



Cardston Elementary School

Principal: Stacy Jacobs • Vice Principal: Terry Heaney

January 6, 2019

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

As teachers, we recognize parents are the most important and influential teacher in a child's life. We are so grateful that you trust us as a partner in the education and learning of your child. We have an opportunity to strengthen our partnership by supporting you in your efforts as your child's first and most important teacher.

We are offering a two session workshop for all kindergarten students and their parents. Our Speech Language Pathologist, Cindy Scott, helps our Kindergarten teachers strengthen the literacy program in our school through training in the [Hanen Program](#). Hanen is a research based program that effectively helps parents and educators promote not only language and early literacy development, but to encourage children to be active, confident communicators.

By sharing this training focused on how to use books to increase your child's vocabulary and emergent literacy, we hope to build skills at home that supplement the learning that takes place at school. This is also a great opportunity to bond with your child and make learning a special, memorable time at home.

We are offering four different options for each session so you can select the time that works best for you. Each session is two hours which includes a 1 ½ hour parent training followed by 30 minutes of guided practice with your child. You should bring your kindergarten child as well as any other preschool age children (2-5 year olds) in your home. During the parent training, we will provide child care with learning activities for your child. Then we will have a snack break for you to enjoy with your child followed by about 30 minutes of guided practice.

We hope you will take advantage of this great learning opportunity. Our goal is for at least one parent or guardian of each child to attend a session. We have an online form that you may fill in or if it is easier, you may fill in the attached form and return it to school by January 11.

Session dates and times are:

Session 1:

Monday, January 21 5-7 pm
Wednesday, January 23 3:15-5:15 pm
Friday, January 25 8:30- 10:30 am
Friday, January 25 10:30-12:30 pm

Session 2:

Monday, February 11 5-7 pm
Wednesday, February 13 3:15-5:15 pm
Friday, February 15 8:30- 10:30 am
Friday, February 15 10:30-12:30 pm



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If you have any questions about the training, please contact your Kindergarten teacher. We are excited for this opportunity and hope you can make it a priority to attend with your child. If you wish to fill in the online form, it can be accessed at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/fWzpmwQ55hkShell2>

Thanks for all you do to support your child's learning.

Sincerely,

Stacy Jacobs

If returning a paper copy, please complete the following:

Your Name: _____

Please Circle which Session 1 and Session 2 dates you plan to attend (one from each session):

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Other: (if these times don't work, what works better?) _____

Please indicate the name of the kindergarten age child(ren) who will be attending with you:

Please indicate the names and ages of any additional preschool age children who will be attending with you:
