



## Pre-Primary Registration is Now Open!

The preprimary program works on the philosophy that children are curious, competent, full of potential and born with an intrinsic desire and capacity to learn. It is a play based program that is rooted in relationships and being responsive to children. Learning through play allows children to construct, challenge and expand their own understanding. It gives them an opportunity to build language, reasoning, different styles of communication and build competencies in all areas of development. The preprimary sites create environments that respond to the interests and abilities of each child through vibrant and flexible spaces. Creating spaces that allow for exploration, experimentation, investigation and risk-taking support the development of well-being and self-confidence. This child-centered, play based, developmentally appropriate experience for children prior to school entry facilitates the transition to school and provides experiences to give children the best start in school and life.

The Pre-Primary program is voluntary and is open to all children who are at least four years old by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and live within school catchment. Children can only attend the Pre-Primary program for one year.

Pre-primary will be offered during standard school hours. It will be closed during all school in-service days, storm days, professional development days, holidays and the summer months. The program will be staffed by Early Childhood Educators. There will be one educator for every 10 students in the classroom, where there is a class of 20 children. Where there are more than 20 children (maximum 24), there will be a minimum of three staff. Pre-primary does not offer before or after program supervision.

The pre-primary program will provide all supplies, materials and resources, and is an inclusive program open to all children who are eligible. Children with special needs will continue to have access to services and supports they would have if they were at home or in a community-based program, while they are in pre-primary.

**To register**, access the registration form at [CCRSB.ca](http://CCRSB.ca) (under parent's tab/pre-primary). Return the completed registration form with proof of address by e-mail to [becknl@ccrsb.ca](mailto:becknl@ccrsb.ca) or by fax to 902-896-5747 or by mail to:

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