



**Inspire. Create. Believe.**

## **Our Pre-Kindergarten Program 2018-19** **St. Mary Catholic School, Beaverlodge**

- Language-rich programming supports learning and growth across all areas of early childhood development.
- It is delivered in a small group 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.



**We are pleased to welcome Pre-Kindergarten aged children of all faiths into our community school, helping to ensure a strong foundation for learning and easing the transition to school prior to Kindergarten.**

### **Program Hours**

The Pre-Kindergarten program runs two, three or five mornings per week from September to June. The 3-day class attends M/W/F and the 2-day class attends T/Th. Students who qualify for PUF (Program Unit Funding) may attend 5-days (M-F).

### **Staggered Entry**

The first week will be a staggered entry (children attend in small groups). The Pre-Kindergarten Instructor will contact parents to schedule this. All children will begin regular classes the following week.

### **Age Requirements**

The Pre-Kindergarten program is intended for students who are age 3 or 4 by December 31, 2017. At the time of registration, parents will be asked to provide a birth certificate for registration purposes and baptismal certificate if the child is baptized (not a requirement for the program).

### **Program Fee**

A fee of \$55 for the year will be payable to the school office. Please contact St Mary Catholic School at (780) 354-2944 for more information.





## Parental Support

Parents will be encouraged to participate in classroom activities and 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 morning may include prayer, songs and activities with a Christian emphasis and 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. We believe that daily contact with the teacher and staff is a great way to be involved in your child's education!

## Alberta Education provides funding for Early Intervention instruction and student services.

If your child qualifies for PUF (Program Unit Funding) it is important that you contact us to begin the registration process as soon as possible. Please call our Early Learning Supervisor at (780) 532-3013 Ext. 503 for further information.



## Children Who May Qualify for Early Intervention

**A child with mild, moderate or severe speech and language needs.** A speech-language assessment is required. Please call Alberta Health Speech & Language: (780) 354-2647 (Beaverlodge) (780) 513-8126 (Grande Prairie)

**A child with developmental delays including cognitive, occupational therapy or physical therapy needs:** An assessment or medical documentation is required. Please contact the GP Health Unit at (780) 513-7500.

## Is Pre-Kindergarten for your child?

When considering Pre-Kindergarten reflect on these questions:

- Would my child benefit from a gentle introduction to school prior to Kindergarten?
- Would my child benefit from positive interaction with others?
- Does my child have a limited vocabulary?
- Struggle with expressing thoughts?
- Have difficulty understanding?
- Is the primary language spoken at home something other than English?

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

