





Kindergarten

École Tuscany School





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Tuscany Together/Tuscany Ensemble

Welcome to our dynamic Learning Community!

- English Programming
 - Kindergarten – Grade 4
- French Immersion Programming
 - Kindergarten – Grade 5
- Enhanced Education Supports (EES)
 - Grades 1-6



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**



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"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 and 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 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

Take 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/1659193-231-books-to-get-ready-for-kindergarten?_ga=2.167944481.1601611572.161364002.1939542020.1599601380

I'm Ready book: Parent Resource: https://calgaryreads.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/F2KD_I'mReadyBooklet_GENERIC.pdf

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

Neurolinguistic Approach to second language learning



The Neurolinguistic Approach 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 on oral comprehension, spoken expression, reading comprehension, and written expression.

CBE Enhanced Supports



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

Based on student needs, each kindergarten 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)

Registering for Kindergarten 2022/2023



English Program Students

Beginning January 17, parents/guardians can register students online through **School Engage**.

French Immersion Students

Beginning January 17 parents/guardians can complete an expression of interest form and email it to tuscany@cbe.ab.ca

*By February 25, École Tuscany School will inform the parent/guardian, whether or not there is space in the French Immersion program for their child and whether they then must complete registration for their students through **School Engage**.*



Transportation | Bussing

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

Rocky Ridge
Royal Oak

Further information coming in the Spring.



*Before/after school care may be available at École Tuscany School through Coded Minds



Welcome to Kindergarten – Spring 2022

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



Questions...


