



Frequently Asked Questions

What does my child need to bring?

Your child needs to bring inside shoes and a healthy nut-free snack.

What if I would like to withdraw my child from the Early Explorers Preschool program?

To withdraw from the program, please provide us one month's notice.

What qualifications do the preschool teachers have?

Each preschool teacher is certified and licensed Early Childhood Educator (ECE); they also have their Emergency First Aid for Childcare. Our ECEs regularly attend professional development activities to ensure that they keep on top of emerging theory and practice related to Early Childhood Education.

What is Kindergarten readiness?

Throughout the year the children are exposed to the letters of the alphabet and numbers in many ways throughout the day. They will be exposed to writing materials and encouraged to write their own names when applicable. Children will be exposed to many situations where they may: Problem Solve (ex. Using their words and asking for help), gain interpersonal skills and independence. The daily routines of our preschool are similar to school routines to get children ready for the routines and responsibilities of school.

What does a typical day like?

- ◆ Children arrive, free play until all children arrive
- ◆ Visit galleries (Children's Gallery, Explorations Gallery, Nature Exchange)
- ◆ Snack
- ◆ Free Play
- ◆ Circle
- ◆ Children Depart

How do the children engage in physical activity?

We try to take the children outside everyday, weather permitting, to engage in active games and activities. If the weather does not permit, we play active games either in the Children's Gallery or our Atrium.

Are children exposed to community resources?

Yes, depending on our theme we arrange appropriate fieldtrips or guest speakers from organizations in our community.

Are parents required to participate in all fieldtrips?

No, parents are not required to participate but are more than welcome to join us. If we are in need of parent volunteers, parents will be informed.

What days is there NO preschool?

The preschool follows the School District #57 calendar. Preschool is not in session any days that School District #57 is not in session. We only vary from the calendar on our September start dates and June end dates, due to conflicts with our Fort George Explorers After-School Care Program. You can look up the schedule at: <http://www.sd57.bc.ca/>