



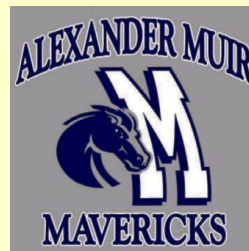
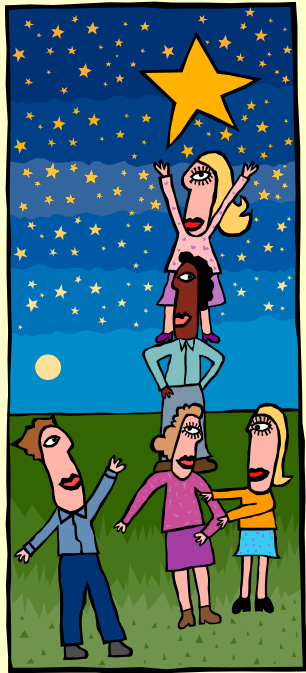
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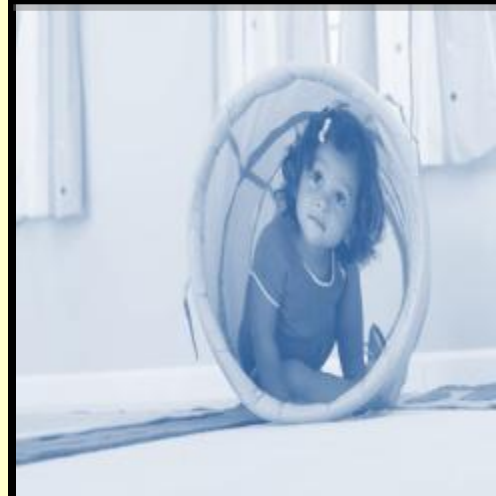
Welcome to
Alexander Muir Public School

Thank you for joining us!

Welcome to Kindergarten
Evening 2014



Kindergarten Orientation

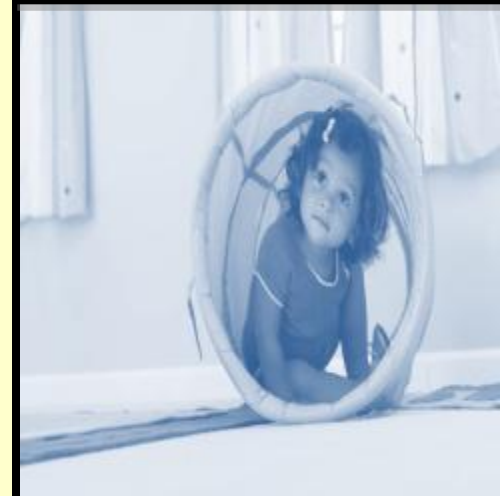
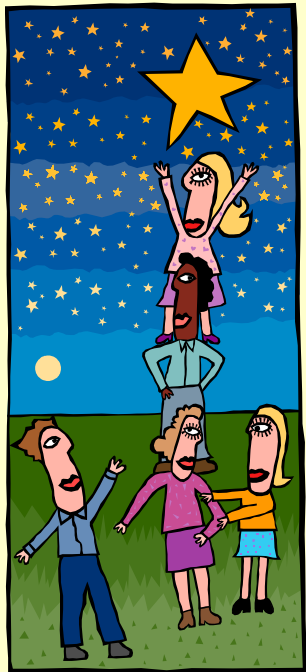


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- Children attend school every day
- Two educators (Kindergarten Teacher & Designated Early Childhood Educator) working as a team to support your child's learning and development in the six learning areas.

