

WELCOME TO THE KTCEA K4 Early Learning Program



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What is Early Learning?

Welcome to the KTCEA K4 Early Learning Program. The program has been developed to meet the needs of early learners in our communities. Students will participate in the daily activities of the school and be provided a community specific, culturally relevant curriculum.

KTCEA believes that every student is a gift with unique talents and purpose that must be mentored, nurtured and encouraged. KTCEA endeavors to provide a safe, healthy, and caring environment for our students to enhance their education journey.

We believe that play is fundamental to a child's learning. By providing a "learn through play" environment, each child can learn and develop at an individual pace, while still benefiting from being part of a group. Our full day program provides a learning environment that supports all areas of development; social, emotional, physical, and intellectual.

Children must be 4 years of age on or before September 1 of the current year.



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We honour the vision of our Elders and leaders by coming together as one single authority responsible for the education of our children. Education is the legacy we collectively leave for present and future generations.

Our strength is the richness of our land and the uniqueness of our language, history, identity, and ways of being. Working closely with the members of the community, we are committed to ensuring traditional teachings are nurtured so that students know who and have pride in who they are.

Our actions and decisions are centered on what is best for students. We value holistic learning environments that promote respect, discipline, belonging, goodness, love, and encouragement. Our schools foster student success, well-being and lifelong learning.



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For a successful early learning experience

- Children must attend each day.
- Help teach your child to recognize his/her first name.
- Read books with your child. Help familiarize them with how to handle a book, teach them to show respect for books and foster enjoyment of the pictures.
- Familiarize your child with using scissors, pencils, crayons, paints to develop their fine motor skills.
- Talk to your child about going to school and make it a happy experience.
- Talk about things in daily life to promote literacy and numeracy; such as letters, names, and simple words found around the house. Say the beginning sounds of words, teach numbers by counting out objects, and state the colours of everyday things that they interact with each day.
- Help your child master self-help skills like washing their hands, using the washroom, putting on jackets, shoes, and socks, and using utensils at the table.
- Be involved in the school experience; visit the school, be a volunteer, and offer your expertise to teach students things such as; crafts, storytelling, share knowledge of plants, animals, etc.

Your child's health is important for success in school

Healthy Habits for Success in School

- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest (10-12 hours).
- Ensure your child eats a balanced diet.
- Send your child to school with healthy snacks.
- Develop habits of cleanliness and independent personal hygiene.

- Stay home if sick.
- Be physically active; children need to move and play as much as possible.
- School policies will be followed in the event of illness, head lice, administering medicine, and medical treatment

What will your child's day look like?

TIME Start End		DAILY ACTIVITIES
8:50	9:32	Arrival, prepare for day, breakfast
9:32	10:15	Circle time
10:15	10:25	Recess/outdoor play
10:25	11:07	Centre time (focused centres)
11:07	11:50	Small groups
11:50	12:05	Lunch
12:05	12:25	Recess/outdoor play
12:25	1:07	Small groups (quiet time)
1:07	1:50	Phys. Ed
1:50	2:05	Recess
2:05	3:15	Centre time (focused centres)
3:15	3:25	Small Group/clean up and prepare for home



Long range plans will be developed by each K4 teacher and will be provided to parents. A newsletter will also be created for parents. This newsletter will highlight key milestones and what is happening in the classroom, such as activities, field trips, thematic units, etc.



Services provided to early learning students include...

- Literacy
- Cree Language
- Numeracy
- Land Based Learning
- Physical Education
- Fine Arts
- Inclusive Education
- Speech and Language
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy

KTCEA specialists will support the Early Learning Coordinator and teachers in the programming provided to all early learning students. They will also collaborate with other service providers to meet all students' needs.

Planning is about finding the routes that support your learning, goals, and interests.

Early learning will address age appropriate developmental skills through activities that foster growth in the following areas.

Cognitive Development

- Identifying colours
- Develops understanding of positional, directional, and quantitative concepts
- Shows interest in stories and books
- Experiments with print
- Develops an awareness of numbers and its purposes
- Classifies objects by a variety of attributes
- Shows interest in technology
- Discovers through experimentation

Physical Development

- Participates in a variety of movement activities
- Develops body control in space
- Develops coordination

Arts Education

Creative expression through:

- Music
- Dance
- Drama
- Visual Art

Play

- Helps the development of unique individuals and creation of unique skills and talents
- Develops curiosity
- Builds social relationship
- Helps children make decisions
- Develops self-discipline and self-confidence
- Allows discovery of special interests and talents

Personal/Social/ Attitudes Towards Learning

- Accepts responsibility for belongings
- Meets new situations with confidence
- Shares and cooperates with others
- Respects others
- Displays initiative and independence

Communication

- Uses language to communicate feelings, needs, and ideas
- Asks questions



For more information or to register your child

please, contact a KTCEA school principal, teacher, or the KTCEA Early Learning Coordinator

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