



Inspire. Create. Believe.

Our Pre-Kindergarten Program 2015-2016 St. Clement, St. Patrick, St. Kateri and Holy Cross

- Language-rich programming supports learning and growth across all areas of early childhood development.
- It is delivered in a small classroom setting allowing the learning team to address the unique needs and abilities of the child.
- It draws on the knowledge and expertise of parents and engages them in decision making through meetings and family oriented sessions.
- It focuses on learning through play where children interact, create and explore the world around them.



Program Hours

Program runs five half days per week from September to June. The first week will be a staggered entry (only a few children at a time). Pre-K Teachers will contact parents to schedule the day your child will come in. All children will begin regular classes the following week.

Program Fee

A materials fee of \$55.00 will be collected in advance to cover the cost of supplies for the children. Parents may be asked to assist with additional fundraising activities to enhance the program.

Alberta Education provides funding for instruction and student services.

Children Who May Qualify

A child with mild, moderate or severe speech and language needs. A recent speech and language assessment is required. Please contact Alberta Health Speech and Language at (780) 513-8126.

A child with an occupational and/or physical therapy need(s). A recent occupational or physical assessment is required. Please contact the Health Unit at (780) 513-7500.

The program is also open to students who have advanced language skills. Students who qualify in this category will need to be assessed by one of our District's Classroom Support Teachers. A standardized assessment instrument will be used. After the assessment we will gladly share the results with parents. To book an assessment, please call the Catholic Education Centre at (780) 532-3013.



Age Requirements

The Pre-Kindergarten program is intended for students who are age 4 by December 31, 2015. At the time of registration, parents will be asked to provide a birth certificate and baptismal certificate, if child is baptized (not a requirement for the program). A three-year old program also exists for children with more significant speech- language or developmental delays. It is intended for students who are age 3 by December 31, 2015.

Process for Registration

1. Obtain an assessment from Alberta Health (free) or a private contractor (at your cost) for your child if he/she has speech-language or occupational and/or physical therapy needs.
2. If your child demonstrates exceptional language skills to understand, interact and think phone the Catholic Education Centre (780) 532-3013 for information. These assessments will begin in May, but contact the CEC as soon as possible to have your child put on a waitlist.

3. Bring your assessment(s) to the Catholic Education Centre at 9902-101 Street.

4. If your child meets the criteria for the Pre-Kindergarten program, you will be asked to complete the appropriate registration form, attend a parent information meeting and submit the registration fee of \$55.00 (payable to your community school).

Parental Support

Parents will be encouraged to participate in classroom activities. Evening parent meetings will be held for parental support and input into the program.

Parents should also be aware that the program is Faith-based, meaning that the child's day will include morning prayer and intentions, songs and activities with a Christian emphasis, and learning centres rooted in Gospel values. As the year progresses, students will also participate in school celebrations.

Transportation

Parents will be responsible for transporting their child/children to and from school. The District will reimburse you at the end of the year. We believe that daily contact with the teacher and staff is a great way to be involved in your child's education!



Is Pre-Kindergarten for your child?

When considering Pre-Kindergarten reflect on these questions:

- Does my child have a limited vocabulary? Struggle with expressing thoughts?
- Have difficulty understanding?
- Would my child benefit from positive interaction with others?
- Is the primary language spoken at home something other than English?
- Does my child appear to have high verbal skills?

If you answered yes to just one of these questions, explore our Pre-Kindergarten program.

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