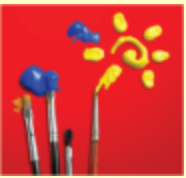
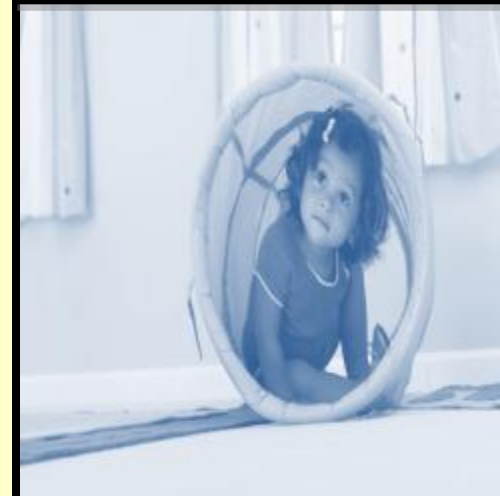


The Full-Day Early Learning-Kindergarten Program



The Ministry's Full-Day Early Learning-Kindergarten Program is a two- year continuum and addresses learning in:

- Personal and Social Development
- Language (Literacy)
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- Health and Physical Activity
- The Arts



Personal and Social Development

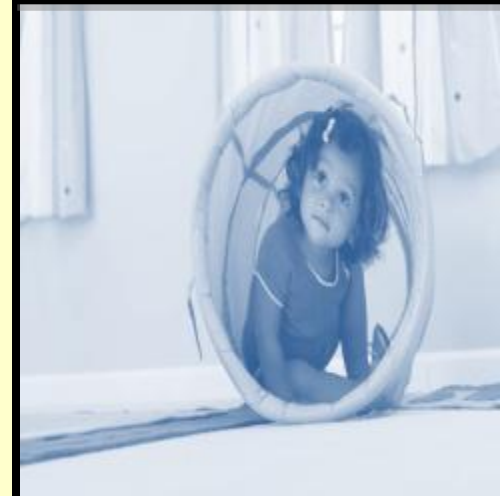
Big Ideas:

Children are connected to others and contribute to their world.

Children have a strong sense of identity and well-being.

The Program includes learning in the following areas:

- Social Development
- Emotional Development



Literacy

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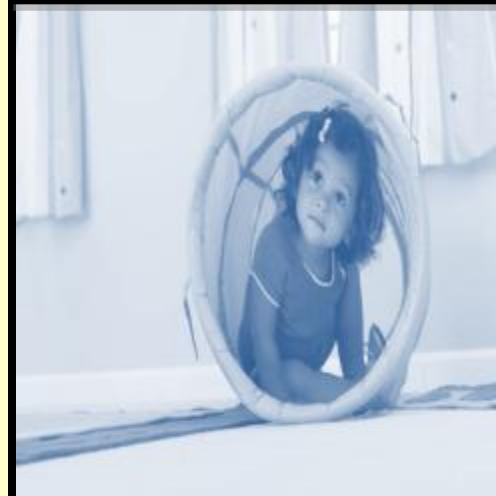


Big Idea:

Children are effective communicators.

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- Oral Communication
- Reading
- Writing
- Understanding of Media Materials



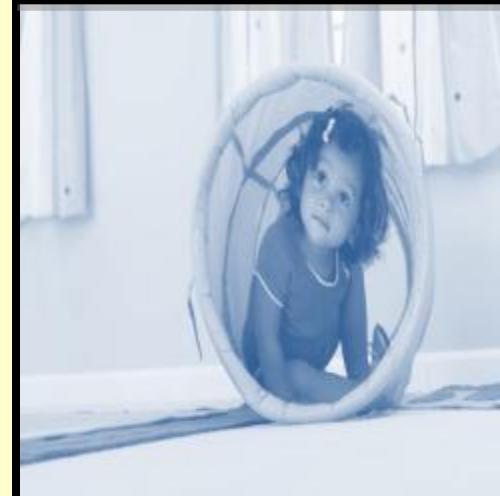
Five Strands of Mathematics

Big Idea:

Young children have a conceptual understanding of mathematics and of mathematical thinking and reasoning.

The Program includes learning in the following five strands:

- Number Sense and Numeration
- Measurement
- Geometry and Spatial Sense
- Patterning
- Data Management and Probability



Science and Technology

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Big Idea:

Children are curious and connect prior knowledge to new contexts in order to understand the world around them.

