

# Welcome to Super Kids Playschool!

Reggio Emilia Inspired, Preschool Acrobatic Arts & Circus



Super Kids Playschool offers a unique and exciting approach to preschool education. Inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach, Acrobatic Arts and circus programming, children are provided with a valuable head start to education and a healthy lifestyle.

Our playschool program reflects the importance of play and movement in a child's healthy development. Through intentional teaching practices, our emergent play-based programs offer children opportunities to expand their skills and knowledge in a fun and safe environment.

Our child-centred practices, inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach are reflected by responding to children's interests and fostering in-depth studies, by listening well and asking open ended questions, offering different ways for children to learn and offering a variety of opportunities for children to show what they know. Using family as partner, our philosophy values relationships with families.

Activities and lessons focus on the whole child and cover physical, intellectual, social and emotional development. This co-education program will help build foundational educational and physical skills.



## PLAYSCHOOL CLASSES, REQUIREMENTS & SUBSIDIES

Our programs run July & August, and September to June. During the school year, Super Kids Playschool will be closed on Statutory Holidays and follow the Edmonton Public School Board kindergarten calendar for all holiday breaks, PD Days and all other school closure dates.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4 & 5 Yr Olds  
9 - 11:30am or 12:30 - 3pm.

Tuesday/Thursday 3 Yr Olds  
9 - 11:30am or 12:30 - 3pm.

Summer Schedule M-F am 9-12 and/or M-T  
12:30-3:30pm. Camp information can be found at [www.velocitycomplex.ca/summer2024](http://www.velocitycomplex.ca/summer2024).



Children must be 3 years old on their start date and fully toilet trained to participate in this program.

Super Kids Playschool aims to provide a positive and safe environment for all children attending. The Child Guidance Policy is intended to provide a positive, non-punitive approach to assist children in becoming self-confident and self-disciplined. Children will learn appropriate behaviour as well as learn to positively interact with others. The Child Guidance Policy will be distributed at registration.

Super Kids Playschool will be a licensed preschool and will be eligible for the Affordability Grant once licensing is complete. Through this grant, the Provincial Government will issue \$75 for your child directly to the Playschool each month.

### DOES THIS PROGRAM HAVE OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES OR OUTDOOR PLAY?

Super Kids Playschool will not have off-site activities or outdoor play. Our exclusive use of Velocity Complex's facility allows us to offer unique gross motor activities on site and indoors. Our playschool room is inspired by nature and will bring the outdoors in.

We will occasionally invite local organizations and programs to enhance the children's development and education, possibly including robotics, nurses, fire fighters, the "I Am Unique" program, nature programs, etc.



# HEALTH POLICY

If possible, please notify the school if your child will be absent. It is important not to send a child to school if they have the following symptoms:

1. Thick or discoloured discharge/drainage from the nose
2. Persistent cough or sneezing
3. Fever
4. Sore throat
5. Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea within the previous 24 hours
6. Headache
7. Earache (this disrupts equilibrium and balance)
8. New or unexplained rash
9. Discharge from the eye(s)/pink eye
10. Requiring greater care and attention than can be provided without compromising the care of the other children in the program

If a child develops signs of illness during class time, parents will be notified and will need to pick up their child right away. In cases where parents are unavailable, emergency contacts will be notified. After illness, children may return to school if they have been symptom free for at least 24 hours or they have a note from a physician. If a child has been prescribed antibiotics, they may return to school 24 hours after the first dose has been given.

## EMERGENCIES

During a medical emergency, Super Kids Playschool staff will treat and administer first aid, as required. If EMS is required, 911 will be called first and the parent/guardian called second. All preschool staff are First Aid and CPR Certified.

## MEDICATION

Medication is only administered to a child when written consent has been provided by the parent. All medication must be in its original packaging.

## SNACKS

Each child is required to provide their own small, nutritious snack from home. Please be sure that all snacks are nut free.

## DRESS

Please dress your child appropriately in comfortable, durable and washable clothing. Please avoid zippers and buttons and if a dress is worn, be sure to add a pair of shorts underneath. Please note that playschool can be messy, and learning through exploring may result in some accidents. Smocks will be provided.



## COLD WEATHER POLICY AND PLAYSCHOOL CLOSURE

Classes will be cancelled if the temperature reading is colder than  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$ , including wind chill as reported by Environment Canada at 08:10h: 780-660-9770 or on the website [https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-50\\_metric\\_e.html](https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-50_metric_e.html).

The playschool may be closed due to severe weather, power, heat, water, loss, medical failures, public health policies, teacher illness or other unforeseen circumstances beyond the playschool's control. Every effort will be made to give as much notice as possible regarding closures, but notice may be limited due to unforeseen circumstances.

The playschool is a program of choice; do not put yourself or others in danger by trying to attend the preschool in inclement weather;

No make-up classes will be provided in the event of school closure. Please check Brightwheel and/or email to determine if the school is closed. If the school is closed, it will remain closed for the entire day.

In addition, should a situation arise where both teachers are ill and unable to come to class, the playschool will be closed. An email will be sent to the parents and the executive will arrange for someone to be present at the start of class to ensure that everyone is informed. Every effort will be made to give as much notice as possible.

