



# Pre-Kindergarten Program

Traditions Elementary School is excited to start planning for our **Pre-Kindergarten** program for three and four-year-old children (born in 2013 or 2014). We are planning to start our Pre-Kindergarten program at Traditions Elementary School on September 13, 2017. Home visits will be scheduled by Ms. Fedorowich, our Pre-K teacher, and occur prior to the start date. This program will have a maximum of 32 students (16 per class).

Pre-Kindergarten is a developmentally appropriate educational program based on the Ministry of Education's *Play and Exploration* document. The Pre-Kindergarten program is designed for students who require extra support prior to starting school. A child who demonstrates a challenge in the area of social, behavioral, emotional, cognitive or communicative skills will be considered.

**Our Pre-Kindergarten program is designed for children born in 2013 or 2014**

**The program has room for 32 students (one morning class and one afternoon class) with the start date scheduled for September 13th, 2017**

**Parents must complete an application form for new students in the program**

**A committee will evaluate the applications and choose the students, based on a wide range of criteria**

Pre-Kindergarten focuses on:

- Fostering social development and self-esteem
- Nurturing educational growth and school success
- Promoting language development

Pre-Kindergarten involves active, experiential learning through play. It is focused on the development of the whole child — physically, socially, emotionally, spiritually and intellectually.

The goal of Pre-Kindergarten is to help children achieve their full potential and to succeed in school and in life due to appropriate development opportunities and supports provided for them at an early age.

This program offers meaningful family involvement with supports from health, community resources and the Prairie Spirit School Division.

***Pre-Kindergarten application forms are available at the Warman Elementary School office as well as the Traditions Elementary School web page and will also be available at the Information Night on Wednesday, May 31st. The deadline for applications is Monday, June 12th (please submit to Warman Elementary School).***

## Dates to Remember

**Wednesday, May 31st, 2017**

Parent Information Night at Warman Elementary School (6:00 - 7:00 p.m.)

**Monday, June 12th, 2017**

Deadline for applications (submit to Warman Elementary School Office)

**Friday, June 30th, 2017**

By this date, all applicants will be contacted regarding acceptance into the program

**September 5th - September 12th, 2017**

Home visits for the teacher with parent(s)

**Wednesday, September 13th, 2017**

Start date for Pre-Kindergarten program at Traditions Elementary School

# Questions and Answers About Pre-Kindergarten

## How is this different than preschool?

Preschool or Play-School are community-driven and community funded. Our Pre-Kindergarten program is entirely funded by the Provincial Government and administered by the local school. As well, a Pre-Kindergarten program has a minimum of 12 hours of instruction per week. This program does not replace any existing preschool programs already in place.

## What is the purpose of this type of program?

The aim of the Pre-Kindergarten program is to give children the opportunity to start Kindergarten with the social, emotional and cognitive skills necessary to succeed. A better beginning with formal education will help to ensure a better future.

## How do I know if my child qualifies?

We will strive to ensure that children with the greatest needs are served and that the criteria for acceptance into the program is based on community needs. The Pre-Kindergarten program is designed for students who require extra support prior to starting school.



A child who demonstrates a challenge in the area of social, behavioral, emotional, cognitive or communicative skills will be considered. Other determining factors that are specific to each child will also be taken into consideration.

## Who teaches this program?

A professional teacher is hired with experience in Early Childhood Education. The Pre-Kindergarten class is part of Traditions Elementary School.

## What is my involvement in the program as a parent?

Parents must be involved and supportive of the Pre-Kindergarten program. Through their active involvement in the program, parents enhance their parenting skills and share responsibility for the well-being and education of their children. Teachers recognize the central responsibility of parents for the development and well-being of their children and encourage the active involvement of family members in the classroom.

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Although there is no parent volunteer commitment in the classroom as there would be in a cooperative pre-school program, parents are required to attend Family Day activities one half day every 4-5 weeks.