The Program includes learning in the following areas:

- Exploration and Experimentation
- Use of Technology



Health and Physical Activity

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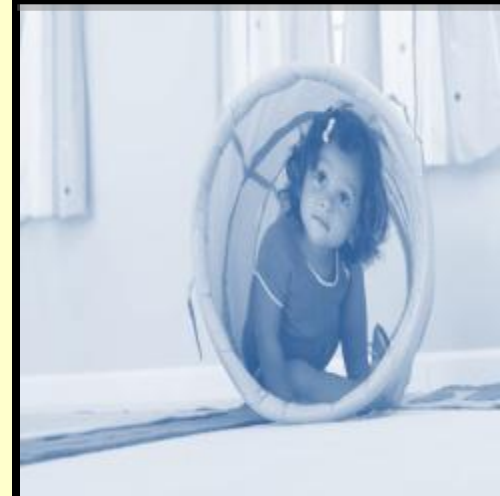


Big Idea:

Children make healthy choices and develop physical skills.

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- Health and Well-Being
- Physical Development and Activity



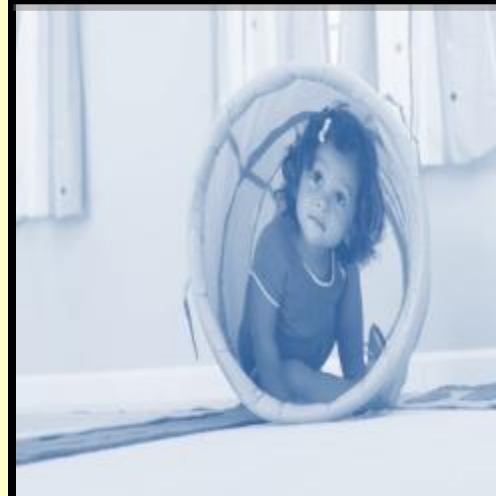
The Arts

Big Idea:

Young children have an innate openness to artistic activities.

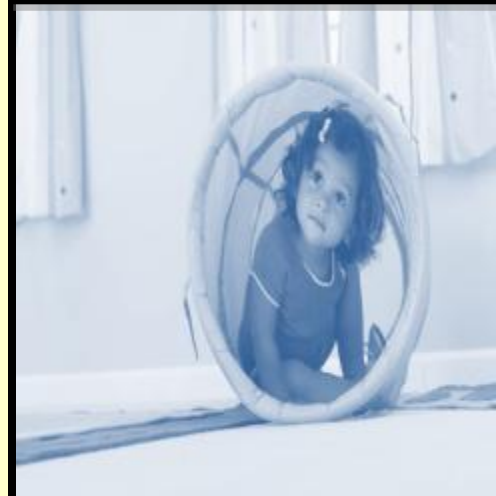
The Program includes learning in the following strands:

- Drama and Dance
- Music
- Visual Arts



Kindergarten Day

- Supervision begins at 7:45 am in the Kindergarten yard
- Entry bell rings at 7:55 am and class begins at 8:00 am. Please bring your child to school early so that you are not rushed
- Snack/Recess is 9:40 am-10:10 am
- Lunch/Recess is 11:50 am-12:50 pm
- The day consists of play-based learning where literacy, math, and science are embedded into the child's daily program

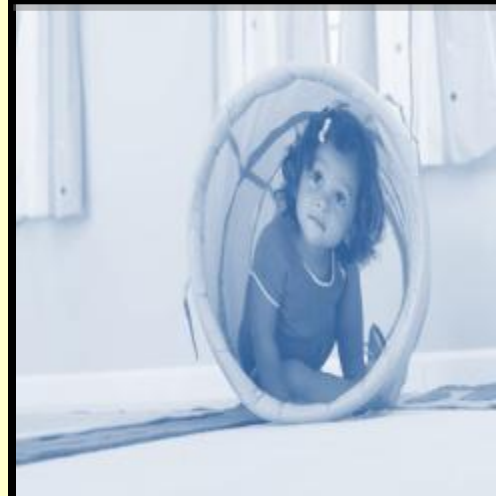


Snacks and Lunches

- All snacks and lunches need to be nut-free
- Nutritious snacks such as yogurt, apple sauce, cheese, crackers, fruits, vegetables
- Water for snacks, juice boxes or milk for lunch
- **Easy to open containers, labelled with child's name**
- Food that does not require heating
- Identifying snacks (1) and lunch (2) for child
- Prepare lunches and snacks the night before



