**Prekindergarten Programs** 



### What happens in Prekindergarten?

Prekindergarten is a busy place bubbling with laughter and excitement as children interact with each other and learn from play. It is staffed with a qualified teacher and an Educational Assistant. The children, through play, learn social skills, language and communication skills. The program runs for a half day from Monday through Thursdays with Fridays available for family activities.

# Who is Prekindergarten For?

The Prekindergarten program is designed for students, ages 3 or 4, who require extra support prior to starting school. A child who demonstrates a challenge in the area of social, behavioural, emotional, cognitive or communicative skills will be considered. Other factors that are specific to each family will also be taken into consideration.

Our aim is for the children with the greatest needs to be served and therefore a number of criteria have been determined based on community needs.

#### **Program Contact Information:**

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École Centennial School

Swift Current

Teacher: Kelsie White kwhite88@chinooksd.ca

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## **Family Involvement**

This program offers meaningful family involvement with supports from health community resources and Chinook School Division. There is an open door policy and families are invited to be involved any time. Each month, activities are planned for families to participate in the program and play along side their child. This will allow for parents to share responsibility for the well-being and education of their children.



#### How to register and what are next steps?

Application forms are available at Central School, École Centennial School, Shaunavon Public School, Sidney Street School in Maple Creek, CEC, or on the Chinook website. Once your application is received, it goes to a committee for review and given a priority level. Providing you have met the criteria your child will then be assigned to one of the PreK programs. The teacher will then contact you and provide you with more information. Home visits will be done prior to your child starting in the PreK program and again in the new year.

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