

Our Program Features

- * 475 hours of ECS instruction
- * 5 half-days—Monday to Friday or full day (Tuesdays, Thursdays & some Fridays)
- * Strong academic focus
- * Content rich themes
- * Animated Literacy and Alphabet Action Songs
- * Interactive learning centres
- * Early Literacy in Kindergarten (E.L.K.)
- * Parent-student-teacher conferences
- * Newsletters
- * Field trips
- * School-wide activities
- * Special needs and early intervention
- * Well-stocked library
- * Computers
- * Physical education
- * Music
- * Home reading program
- * Special events



The Goal

The purpose of Kindergarten is to provide learning experiences that are developmentally appropriate in order to meet the diverse needs of children and promote a positive attitude toward lifelong learning.

- Alberta Education

Our Philosophy

Young children benefit from programs that guide them through the transition from home to school and encourage exploration of the world around them.

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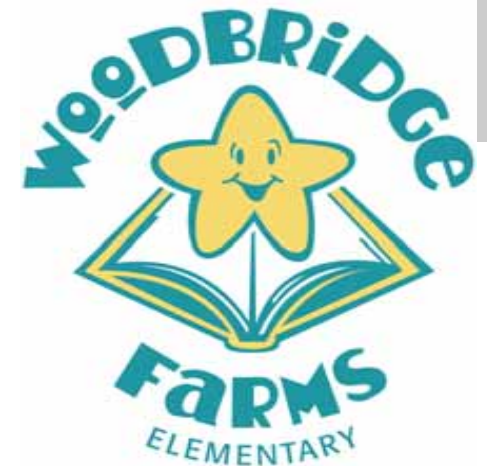
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Welcome to Kindergarten at Woodbridge Farms...

A place for learning, sharing and caring

A Comprehensive Program

Our kindergarten program provides a secure, positive environment that encourages risk-taking and self-expression, leading children to value themselves as capable and competent learners. The intellectual, physical, emotional, social and creative development of children is nurtured through concrete, first-hand experiences, provided in seven learning areas:

- ✎ Early Literacy
- ✎ Early Numeracy
- ✎ Citizenship & Identity
- ✎ Environment & Community Awareness
- ✎ Personal & Social Responsibility
- ✎ Physical Skills and Well-being
- ✎ Creative Expression

Learning Together

Children learn to become responsible and active group participants through talking, listening, observing, taking turns and sharing experiences. A group experience may consist of the following:

- Opening and closing activities
- Math Their Way activities
- Planning and evaluating of activities
- Discussion of themes and concepts
- Daily message
- Calendar
- Sharing
- Story time
- Shared reading



Parents are Partners in Learning

We welcome and encourage you to join us as your child makes the important transition from home to school. At Woodbridge Farms, our parents are active partners in education, volunteering in the classroom, participating on the Local Advisory Committee, and actively supporting the Kindergarten program in the home. Our teamwork will ensure the best possible start to your child's education.

All registered students will be invited to our annual student orientation in early June and parents are encouraged to attend our organizational meeting in late May.

Learning in Small Groups

Learning centres give children the opportunity to explore, discover, and take responsibility for self-selected or teacher-directed activities. Learning is facilitated in a variety of ways, allowing for small group or individual instruction. Centres provide an environment that recognizes and supports each child's unique knowledge, skills, personality, interests, goals and preferred learning styles. Favourite centres include

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| ✎ Dramatic play | ✎ Science |
| ✎ Puzzles | ✎ Playdough |
| ✎ Games | ✎ Mathematics |
| ✎ Painting | ✎ Literacy |
| ✎ Sand | ✎ Listening |
| ✎ Water | ✎ Puppets |
| ✎ Arts & crafts | ✎ Books |
| ✎ Writing | ✎ Blocks |
| ✎ Computer | |

Register NOW if your child is 5 years old on or before March 1 of the Kindergarten year