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Raymond Elementary Early Learning Program

RES offers two different Early Learning Programs by age groups as defined by Alberta Education:

- **Children who turn 3 years old by Dec. 31** of the current year (this program is for children with severe special needs only with delays in language, behaviour or have a current medical diagnosis).
- **Children who turn 4 years old by Dec. 31** of the current school year (this is for children with mild/moderate and/or severe delays and include delays in speech/language, behaviour or have a current medical or physical diagnosis).

The purpose of the program will be to prepare children who would not otherwise be prepared for Kindergarten. Early Learning programming will support children by providing hands-on, play based, developmentally appropriate activities where children can engage with peers and develop in areas that include: social/emotional skills, cognitive skills, physical/motor skills and speech/language development.

Here are the steps to follow:

1. **Register your child on the RES website (res.westwind.ab.ca) for a new student registration. (This form will be open on March 1)**
2. **We will call you within two weeks to set up a screening appointment.**
3. **You will be notified by phone if your child qualifies for the program.**
4. **Class placement will happen at the end of June.**

Fees:

All fees will be collected in the fall. The Early Learning Program is:

- At no cost for students with severe needs
- \$100 for the **year** for students with mild/moderate needs
- \$15 for an optional yearbook.

Kindergarten

Registration for students entering kindergarten will also open on March 1, 2023.

Raymond Elementary School offers Kindergarten to students that are 5 years old prior to December 31, 2023. Please only register your child in Kindergarten if you intend them to continue to Grade 1 the next year. It is inappropriate to register a child in kindergarten with a preconceived plan to repeat for a second year. We ask that any parents who are considering this to instead register their child for the Early Learning Program or to wait before registering for kindergarten.

Fees:

All fees will be collected in the fall.

Day/Time Preferences for Kindergarten and Early Learning

Raymond Elementary School is fortunate to have an excellent staff. We are confident that your child will encounter a well-prepared teacher who is committed to student success, no matter what classroom they are placed in. We will do our best to place students according to the day/time preferences that you indicate; however, there is no guarantee of this. Classes will be balanced according to student needs first.