



Pre-Kindergarten Program

Warman Elementary School is once again excited to start planning for our **Pre-Kindergarten** program for children ages 3 and 4 (born in 2016 or 2017) which will begin in the fall of 2020. Home visits will be scheduled by your Pre-K teacher in September 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

Our Pre-Kindergarten program is designed for children born in 2016 or 2017

The program has room for 32 students (one morning class and one afternoon class) with the start date in mid-September.

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

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.

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, online at www.spiritsd.ca/register-2/ and will be available at the Information Night on Tuesday, May 12th. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, May 26th (please submit to Warman Elementary School).

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 (6:00 - 7:00 pm)

Parent Information Night at Warman Elementary School (parents only please)

Tuesday, May 29th, 2020

Deadline for applications (submit to Warman Elementary School Office)

Thursday, June 11th, 2020

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

The Pre-Kindergarten program will begin with home visits in early September.

Exact classroom start dates are yet to be determined.

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 Warman 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 wellbeing 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.



Pre-Kindergarten at Warman Elementary School

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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 planned Family Day activities and excursions on occasion.