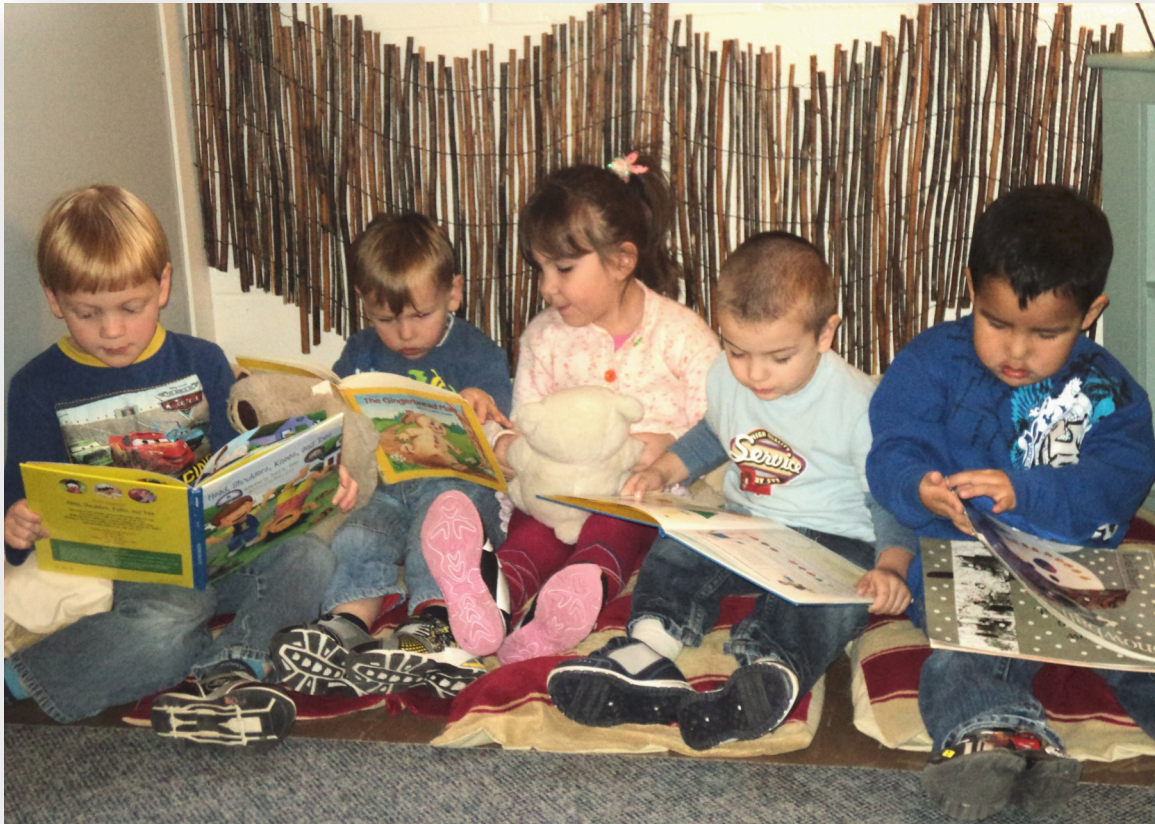


Pre-Kindergarten in Prairie Spirit School Division



Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) is active, experiential learning through play, focused on the development of the whole child: physically, socially, emotionally, spiritually and intellectually.

Pre-K focuses on:

- fostering social development and self-esteem
- nurturing educational growth and school success
- promoting language development

The Pre-K program is designed for **three and four-year-old** children who would benefit from extra support prior to starting school. The program provides children with developmental opportunities and supports at an early age.

Each Pre-K class has 16 spaces available and is part of the elementary school. Pre-K is led by a professional teacher who is experienced in Early Childhood Education.

Pre-K is a half-day program that follows the school year calendar, with time designated for special events and family engagement activities. The year begins with the Pre-K teacher arranging individual visits with the child and their family.

Applying for the Pre-K program

To participate in the Pre-K program, parents must complete a Pre-K application form for their child. Application forms are available at the school and online (www.spiritsd.ca).

A school division selection committee will review the Pre-K applications received. Decisions about the class are made based on the Ministry of Education's specific criteria and the availability of spaces, while meeting the needs of the most vulnerable children first. Other determining factors that are specific to each child will also be taken into consideration.

Frequently asked questions

How is Pre-K different than preschool?

Preschool or play-school are community-driven and community funded. The Pre-Kindergarten program is entirely funded by the provincial government and administered by the local school. **There is no cost to parents for Pre-K.**

A Pre-K program has a minimum of 12 hours of instruction per week. This program is not meant to replace any preschool programs already operating in the community.

How do I know if my child qualifies?

The Pre-K program is designed for three and four-year-old children who would benefit from extra support prior to starting school. A child who has a specific challenge in the area of social, behavioral, emotional, cognitive or communicative skills will be considered.

For the 2020/21 school year, children born in 2016 or 2017 are eligible to apply for the Pre-K program at their local school. Please see the list of Pre-K programs offered in Prairie Spirit schools (below).

What is my involvement in the program as a parent?

The Pre-K teacher encourages the active involvement of family members in the classroom. The Pre-K teacher works together with families to form positive relationships that promote shared responsibility for a child's learning and development.

Parents will be invited to attend special events and family engagement activities, scheduled throughout the school year. There is no parent volunteer commitment in the classroom as there would be in a cooperative preschool program.

For more information about Pre-K, please contact your local school.

Pre-K programs in Prairie Spirit

Allan Composite School

Phone: 306-257-3311

Email: allan@spiritsd.ca

Clavet Composite School

Phone: 306-933-1022

Email: clavet@spiritsd.ca

Dundurn School

Phone: 306-492-2050

Email: dundurnschool@spiritsd.ca

Hague Elementary School

Phone: 306-225-2104

Email: hes@spiritsd.ca

Lake Vista Public School (Martensville)*

Phone: 306-683-4300

Email: lakevista@spiritsd.ca

This Pre-K is open to both public and Catholic students in Martensville.

Leask Community School

Phone: 306-466-2206

Email: leask@spiritsd.ca

Lord Asquith School

Phone: 306-329-4331

Email: las@spiritsd.ca

Rosthern Community School (opening this fall)

Phone: 306-232-4434 (Rosthern Elementary School)

Email: res@spiritsd.ca

Stobart Community School (Duck Lake)*

Phone: 306-467-2185

Email: stobart@spiritsd.ca

Warman Elementary School*

Phone: 306-933-2066

Email: wes@spiritsd.ca

This Pre-K is open to both public and Catholic students in Warman.

**school offers two Pre-K programs*