

WCA Full Day Kindergarten Program



2018-2019

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten



The Importance of the Kindergarten Program at WCA

Social and language development are key components in a Kindergarten program. Young

children need daily opportunities to interact with each other. Through these daily interactions they develop skills in turn taking and problem solving. They become more able to wait their turn, share toys and materials and become an active listener in group situations.

A Canadian Curriculum Kindergarten Program

WCA's program follows the Manitoba Education & Training Kindergarten Curriculum which provides a multitude of situations for children to ask and answer questions, share stories, chant, sing and add their opinions to discussions. Readiness skills are developed through a variety of activities where the children learn to listen, speak, view, represent, read and write. Through these activities the building blocks for future learning are enhanced. The focus of

the program is on the development of the child as a whole. It is characterized by an emphasis on the balanced intellectual, physical, emotional and social development of the child.

Educating for the 21st Century

WCA strives to support high-quality learning while giving every child the opportunity to learn in the way that is best suited to the child's individual strengths and needs. WCA's Kindergarten program is designed to help every child reach his or her full potential through a program of learning that is

coherent, relevant, and age appropriate. It recognizes that, today and in the future, children need to be critically literate in order to synthesize information, make informed decisions, communicate effectively, and thrive in an ever-changing global community.





Meet the Teacher

Hello! My name is Ms. Jackie and I am a certified teacher from Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. I hold a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. I

have been teaching for several years in the United States and South Korea, and have had the pleasure to work with many kindergarten and elementary students both in public and private schools. In my free

time, I enjoy swimming and studying languages. I am working hard to prepare many fun and engaging learning experiences for your children. I am so excited to meet everyone and start the year!



GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

A Sample Daily Timetable

8:30-9:00	Routines, Activity Choices, Morning Meeting
9:00-9:40	Science/Social Studies Theme Lesson & Investigations
9:40-10:00	Snack
10:00-10:30	Interactive Read Aloud/Music
10:30-11:00	Math
11:00-11:10	Yoga/Movement Break
11:10-11:50	ELL
11:50-12:30	Lunch & Play Based Learning
12:30-12:50	Quiet Reading Time
12:50-1:10	ELA
1:10-1:50	Centers
1:50-2:05	Recess
2:05-2:45	Art
2:45-3:25	PE
3:25-3:35	Review Time & Dismissal



What Kindergarten Studies



Develop understanding between old and new experiences:

- Group sharing.
- Respectful listening.
- Story predictions.

Recognize labels and environmental print:

- Understand print is organized left to right and top to bottom.
- Recognize that letters represent sounds.
- Distinguish between reality and fantasy.
- Shared reading.
- Curiosity about language.

Use illustrations to understand ideas:

- Ask and answer questions.
- Seek information.
- Discuss personal knowledge.

Connect sounds with letters:

- Recognize name and letters.
- Story retelling.
- Print letters.
- Active listening and viewing behaviour.

Celebrate community:

- Demonstrate curiosity.
- Work and cooperate with others.



Patterns/Relations:

- Reproduces
- Describes
- Patterns
- Sorts

Statistics/Probability:

- Collects, organizes data with assistance
- Has one to one correspondence
- Graphs
- More/less/same

Shape/Space:

- 2D concepts
- Long/short
- Full/empty
- More/less
- 3D objects in environment
- Position words

Number Awareness + and + operations:

- Rote counting orally from 1 to 10 using one to one correspondence
- Extends counting from 1 to 20
- Reads and writes numbers from 1 to 10
- Builds sets
- More/less/equal
- Problem solving, reasoning



Explore elements of the language of music. Recognizes certain musical elements:

- Loud and soft volumes
- Slow and rapid tempo
- High and low register
- The source of sound
- Differences between a speaking and singing voice
- Strike a beat
- Produces simple melodies

What Kindergarten Studies



Health & Fitness:

- Social & Emotional well-being
- Fine and gross motor skills
- Physical well-being
- Nutrition
- Personal hygiene & interaction with others
- Dental Health
- Healthy lifestyle
- Safety



Life Science:

- Characteristics of animals, plants, and the environment

Physical Science:

- Investigate observable characteristics of familiar objects.

Earth Science:

- Explore features of their natural surroundings.



The World Around Us:

- Myself & Others
- My school and its neighborhood
- Changes in me and in my world



Develops basic computer awareness skills:

- Keyboard and mouse skills
- Introduction to educational software



Expresses their ideas through images and responds to them:

- Gestures related to different techniques
- Drawing & Painting
- Collage Structural elements of form:
- Dot & Line
- Texture, Colours and volume

F.A.Q's

The goal of the Kindergarten program at WCA Canada is to provide joyful experiences that will create a disposition to learn in all the subject areas, in the social/emotional area, and that will nurture creativity.

How do I prepare my child for Kindergarten?



Ensure that your child can put on his/her own jacket and shoes, do up his/her zipper, blow his/her nose, etc. Help your child feel comfortable away from you. Encourage your child to make decisions, to take responsibility for small tasks and to solve problems. Familiarize your child with the school, the teacher, the playground, future classmates etc.

Familiarize yourself and your child with the route to/from school. Visit your child's classroom. Familiarize yourself and your child with the classroom routines. Provide your child with early bedtimes. Provide your child with healthy nutritious foods. Encourage your child to engage in physical activity (eg: running, jumping, skipping etc.).

What clothes to wear?



Children's clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name, as children often do not recognize their own clothes. The classroom ends up with a box of unclaimed quality and pricey clothing. Kindergarten classrooms are based on hands-on activities. Please ensure your child wears clothing appropriate for these types of activities. You can expect your child to go back home a little dirtier than when he/she left home. Remember we are playing with water, sand, paint, glue etc. Your child must bring a school bag to school every day to bring home letters, priceless art projects and snacks. Please label your child's school bag with his/her personal information for security reasons. Your child must have a pair of running shoes to keep at school all year.

Will your child be able to play?



Yes, because playing is the best way for you to learn. You will have plenty of time to play in the classroom's different centers. You will learn many songs and Nursery rhymes in class. Sing them to your parents at home. You will also have lots of fun playing inside or outside on the playground.



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