



# SANDHILLS NEWSLETTER

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**School Mission:** Sandhills Elementary School is a safe, fun place where our minds and bodies grow.

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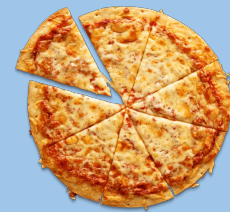
## Virtual 100 Day Celebration - Thursday, February 25



100 Day signifies the halfway point of the school year and we will mark the day with virtual school classroom celebrations.

## Pizza Orders for M/W ECS Due - Wednesday, February 24 and Pizza Orders for T/T ECS and Grade 1-3 Due - Thursday, February 25

Students must have a **SNACK** card to order.



## Ice Cream Sale - Friday, March 5

Please have your child's ice cream order written in their agenda for **Friday, March 5**. Ice Cream for **ECS** is **.50¢** and **Grade 1 - 3** is **\$1.00**.

**Students must have a SNACK card to order.** Your child's teacher will communicate with you when a new snack card is needed.



## SANDHILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ECS (Kindergarten) Program Registration 2021-2022 School Year



Parents of children attending Kindergarten at Sandhills in the fall of 2021 are requested to register their child with Sandhills. We would like to see the majority of children registered by February 26, 2021.

As per Alberta Education regulations, to be eligible to register, students must be five (5) years old on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of enrollment.

To register your child, please call the school at 780-928-3947 and request a registration form. Registration forms can also be printed from the Sandhills website at <http://shes.fvsd.ab.ca>. The Registration Form can be found under the Parents and Quick Links menus.

If you have any questions about completing the Registration Form please contact the school.

The registration form along with a photocopy of your child's Birth Certificate or Canadian Citizenship Papers can be sent via email/mail/child or drop off at the school office between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm, Monday through Friday. If you are unable to photocopy your documents please take a picture with your phone and email them to [LizK@fvsd.ab.ca](mailto:LizK@fvsd.ab.ca)

We look forward to meeting you and your child.

# Speech Sounds and Talking & Listening Attachments

Producing sounds, talking and listening is a developmental age-related process. Please take some time to read the attached information sheets regarding speech sounds, talking and listening. If you believe your child (age 2.5+) is experiencing delays in sound or language development, please contact the Alberta Health Link or our Inclusive Education Coordinator, Mrs. Dika.

## Speech Sounds!



The words people say are made up of different speech sounds. Each language has its own set of speech sounds. Your child learns to use the sounds in your language by hearing you talk. At first, your baby practises making easier sounds by babbling. As she gets older and says more words, she learns how to use more sounds in your language. By the time your child is 8 years old, her speech usually sounds like the speech of an adult. Below is a checklist for the development of English sounds.

### Check off all of the things your child is doing.

#### What to Expect

##### Under 12 months...

- By 3 months** your baby coos, goos, grunts, gurgles, and makes different noises like "ahh".
- From 4 to 7 months** your baby makes babbling sounds like "ahah", "baba", "mama", and "gaga".

##### Your 1 year old...

- Babbles using different sounds like "bababa" or "putudume".
- Copies different sounds you say.
- May say first words.
- By 1½ years** uses the sounds that are easiest to make like *m, p, b, d, w,* and *h*.
- Babbles sounds together like real sentences, such as "bapotimawabe".

- Is understood by parents only about 25% of the time.

##### Your 2 year old...

- Uses sounds like *m, p, b, w, t, d, n,* and *h*. Most vowel sounds are said correctly like *ah, ee, i, oh, oo,* and so on.
- May only use these sounds at the beginning of words.
- Is understood by parents between 50 to 75% of the time.
- By 2½ years** uses some sounds at the beginning and end of words.
- May repeat easier sounds like "bubu" for *bubbles* or leave off harder sounds like "ba" for *ball, bat,* or *bus*.
- May say many different words that sound the same.

##### Your 3 year old...

- Uses sounds like *m, p, b, w, t, d, n, h, k, g, f, s,* vowels, *y* as in *yes,* and *ing* as in *sing*.
- Is understood by parents between 75 to 100% of the time.
- By 3½ years** uses sounds at the beginning of words (*bus* instead of *us*) and at the end of words (*boat* instead of *boa*).
- Uses vowel sounds correctly almost all of the time.



For information about speech development, ask for the *Speech Sounds Checklist*.

### Your 3 year old...

- Says 3 to 4 words together, like *I want more juice* and *Mommy is at work*.
- Uses more of the little words like *is, a, the*.
- Follows 3-part directions, like *Go to your room, get your socks, and bring them to me*.
- Understands and asks questions, like *Where is your coat?*, *Who's that?* and *What is soap for?*
- Describes activities, feelings and problems, and tells simple stories.

### Your 4 year old...

- Uses sentences that are longer and more complete, such as "I want to go out and play on the swing."
- Uses more grammar, like pronouns (*I, you, me, she, he, we*), past tense (*walked*), and some question words (*what, who, where, why*). There are still some errors.

- Understands most concept words like *colours, shapes, locations, texture, time*.

### Your 5 year old...

- Uses sentences that can be more than 5 to 6 words long.
- Asks more difficult questions, like *why* and *how*.
- Understands most questions and adult conversation.
- Uses the present, future, and past tenses, like *walks, walked, and will walk*.
- Retells a story by naming the characters and by talking about what happened.

## When to get help

You should get help if...

- Your child is frustrated or difficult to understand.
- You did not check off all of the things listed for your child's age.

## Where to get help

Are you concerned about your child's speech and language development? Speech-language pathologists can help.

To find one in your area...

- Contact your local health unit
- Call Health Link Alberta at:
  - Calgary Area 403-943-LINK (5465)
  - Edmonton Area 780-408-LINK (5465)
  - Toll Free 1-866-408-LINK (5465)
- Go to [www.healthlinkalberta.ca](http://www.healthlinkalberta.ca)



Go to [www.parentlinkalberta.ca](http://www.parentlinkalberta.ca) for more Talk Box ideas.