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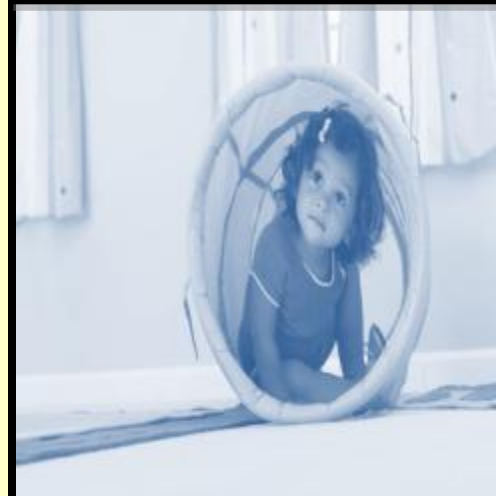


Washroom and Self-Help Routines

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- At school, children:
 - Use washroom independently
 - Wash hands with soap
 - Dress and undress
 - belts
 - overalls
 - zippers
 - buttons
 - coat, boots, hats, mittens, shoes

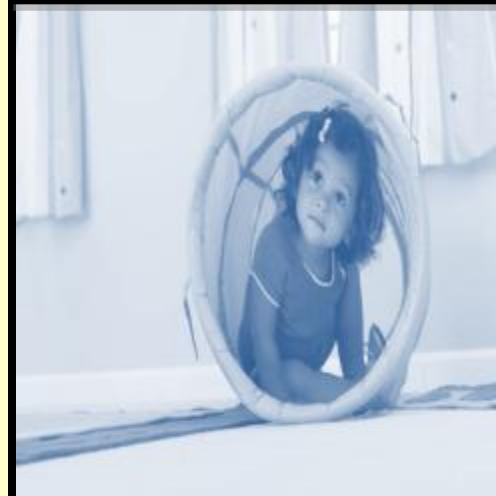


Dressing for Success

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- Washable clothing
- Dress for activity (recess/gym)
- Change of clothing
 - Pants, shirt, underwear, socks
 - Kept at school in a labelled bag
- Label everything
- Velcro indoor shoes left at school with child's name on them

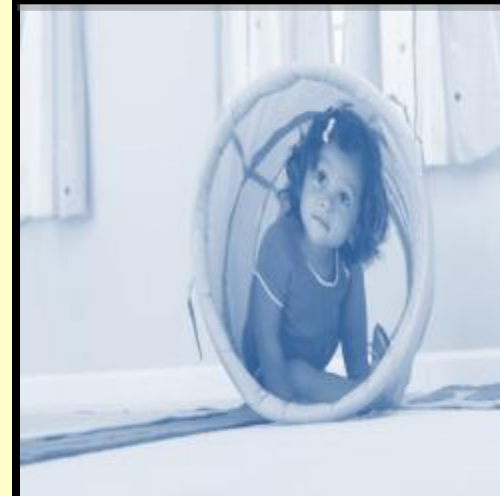


Arrival and Dismissal

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- Be at school early/on time in the morning and pick up child after school on time.
- Child should independently put on coat, shoes, snowpants, mittens.
- Give your child a kiss and say goodbye, then leave. Do not worry, your child will be safe with their teacher.



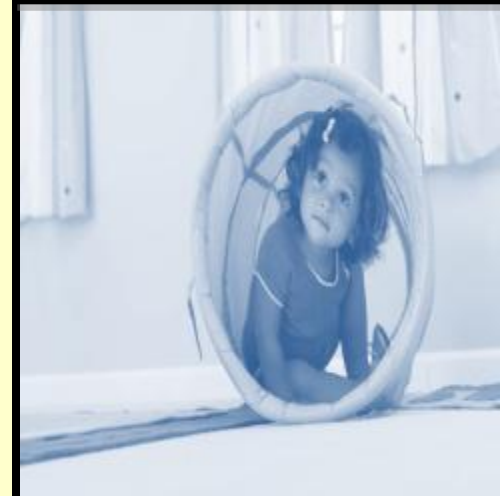
School Supplies

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- Backpack large enough to hold a lunch bag and large library books
- Lunch/snack bag
- Indoor shoes (to be left at school)
- Extra change of clothes in a large, **labelled** bag (to be left at school)

