

He's ready.

She's ready.

are you?

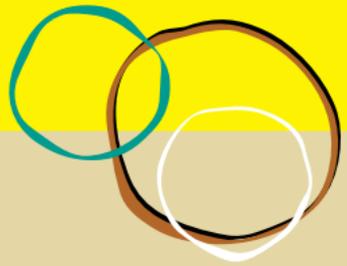


**OCHRE PARK SCHOOL**

**KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**



*Your child is likely filled with excitement about starting school. How are you feeling about it? Let us put your mind at ease with some information about Ochre Park School and our wonderful kindergarten program.*



## About our school

### *Your child can grow with us*

Ochre Park School offers a modern facility and a range of programs to meet student needs. Our staff members believe each child can learn in a variety of ways, regularly involving parents, the community and technology in many different aspects of the learning process. Ochre Park School teaches students to become valued citizens who are creative, critical thinkers and life-long learners.

### *We're easy to find*

Ochre Park School is conveniently located in Redwater, and provides free bussing for students in the area.



# Our kindergarten program

## *We support you and your child*

At Ochre Park School, we believe early childhood is a significant period in human development, when independence, initiative, decision-making, creativity, learning ability, relating to others and feelings of self-worth all begin.

The Ochre Park Kindergarten Program is led by a caring, enthusiastic professional who puts the needs of the children first. Our program promotes growth in all areas of a child's development—socially, emotionally, physically, intellectually and creatively. This is best achieved through an environment that allows for individual learning and an opportunity for every child to succeed. Our kindergarten teacher builds skills, attitudes and knowledge to enhance student success.

Our program includes individual and group projects, guided reading, the Kindercooking Nutrition Program, drama and role play, learning centres, games, cooperative learning, cross-grade Read-a-Buddy, field trips, visiting experts, class celebrations and special days. We encourage parental involvement through our Local Advisory Council and roster parents. In the classroom, parents are involved in the activities and centres taking place that day.



***We provide opportunities for every child to succeed.***

## *Our kindergarten classroom*

The classroom is a team effort involving children, teachers and parents. Our kindergarten classes have a family feeling where the entire group cares for others and the room. We consider parents to be strong partners in their child's success and are welcome participants in the classroom.

Also, we create classrooms that are fun learning spaces with an activity centre approach. Students participate in centres, field trips, activities, music and technology to best impact their potential as learners. Through hands-on and interactive learning experiences, students begin to develop the skills necessary for educational success.

Staggered entrance is implemented at the beginning of the school year, to provide an opportunity for your child to be introduced to the kindergarten setting, as well as meet the teacher and be introduced to new friends

***Our unique programs offer opportunities for every student to explore and enjoy.***

***Classrooms with fun learning spaces!***

***Ochre Park School is focused on helping***

## *Programs we're proud of*

At Ochre Park School, we make an effort to meet the needs of all our students – particularly at the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten levels. One program we're especially proud of is the Headstart Program.

### **Headstart Program**

- For children between the ages of 3½ and 5 who would benefit from extensive early childhood readiness skills
- Helps prepare children for kindergarten and provides a foundation for later success
- Families are also given support on how to continue educational success at home

Other programs and services offered at our school that may be of interest to parents of kindergarten students include: Music Program, Optional Catholic Religion Program, Oral French Program for Grade 4 and Optional Milk and Hot Lunch Programs.

Students who require support have access to Speech and Language as well as Occupational Therapy services.



*g children achieve success in education.*

# Kindergarten learning areas



Our kindergarten program follows the guidelines of Alberta Education. The curriculum is organized in six themes with learner expectations in the following areas:



**English Language Arts**



**Mathematics**



**Community and Environmental Awareness**



**Personal and Social Responsibility**

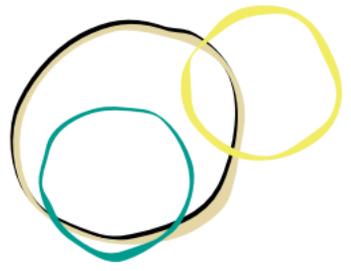


**Physical Skills and Well-being**



**Creative and Cultural Expression**

# Kindergarten learner skills



- Literacy and numeracy skills are taught in a positive, safe, enthusiastic environment.
- Specific learner outcomes are presented through a variety of themed units such as safety, dinosaurs and fairy tales.
- Children are provided opportunities to learn about and practice specified learner outcomes using the centre approach.
- Children develop an awareness of their unique individuality and worth.
- Positive play activities provide opportunities for your child to develop a solid foundation of first-hand experiences and basic knowledge upon which to build and grow.
- A sense of self and community is explored and permeates the entire day.





***Tours of the school are available for prospective parents.***



## **Contact us!**

For more information about our kindergarten programs, please contact us.

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