



St. Joseph's Early Learning Centre Preschool, Daycare, and Out of School Care

Centre Philosophy

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Each child is a unique gift from God and it is our role to nurture their individual God-given gifts and talents and provide opportunities that will enhance their creativity, ability to problem-solve, and make healthy choices.

Our programs strive to awaken the child's spirit and imagination and encourage a desire for independence and high self-esteem through creative play-based learning. Kindness, courtesy, and self-regulation are central to children's participation and learning, as are opportunities to observe, question, and explore ideas both independently and as a group. We utilize the BC Early Learning Framework, emergent curriculum concepts, child-centred inquiry and play based learning, responsive relationships, and documentation and narration in our classrooms.

Children learn through play and interaction with peers and adults. St. Joseph's Early Learning and Child Care Programs are committed to providing children with a safe and healthy environment that encourages a positive self-image, personal growth and development. We believe in enriching each child's development in terms of the whole child – spiritually, physically, intellectually, culturally, emotionally, and socially.

Ratios following the BC Licensing Regulations:

- Daycare - 1:8
- Preschool - 1:10
- Out of School Care - 1:10 (Kindergarten or grade 1 are present)
- Out of School Care 1:15 (for grades 2 – 7)