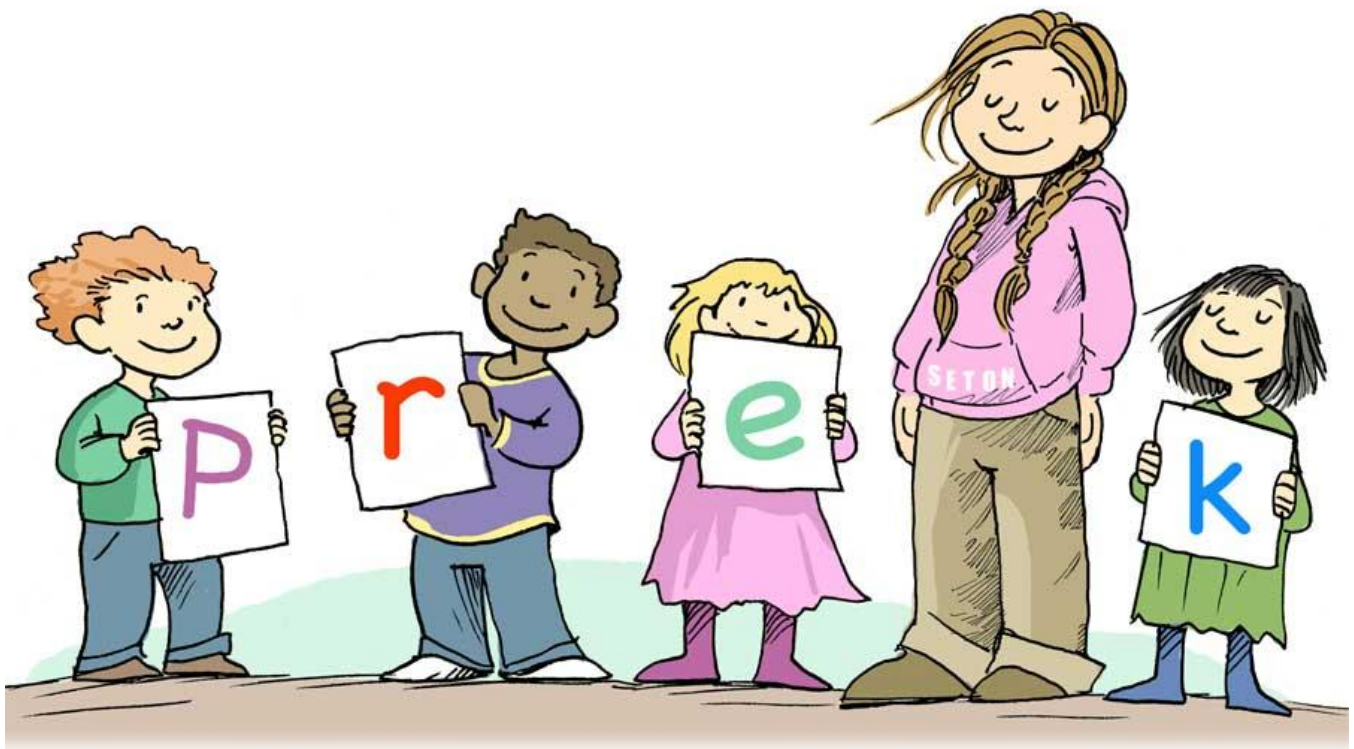


Pre-Kindergarten Family Handbook 2026-2027



Brunswick School

Welcome to Prekindergarten!

I'm your child's teacher, Mrs. Jodi Allen Corbett. (Mrs. AC)

My husband Chris and I have a busy family with our 3 children, Bree, Mac and Grady. Our youngest graduated from high school this past June. All our children have moved away from home to attend university, two in Saskatoon, and one in Waterloo, Ontario. We also have one cat, and one very big puppy. We love time at the lake, traveling, golf, playing games, and time with family and friends.

This is my 31st year of teaching. It is my fourth-year teaching Pre-K. I love to explore and discover the world with children, and I am looking forward to teaching your child this year!



Communication: We use an online tool called Edsby to communicate about our Pre-K journey. Through Edsby you can message me, access information about our classroom and family activities, and see stories about the development and growth of your child. Once registration is complete, you will be sent an invitation to access the Edsby tool and connect with our classroom. You can also contact me via email at allencorbett.jodi@nesd.ca or call or text 306-900-9827.

We have an amazing team to support your child in PreK!

Principal: *Mr. Rob Unruh*

Vice Principal: *Mrs. Katelyn Larson-Weinert*

Educational Assistants: *To Be Announced*

Diversity Education Teacher: *Mrs. Pamela Kellington*

Outreach Worker: *Mrs. Brandi Moskal*

Speech-Language Pathologist: *Mrs. Tenille Johnson*

Brunswick School Telephone Number: (306) 752-5771



Pre-K Hours and Days of Operation:

Pre-K students attend school in the afternoon, Monday to Friday each day from 12:50-3:25. It is the responsibility of the parent/ caregiver to arrange transportation for your child each day.

***DROP-OFF time:** PreK uses the east entrance of the school by the large playground structures. Please wait outside with your child. Your child can play on the equipment with the other children. A member of our Pre-K will greet you at the east door at **12:50pm**. (Other students K to Grade 6 come in at 1:06pm when the bell rings) 😊

***PICK UP time:** Pick-up time is **3:15 p.m.** at the **front fenced play area** of the school. Parking is available along **Brunswick Street** in front of the building or along **Bemister or Stovel Avenue**. This is our outdoor playtime, so you can usually find us having fun in this area by about **3:00 p.m.** Please note that the dismissal bell for **Kindergarten to Grade 6 rings at 3:25 p.m.**, so the area may be a bit busier around that time.

