

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.



For a successful early learning experience

Our actions and decisions are centered on what is best for students.

- ◆ 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.



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

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

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.

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

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