### DISMISSAL TIMES (School Year)

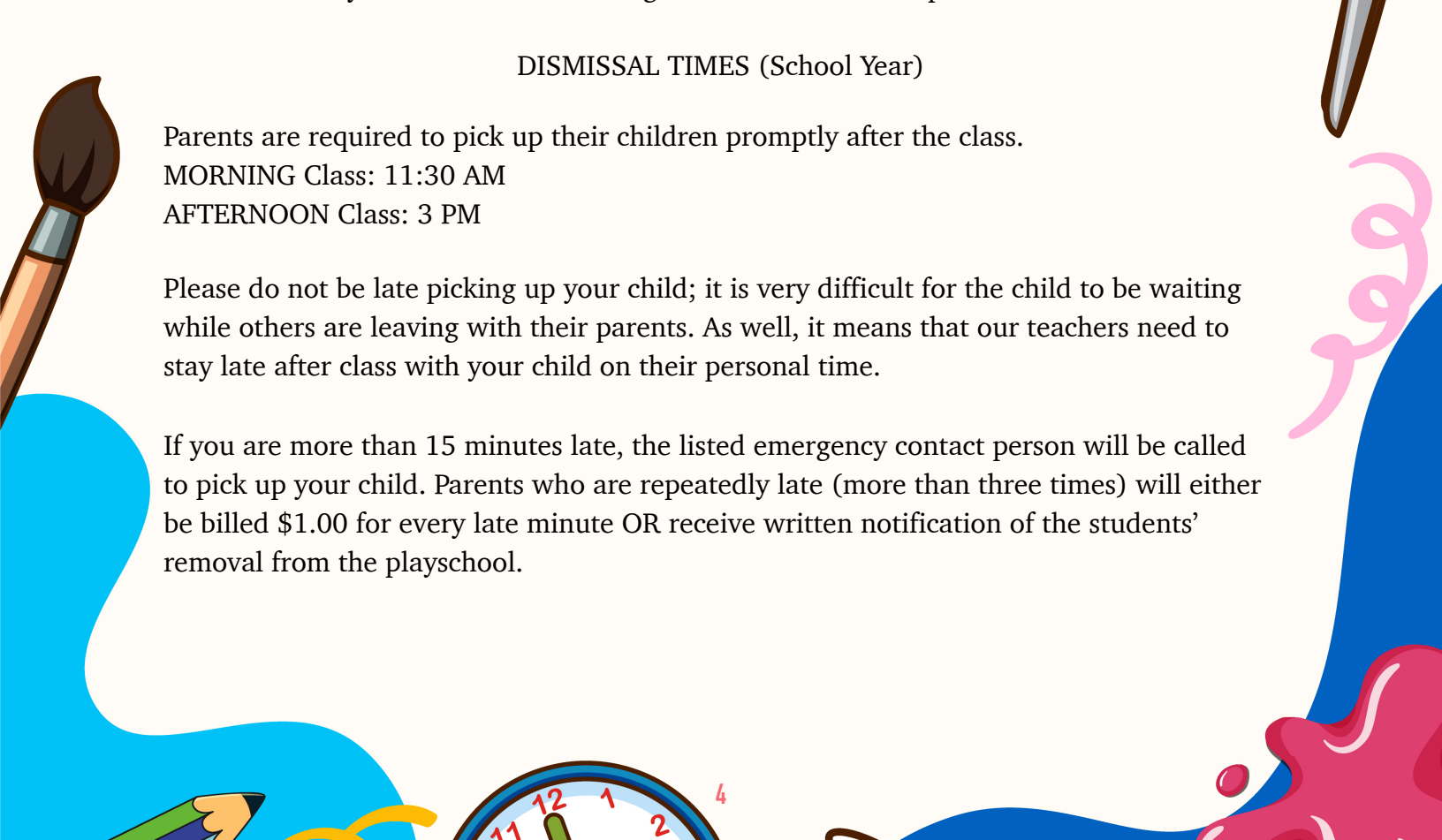
Parents are required to pick up their children promptly after the class.

MORNING Class: 11:30 AM

AFTERNOON Class: 3 PM

Please do not be late picking up your child; it is very difficult for the child to be waiting while others are leaving with their parents. As well, it means that our teachers need to stay late after class with your child on their personal time.

If you are more than 15 minutes late, the listed emergency contact person will be called to pick up your child. Parents who are repeatedly late (more than three times) will either be billed \$1.00 for every late minute OR receive written notification of the students' removal from the playschool.



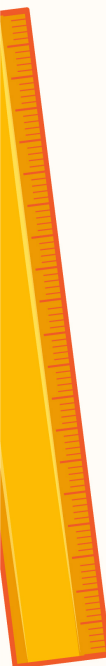




## REGISTRATION

Admission is accepted on a “first come, first served” basis. For the school year, registration fee, completed registration forms, and payment of first month’s tuition is required to reserve each child’s place in the playschool. During the school year we will accept registrations for the current year as enrolment allows.

## WAITLIST POLICY




A waitlist is maintained, and the order is strictly adhered to. There is a processing fee to apply to the waitlist. The Director will contact you by email if a spot becomes available. You will be given a 48-hour window to provide a response. After 48 hours, the Director will contact the next in line if no response is received. It is your responsibility to check your emails. The Director is not responsible for holding a spot if emails bounce back.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We strongly believe that being intentional in building positive, strong relationships with parents and children gives us the opportunity for growth. Strong relationships with families can help us get to know children within their family cultures and by working together with families, we can better support each child. Families can share important information about their child’s experiences, development, accomplishments and interests.

There are no duty days, parent jobs or fundraising responsibilities.

## WITHDRAWAL POLICY



Notice must be received in writing **one month** prior to the withdrawal date (e.g. March 1st for April 1st withdrawal date). There are no exceptions. Insufficient notice will mean forfeiting the following month’s tuition.

No refunds after April 30th of the school year.

No refunds or pro-rating for partial month attendance.

A child who is away from the program for a period of time and will be returning later in the year must pay the monthly fees in the interim.

If 30 days’ notice of withdrawal is not provided, for whatever reason, no tuition payment will be refunded.

In the event of a school closure, no tuition payment will be refunded for the month in which the closure occurs, and no tuition payment will be refunded for the following month unless the school closure extends into and lasts the entire calendar month.

