



Kindergarten & Gr 1

École Tuscany School



Calgary Board
of Education

Acknowledging the Land



Agenda



- Welcome to École Tuscany School and Introductions
- Early Years Education
- Getting Ready for Kindergarten
- Neurolinguistic Approach to second language learning
- Calgary Board of Education Kindergarten Registration
 - Processes specific to English and French Language Programs
- Transportation
- Welcome to Kindergarten Event - May 2026

Tuscany Together/Tuscany Ensemble



Welcome to our dynamic Learning Community!

- English Programming
 - Kindergarten – Grade 5
- French Immersion Programming
 - Kindergarten – Grade 5
- Enhanced Education Supports (EES)
 - Grades 1-6

Kindergarten Hours (to be confirmed in May)

Monday - Thursday

8:55-11:48 for morning class students

12:40-3:28 for afternoon class students

Alternating Fridays

8:55-12:58



Grades 1-5 Hours (to be confirmed in May)



Monday - Thursday

9:00-12:00 (8:55 soft entry)

12:00-12:40 Lunch

12:40-3:33

Early Years Education



The early years are a time of significant development in a child's life and personalized attention is beneficial to early learners.

At École Tuscany School, we recognize that each child brings their own unique talents and gifts to their learning experiences.

Our dedicated staff know how to help each child reach their full potential.

Learning Through **PLAY**



More than just skill building or practicing for the world we will grow into, play is the primary way which children manipulate new information, fit it into existing schema or create new ones and then adjust their understanding accordingly.

formulating **hypothesis**

engaging in experimentation and exploration

discovering patterns

creating **theories**

Learning Through PLAY



Learning Through PLAY



“Research shows that children who engage in complex forms of socio-dramatic play have greater language skills than non-players, better social skills, more empathy, more imagination, and more of the subtle capacity to know what others mean. They are less aggressive and show more self-control and higher levels of thinking”

-Miller & Almon

Early Literacy & Numeracy



Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Build your child's independence by encouraging them to:

- dress themselves (zippers, buttons, putting on shoes/boots)
- use the bathroom and wash their hands on their own
- put away toys and help in other small ways at home
- practice opening/closing snack containers and using a water bottle
- play games, take turns, share and compromise
- develop a consistent bedtime routine

Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Read aloud to your child every day:

- read stories together in *your home language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
- visit your community library

Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Make time to talk with your child about everyday activities:

- share special activities together, such as walks to the park
- talk about what you are seeing and doing
- talk, read, sing and play in your *home language* every day
- praise children for their efforts and courage to overcome setbacks
- talk about how it is okay to make mistakes and that this is how we all learn

Additional Resources for Families



Ideas for Parents: <https://www.cbe.ab.ca/programs/kindergarten/Documents/Ideas-for-Parents.pdf>



The Calgary Public Library Top Tips for Kindergarten Readiness: <https://calgarylibrary.ca/library-news/kitchen-table-classroom-kindergarten-readiness/>

The Calgary Public Library Kindergarten Booklist: https://calgary.bibliocommons.com/list/share/393767397_calgarylibrary_kids/18591939_31_books_to_get_ready_for_kindergarten?_ga=2.167944481.1601611572.1619640025-939542020.1599601380



I'm Ready book: Parent Resource: https://calgaryreads.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/F2KD_ImReadyBooklet_GENERIC.pdf

I'm Ready for Screens book - Parent Resource: https://banff.ca/DocumentCenter/View/11018/ImReadyForScreens_English

French Immersion Programming



- A program designed specifically for students whose first language is *not* French
- Offers fluency in both of Canada's official languages
- Is a gateway for national and international opportunities
- Increases self-esteem and pride in knowing another language
- Enhances problem-solving abilities
- Improves literacy skills in English

Helpful Resources



- Canadian Parents for French in Alberta

<http://cpfalta.ab.ca>



- A handbook for Parents

<http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslearning/>



- Alberta Education's Guide: Yes, You Can Help!
A Guide for French Immersion Parents

<https://archive.education.alberta.ca/parents/resources/youcanhelp/>

Neurolinguistic Approach to Language Learning



The Neurolinguistic Approach (NLA) to second language teaching creates the classroom conditions necessary for students to acquire an internal grammar (implicit competence) for speaking, as well as teaching the grammar (explicit knowledge) necessary to write correctly.

NLA mirrors natural language acquisition of first language speakers with a focus first on oral comprehension and spoken expression, THEN reading comprehension and written expression.

CBE Enhanced Supports

The classroom teacher is at the centre of your child's learning. Teachers are supported in their work by a school learning team.

Based on student needs, each program may also be supported by a multidisciplinary team that works with children in large and small groups, in the classroom. This team may consist of:

Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs)

Occupational Therapists (OTs)

Physiotherapists (PTs)

Education Assistants or Early Childhood Practitioners

Early Learning Strategists

Psychologists

School Family Liaison (SFL)



Tuscany School Fun Events!



- Alien Incline
- Cabane a sucre
- Swimming
- Tuscany Family BBQ
- Folklofolie
- Fun Lunch
- Fun Snack
- Sports Day
- Class Buddies

Registering for Kindergarten 2025/2026



English Program Students

Beginning Monday, January 12, parents/guardians can register students online through **School Engage**.

French Immersion Students

Beginning January 12, parents/guardians can register students online through school engage. If you are transferring from a Kindergarten program at another CBE school into grade one french immersion, you will need to fill out the **Expression of Interest** form.

By February 28th, École Tuscany School will inform parents/guardians, whether or not there is space in the French Immersion program for their child. Parents have 10 business days (March 14) to accept it.

Transportation - Bussing



Currently, **transportation** is provided for **French Immersion** students living in the communities of:

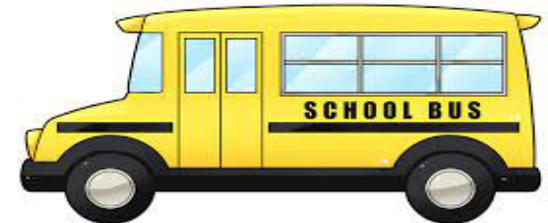
Rocky Ridge

Royal Oak

Rockland Park/Crimson Ridge

and *English Program* students who live in a designated school area.

Further transportation information will be forthcoming in the Spring.



Welcome to Kindergarten – May 21, 2026



- Learn more about École Tuscany School
- Meet Kindergarten Teachers
- See Kindergarten Classrooms
- Engage in literacy, mathematics and fine & gross motor activities with your child

Ways to get involved



- **School Council** – we have a very vibrant parent group who support us with many things such as fundraising, events, fun lunch, fun snack, field trips, classroom activities etc. Meetings every 3rd Wednesday
- Volunteer in the classroom/Reading with students—need a valid police clearance and an annual volunteer authorization form

Moose Mentors & School Tour



- Grade 5 Moose Mentor Leadership Students
- Visit a few key areas of the school
- Visit the Kindergarten classrooms
- Teachers available for questions

Questions...

