



St. William School

Kindergarten Overview

It is our pleasure to welcome you to St. William School. We sincerely hope that your child's experience in our Kindergarten program will be exciting and rewarding. It is also our hope that you as parents will become involved with your child's program, either through classroom volunteering, special events and/or field trips.

RATIONALE OF THE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Early childhood is a very important stage in human development. Children begin to explore independence, initiative, decision-making, creativity, the ability to learn and feelings of self-worth. What children learn at this point in their lives will impact on successful learning experiences in school, on personal development and on future participation in society. The purpose of the Kindergarten program is to provide hands-on learning experiences; to meet the diverse needs of children and to prepare them for entry into grade one.

PRINCIPLES OF PROGRAMMING

- Your child's Kindergarten program will be created based on the following principles:
- Young children develop knowledge, skills and attitudes that prepare them for subsequent learning;
- All children have access to interventions and alternate strategies to meet their needs to prepare them for further learning;
- Young children build a shared set of experiences and participate as active partners in learning;
- Parents have the opportunity for meaningful involvement in the education of their young children;
- Coordinated community services are available to meet the needs of young children.

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION

Your child will participate in six major learning areas:

1. Communication: Literacy and Numeracy
2. Community and Environmental Awareness
3. Creative and Cultural Expression
4. Physical Skills and Well-being
5. Personal and Social Responsibility
6. Spiritual Awareness



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