

# Students' Union and Community Early Learning Centre

## ECS PROGRAMMING



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## WHAT IS ECS?

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES (ECS) ARE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 6, THAT IS DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE AND MEETS THE DIVERSE LEARNING NEEDS OF YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES, PRIOR TO GRADE 1. ECS INCLUDES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN WHO REQUIRE ESL, MILD TO MODERATE, OR PUF FUNDED PROGRAMMING AND SUPPORT, AS WELL AS KINDERGARTEN.

IN ECS PROGRAMS, YOUNG CHILDREN PARTICIPATE AS ACTIVE LEARNERS, BUILD A SHARED SET OF EXPERIENCES AND DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ATTITUDES THAT PREPARE THEM FOR FUTURE LEARNING.





## WHAT IS KINDERGARTEN?

KINDERGARTEN, AS PART OF ECS PROGRAMMING, IS INTENDED FOR CHILDREN IN THE YEAR PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO GRADE 1 AND IS PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED TO HELP CHILDREN ACHIEVE THE LEARNER EXPECTATIONS.

"KINDERGARTEN NOT ONLY HELPS PREPARE CHILDREN FOR ENTRY INTO GRADE 1, BUT ALSO PROVIDES A FOUNDATION FOR LATER SUCCESS. KINDERGARTEN PROVIDES LEARNING EXPERIENCES THAT MEET THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND PROMOTE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD LIFELONG LEARNING. A CHILD WHOSE DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS HAVE BEEN MET IS MORE LIKELY TO GROW INTO A SELF-RELIANT, RESPONSIBLE, CARING AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF SOCIETY."

COURTESY OF ALBERTA EDUCATION



# Who We Are

**WE ARE A PRIVATE ECS OPERATOR WHO OPERATES A KINDERGARTEN AND OTHER EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES PROGRAMS;  
A PRIVATE ECS OPERATOR IS A SOCIETY REGISTERED UNDER THE SOCIETIES ACT, A NON-PROFIT COMPANY REGISTERED UNDER PART 9 OF THE COMPANIES ACT OR A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION INCORPORATED BY OR UNDER AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, OTHER THAN A PRIVATE SCHOOL THAT OPERATES EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMMING AND RECEIVES FUNDING UNDER THE SCHOOL GRANTS REGULATION IN RESPECT OF THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM.**





# How Does Our Program Look

OUR ECS PROGRAM COMBINES THE HALF DAY OF KINDERGARTEN AND ECS WITH OUR CHILD CARE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A FULL DAY OF CARE FOR KINDERGARTEN AGED CHILDREN. OUR ECS PROGRAMMING RUNS IN THE MORNING. THE PROGRAM IS OFFERED IN THE SAME CLASSROOM WITH THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS THAT SUPPORT THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHER IN THE MORNING TAKING OVER AND RUNNING THE AFTERNOON PROGRAM.

PLEASE SEE SAMPLE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAM IN THIS PACKAGE. CALL 780-492-2245 WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR TO BOOK A TOUR OF THE CENTRE AND ECS. WE DO ALSO HAVE AN OPEN HOUSE YEARLY IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH.



# A Letter From the Teacher

ECS IS A HUGE STEP INTO EDUCATION FOR A LOT OF CHILDREN.

IN OUR CLASSROOM, WE FOCUS OUR EDUCATION ON THE CHILD'S INTEREST, ALL WHILE ACHIEVING GOALS SET FORTH BY ALBERTA EDUCATION IN THEIR KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM STATEMENT. OUR PROGRAMMING IS TAUGHT AND ACCESSED BY AN ALBERTA EDUCATION CERTIFIED TEACHER.

THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR, ALL ECS CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE ASSESSMENT ON THEIR PROGRESS. KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS RECIEVE A REPORT CARD THREE TIMES A YEAR AND PARENTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND A PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW TO REVIEW THE CHILD'S PROGRESS. ALL FUNDED ESC CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE DETAILED INDIVIDUALIZED PROGRAM PLANS (IPP) AND HAVE SCHEDULED IPP MEETINGS TO DISCUSS PROGRESS MADE ON GOALS SET FOR EACH CHILD.

BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE OF A WEEKLY AND DAILY SCHEDULE FOR OUR ECS PROGRAM.

FROM FUN COOKING EXPEREINCES, EXCITING ADVENTURES ON WEEKLY FIELD TRIPS, AND ENGAGING INTEREST BASED ACTIVITIES, WE DO IT ALL!

IT IS OUR GOAL TO HAVE FUN WHILE WE LEARN, AS WE DISCOVER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MIGHTY LEARNER.

WE WELCOME YOU TO EXPLORE OUR ECS PROGRAM!



# A Week In ECS

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF WEEKLY  
PROGRAMMING IN ECS

Mon - The Letter M

Tues - Playing With Patterns and  
Colour

Wed - I Wonder Wednesday - All  
About the Moon

Thur - Food Science - What Do  
Astronauts Eat?

Fri - Field Trip - Visit the River Valley

This Week's Centers: Space Theme Dramatic Play,  
Art, Puzzles, Building Blocks, Books, Water Table,  
Sand Table,



# A Day In ECS

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF DAILY  
PROGRAMMING IN ECS

8:35-9:00 Morning Circle and Calendar  
Time

9:00-9:30 Free Play Centres and Snack  
Time

9:30-10:00 Gym

10:00-11:00 ECS Activity Time  
(curriculum focused activities)

11:00-11:25 ECS Open Centre Time  
(curriculum focused centres)

This Week's Centres: Space Theme Dramatic Play,  
Art, Puzzles, Building Blocks, Books, Water Table,  
Sand Table, Dominoe Games