

Why is Play SO important in Early Childhood Education?

Research from Flight* tells us...

1. Play increases confidence and resilience.
2. Play helps expand children's imagination and cognitive development.
3. Children learn problem solving and critical thinking skills.
4. Play promotes social and emotional development.
5. Play enhances language and literacy skills.
6. Play helps children develop physical literacy.

ABOUT US

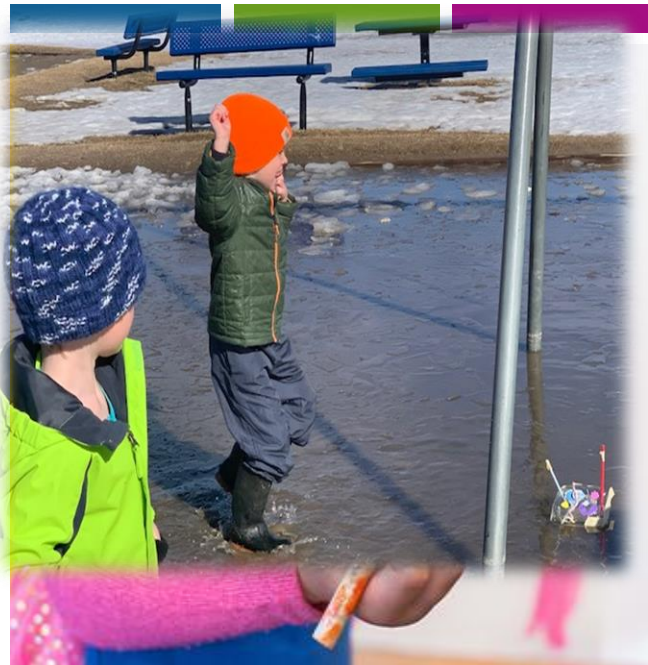
Notre Dame Kindercare offers full-day learning for kindergarten students by a certified early learning instructor. Kindercare is an accredited, licensed, user-pay program. Students attend school on the opposite days of their assigned kindergarten days during regular school hours.



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KINDERCARE

EXPLORE-IMAGINE-CREATE



KINDER CARE OFFERS...

- Music & Movement
- STEAM Activities (S-science, T-technology, E-engineering, A-art, M-math)
- Sensory activities/play
- Creative Arts
- Physical Activity and Outdoor Play
- Dress-Up and Role Play
- Dramatic Play Centers
- Social-Emotional Activities
- Emergent literacy and language
- Open-ended activities with loose parts mindset



WHY CHOOSE NOTRE DAME KINDERCARE?

We provide...

- open-ended experiences based on children's interests and exploration opportunities.
- collaboration between children and educators to ensure children have a sense of autonomy.
- focus on the process of the experience and not a final product or outcome.
- commitment to equity, inclusion, and respect for diversity.
- developmentally appropriate and responsive environment.
- small class sizes.



IS KINDERCARE A DAYCARE?

No, though on the surface Kindercare may appear to be daycare, they are however very different.

While both programs may offer a safe, nurturing environment, Kindercare is an Early Childhood Education program. This means that it offers far more advantages and long-term benefits.

Through Kindercare Early Childhood Education, parents can expect:

- learning through play is the primary focus.
- educators who are trained and qualified to ensure children are meeting developmental milestones as well as challenge and scaffold children's knowledge and abilities.
- educators that organize a child's time and environment. This is to facilitate opportunities for children to explore their ideas and imagination independently and with others.
- educators that encourage and guide children's efforts and engagement.
- educators that meet children's needs with care and sensitivity.
- educators who appreciate and value each child's uniqueness, interests, and abilities as well as those of their family.





“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play IS serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.”

-Fred Rogers



Families are an important part of our Kindercare team!

BENEFITS OF FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN KINDERCARE...

- Parent/Family involvement can help extend their child's learning outside the classroom to real-world activities.
- When families are involved in the program it helps create a positive experience for children.
- When parents and educators work in partnership, insights and perspectives are shared and better decision making can happen for the child.

Although parents are always welcome to pop in for a visit or even share a special skill, there is no rostering or fundraising required in kinder care.



WHAT IS KINDERCARE?

Our Kindercare program is an approach to early childhood education that inspires a love of learning.

It is *play-based*, and *child-led learning*.

Our classroom is designed to meet a child's needs and the basis of our curriculum is designed from the latest research in early childhood development.

What is Alberta's Flight curriculum in Early Childhood Education?

Alberta's Flight curriculum is a new curriculum framework to guide the practice of Early Childhood Educators and is incorporated in our Kindercare program. We take a whole-child approach to learning which supports children's key developmental domains-social and emotional, physical, cognitive/intellectual, and creative.

Why is this important?

Flight inspires curriculum that reflects the unique needs of each child in early childhood education to build upon their skills, abilities, and knowledge to ensure meaningful participation and inclusion of all children.

We believe...

- all children are capable, and competent and take pride and ownership of their learning.
- children resource their own learning through connecting with their environment, materials, and people to learn about and make sense of their world.
- every child is a mighty learner and citizen. We strive to inspire a love of learning.
- children's natural curiosity is what leads their exploration and discovery of the world around them.



"Play is our brains favorite way of learning."

-Diane Ackerman

Contact us now for more information. Space is limited!

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*For more information on Alberta's Flight Framework in Early Childhood Education please visit:
<https://flightframework.ca/>

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