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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This year, our school division will be using the **Early Years Evaluation – Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA)** in our kindergarten classrooms. The **EYE-TA** provides kindergarten teachers with a way to organize their observations and informal assessments in play-based learning activities in the classroom and around the school.

The **EYE-TA** is administered to kindergarten children aged 4-6 years. The purpose of this assessment is to determine each child's progress and development in five key areas closely linked with early learning and emerging literacy skills. The five key areas are:

1. Awareness of Self and Environment;
2. Social Skills and Approaches to Learning;
3. Cognitive Skills;
4. Language and Communication; and,
5. Physical Development.

Parents/Caregivers will receive a copy of their child's results, with information in the five key areas, after the assessment is complete. **EYE-TA** results, along with other assessments, can help teachers to determine the type and amount of support required for each child to succeed in the classroom.

In an effort to meet each child's learning needs and inform teaching decisions, results of the **EYE-TA** can be used by educators to plan instruction for the entire class, for small groups and for individual students' needs.

If you would like more information about the **EYE-TA**, please visit: www.earlyyearesevaluation.com or contact: Kelley Worthington, Early Learning Consultant, Living Sky School Division.

Sincerely,