***Please do not use the main front door for regular pick up and drop off. ***

It is important to build routines with your child. The front doors are locked and need to be accessed by buzzing the school administrative assistant.

For the safety of your children:

- 1) Please drop your child off at the Pre-K door across from the main office. You are welcome to come into the school, and our classroom with your child. When your child becomes more independent, you are encouraged to let them enter the school by themselves if they are able.
- 2) Please **DO NOT** use the staff parking lot for pick up and drop off.
- 3) If your child will be absent, late or if there are any changes in the pickup or drop off plan for your child, please phone the school, talk to one of our Pre-K team members at drop off, or send Mrs. AC a message on Edsby. If you need to contact us during class time, please phone the main office, as the Pre-K team is rarely able to access emails and messages during our busy class time.
- 4) Notify the school of **CHANGES** in phone #, address, or emergency contacts.



Please note: All doors, including our front doors will be locked after 1:06pm. If you arrive after this time, please come to the front/main door. You will need to buzz in at the camera, and Mrs. Lafond will let you in.

Family Days: (Mark your Calendar!)

Family Days are a highlight of Pre-K and are an important part of our overall program! Family activities are planned once a month. Please make arrangements to come WITH your child. You will enjoy fun and educational activities designed for the whole family. If you have ideas of things you and your child would like to do and learn together please let me know.



What to bring: (Please label each item with your child's name)



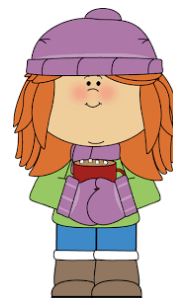
School supplies are provided within the Pre-K program.

Your child will need to bring:

- 1 pair of Velcro running shoes** to be kept at school
 - 1 extra change of clothes** to be kept at school (shirt, pants, underwear & socks.) Please put in a plastic bag with your child's name on it.
- Backpack**

Please do not send toys to school with your child. It is easy for them to get lost or broken within the classroom environment.

Outerwear: We spend a good amount of time outside daily. Thank you for sending your child dressed in proper outdoor clothing!



Snack: A healthy and filling snack is provided each day for Pre-K students, so there is no need to send food to school with your child. Please let us know of any food allergies or restrictions your child may have.

Pre-K Activities: Your child will be engaged in some of the following experiences during their morning at Pre-K:

Circle Time	<i>Stories, songs, fingerplays, & group learning activities.</i>
Play Time	<i>Children learn through play when they explore at a variety of centers, such as: blocks, dress-up, writing, science & nature, water & sand tables, play-dough, paint, puzzles, etc</i>
Art	<i>Children will be exploring and creating with a variety of media to express themselves.</i>
Small Group Activities	<i>Small groups of children work on activities such as sequencing, counting, matching, language activities, etc.</i>
Gym & Outdoor Play	<i>Children will develop gross motor skills, sensory awareness, and an appreciation for nature.</i>
Snack	<i>Children learn about nutrition, hygiene & manners.</i>

Speech and Language Assistance: All students entering Pre-Kindergarten complete a brief speech and hearing screen with our SLP. Parents will be notified of their child's results, and if necessary, students with speech and/or language difficulties may be referred for additional assistance in the classroom.



Instruction & Assessment: Our school division uses the Essential Learning Experiences from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education to guide our planning. These include experiences to help each child develop in four key areas: Social Emotional, Physical, Spiritual, and Intellectual. Our program is concerned with the development of the whole child, and much of this development occurs through play and exploration.

Assessment refers to the way in which a teacher gathers information about what each child knows and can do. The teacher then uses this information to communicate progress with parents, and plan learning experiences according to each child's individual needs. I use an online tool called *Edsby* to communicate and capture the learning of students. I assess children's development of the Essential Learning Experiences, and it will be communicated to you through your child's learning story. As well, all children who are 4 will be assessed using the EYE (Early Years Evaluation) to determine specific areas that may need focused support before Kindergarten.

Building Bridges/ Home Visits:

Building Bridges: A Family Day or evening between October 13-15th, or 19th to 22nd. To be announced!

Home Visits: January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 25th in the afternoon (NO SCHOOL on these days)

Building Bridges: A Family Day or evening between March 8th to 11th, or 15th to 18th. To be announced!

The purpose of the above visits is to engage with families about your child and how they are developing and growing in Pre-Kindergarten. This is also an opportunity to discuss what has been happening at school and some of the upcoming activities! You are always welcome to ask questions and make comments about your child's learning.

Learning Story: Our school division uses an online tool called *Edsby* to document your child's learning and progress. This is a great opportunity to see what your child is creating, exploring, and enjoying each day!

Classroom Behaviour: At school we teach positive behaviours that will encourage each child to treat our classroom and others with respect. We will guide and nurture every learner to grow in confidence as individuals, and as a member of our classroom community. At Brunswick School we will: *Be Safe. Be Kind. Be Responsible.*



It is our goal to work together with you to provide the best possible environment for your child to learn and grow. We are committed to providing a safe and happy classroom for both children and adults. By working together, your child will be better equipped to succeed! I look forward to a great year together!

Mrs. Allen Corbett