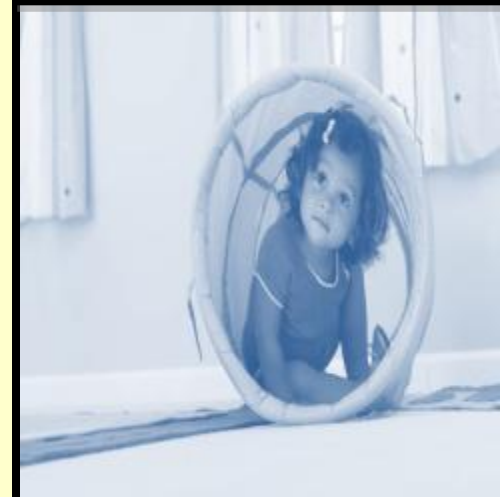
**** Please label all clothing/items!**



Preparing for the First Day of School

- Over the summer:
 - Walk to school and have a picnic.
 - Play in the school yard.
 - Establish bedtime routines and morning routines.
 - Make up a fun goodbye routine and practice it in other situations before school starts.
 - Enroll your child in Community Programs such as Early Years Centre, Library programs, and Parks and Recreation Programs.

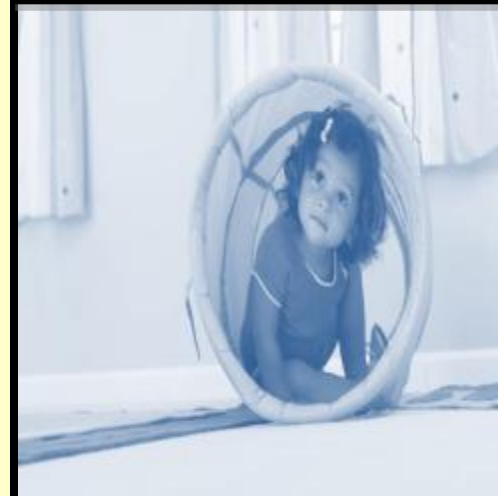
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Activities to DO at Home

(all supplies found in your WTK bag!)

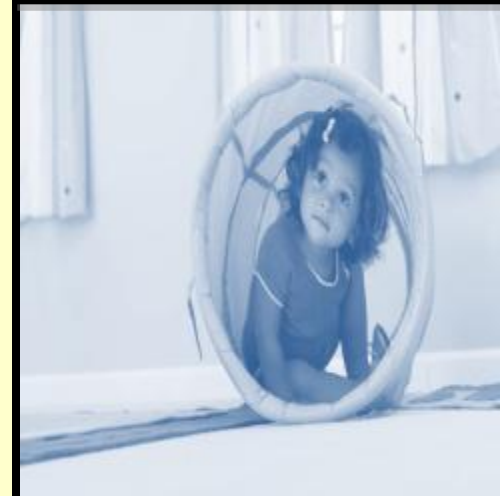
- **Sort** your magnetic letters and numbers
- **Colour** with crayons, pencils
- **Cut** with construction paper
- **Draw** in the notebook
- **Create** using the glue stick and scissors
- **Read** story books
- **Play and sing** with the ball and CD



First Day of School

- Make the first day fun with a special breakfast.
- Get up in time to get everything done without rushing.
- Be calm.
- Talk about the fun things he/she will be doing.
- Take your child to the bus stop or to the school.
- Make sure your child gets to school on time and is picked up on time.

**The first day of school is a big event in the
life of a family, make it a positive one!**



Saying Goodbye on the first day of school....

- Introduce your child to a buddy from his/her class.
- Give your child a kiss and say goodbye.
- Practise your goodbye routine ahead of time.
- Reassure your child that you know he'll/she'll be okay and that you will see him/her at the end of the day!

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