

Florence MacDougall Community School

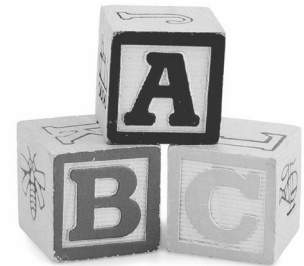
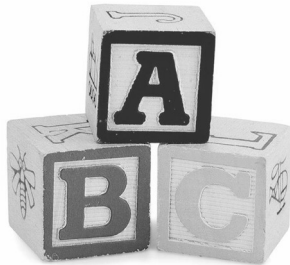


FMCS Early Intervention Program
PARENT HANDBOOK
2020/2021

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Friendship, Manners, Caring & Safety

A. What is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention provides its students with a learning environment that supports the development of language, fine and gross motor skills, social skills and other areas of need identified by specialists. The classroom teacher, with the help of a team of assistants, will implement a hands-on, interactive style of programming.

The program curriculum is completely designed to meet the diagnosed needs of the children in the classroom and support the development of academic skills needed for Kindergarten.

B. Eligibility

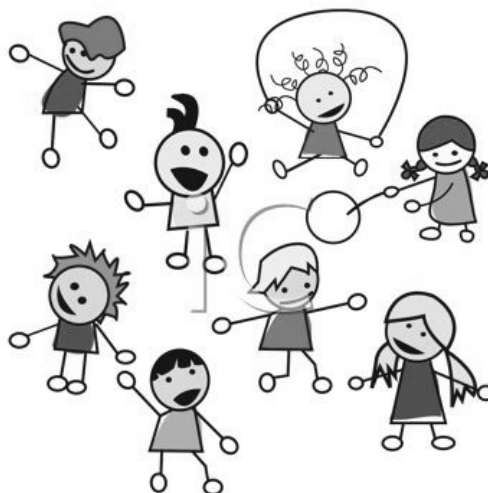
Parents **MUST** present a birth certificate in order to register their child for early intervention. As well, a specialized assessment that indicates a severe level of delay/disability must be provided. Areas of need may include language, articulation, and/or a medical diagnosis.

Alberta Education's eligibility requirements include:

- ▶ Have completed specialized assessment within the last six months that indicates an area of severe need;
- ▶ **MUST BE 3 years of age as of December 31, 2020** if results indicate a severe delay;
- ▶ **MUST BE** a resident of the Town of High Level or Mackenzie County;
- ▶ For children living on reserve, please see Jordan's Principal advisor (Josephine Salopree) for access to early intervention programming.

C. Activities Included in the Early Intervention Program

- ▶ Whole Group Activities
- ▶ Centers
 - Language Arts
 - Math
 - Art & Science
 - Dramatic Play
- ▶ Writing
- ▶ Read Alouds (story time)
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Physical Education
- ▶ Library
- ▶ Snack



D. Supplies

Please mark **ONLY** the school bag and running shoes with your child's name. All other supplies will be shared within the classroom.

- Backpack
- Running Shoes for indoor wear
- 1 pkg. of Large Ziploc bags
- 6 large glue sticks

The school will provide each classroom with crayons. ***Please make sure to label your child's backpack, indoor and outdoor footwear.***



E. School Council

All parents who have children registered in FMCS are welcome to attend School Council meetings held once a month. Look for the dates on the school calendar.

F. Snack Time

Snack is provided by the school (*menus will be included on the monthly calendar*). **Please send along a drink.** You may also choose to pack a snack for your child in the event your child does not like the snack or will still be hungry.

Popcorn will be available for purchase on Tuesdays (50¢/bag). Students may bring cash or purchase \$5 or \$10 popcorn cards (available in the office or online at schoolcashionline.com).



Due to severe peanut and nut allergies within our student body, FMCS is a Peanut/Nut Safe Zone.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that all parents and students help us by not sending peanuts/nuts or food containing them to school.

This includes peanuts, almonds, cashews, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, walnuts or any type of tree nut.

G. Parent Involvement

Parents are welcome and are an asset to the Early Intervention Program. A few ways to be an active member of the school community are:

- ▶ Check with your child's teacher for volunteer opportunities;*
- ▶ Participate in the Early Intervention field trips and seasonal programs;*
- ▶ Volunteer as a member of the School Council to participate directly in the decisions made regarding your child's education;
- ▶ Check your child's Home Bag daily.

**Please Note: You will require a Criminal Record Check (RCMP) and a Child Intervention Check (CS) to participate in classroom activities. These are available at the local RCMP station and Children's Services office.*

H. Safe Arrival Program

Whenever your child will be absent, **please call the school at 780-926-2331 OR email flomac@fvsd.ab.ca**. Once attendance is taken, if a student is not accounted for the parents will be called to inform them, through our automated call out system, that their child has not arrived at school. We urge all parents to keep the school advised of any phone number changes.

I. Focus Areas

The Early Intervention Program follows the Learning Without Tears preschool curriculum. Throughout the year the student will be working on the following specific skills:

- ▶ Expressive language
- ▶ Receptive language
- ▶ Articulation skills
- ▶ Fine motor skills
- ▶ Gross motor skills
- ▶ Sensory experiences
- ▶ Social skills
- ▶ Play skills



J. Daily Schedule

Early Intervention will operate Monday to Friday, on a half-day basis.

K. Transportation

There will be NO NOON BUS service. Parents must make **transportation arrangements for their child each day at lunchtime.** *Please visit the school office for more information and to register for bussing.*



AUGUST 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Civic Holiday					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Organizational Day	Professional Development	Professional Development	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Organizational Day					
30	31					

OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					NO SCHOOL Division PD Day	
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 PM (K - 3)		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		FIRST DAY OF CLASSES				
	NO SCHOOL Labour Day	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 PM (K - 3)		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

NOVEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					NO SCHOOL Division PD Day	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

FEBRUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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APRIL 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 <small>Good Friday</small>	3
EASTER	<small>Easter Monday</small>		CLASSES RESUME			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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JUNE 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<small>EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 PM (K-3)</small>		
6	7	8	9	10		
13	14	15	16	17	LAST DAY OF CLASSES (K-9)	SUMMER BREAK BEGINS (K-9)
	<small>Professional Development</small>	<small>Professional Development</small>	<small>Professional Development</small>	<small>Professional Development</small>	<small>Organizational Day</small>	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

MAY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7 <small>NO SCHOOL Division PD Day</small>	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	<small>NO SCHOOL Victoria Day</small>	<small>NO SCHOOL School Closed</small>	25	26	27	28
30	31					

JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<small>Canada Day</small>		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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