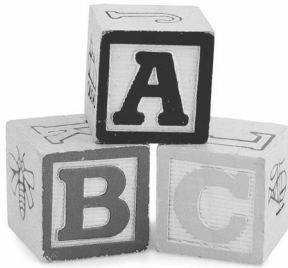




FMCS Early Intervention Program

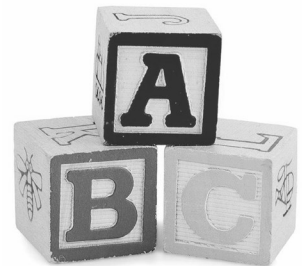
**PARENT HANDBOOK
2023/2024**

**Florence MacDougall Community School
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Friendship, Manners, Caring & Safety

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 social and academic skills needed for Kindergarten.

ELIGIBILITY

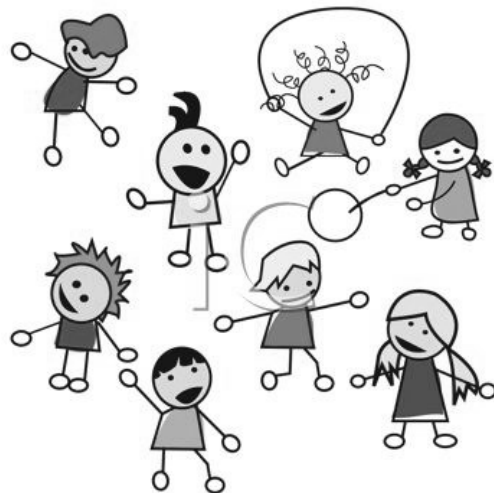
Parents **MUST** present a birth certificate in order to register their child for early intervention. As well, a specialized assessment that indicates a moderate to severe level of delay/disability must be provided. Areas of need may include language, articulation, and/or a medical diagnosis, with priority given to 4 year old's with speech/language delays.

Alberta Education's eligibility requirements include:

- ▶ Have completed specialized assessment within the last six months that indicates an area of moderate to severe need;
- ▶ **MUST BE** 3 years of age as of December 31, 2023 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 call 1-844-588-8748 to inquire about funding.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

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



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
- Indoor running shoes (Velcro/zipper)
- 1 pkg. Large Ziploc bags
- 6 large glue sticks
- 1 pkg small Ziploc bags
- 2 bottles white glue



Please make sure to label your child's backpack, indoor and outdoor footwear.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

All parents are welcome to attend School Council meetings held once a month.
Look for the dates on the school calendar.

SNACK TIME

Please send along a drink and snack for your child as they do have snack time during the day.



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

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

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.

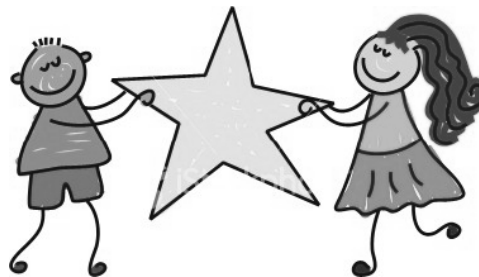
SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Whenever your child will be absent, **please call the school at 780-926-2331 OR email fmcsoffice@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.

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



DAILY SCHEDULE

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

AM Class: 8:40am – 11:30am

PM Class 12:00pm – 2:50pm

TRANSPORTATION

There is 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.*

