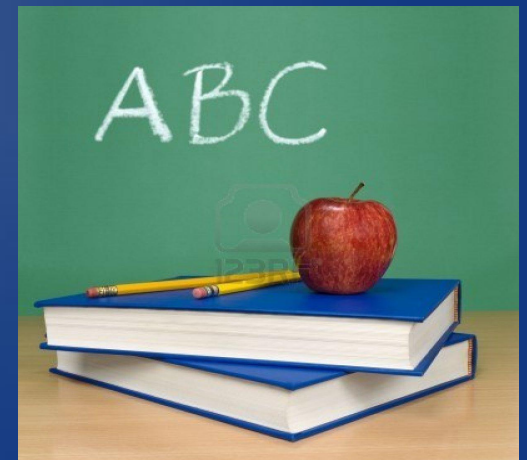


Welcome to Kindergarten

St. Francis Xavier 2020



*God Grant me the serenity to appreciate
the unique gifts of our children,
Courage to encourage them to do their best,
And wisdom to help them become all
you created them to be.*

Amen



YCDSB Land Acknowledgement

We are gathered on the ancestral lands and waters of all Indigenous Peoples, who have left their footprints on Mother Earth before us.

We respectfully acknowledge, those who have walked on it, those who walk on it now, and future generations who have yet to walk upon it.

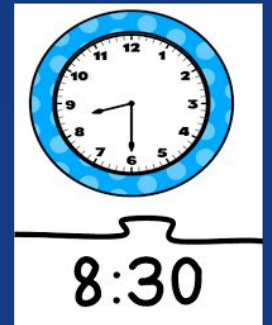
We pray to the Creator for strength and wisdom that all may continue to serve as stewards of the earth.

The Kindergarten Program

Full day → 8:30am - 3:00pm

→ 2 snack times - 9:50am & 2:05pm

→ Lunch 11:25 & Outdoor recess 11:45-12:25



2 year program

→ Year 1 / JK (age 4)

→ Year 2 / SK (age 5)



The Kindergarten Program continued...

Kindergarten Report Card has 4 areas of focus (frames):

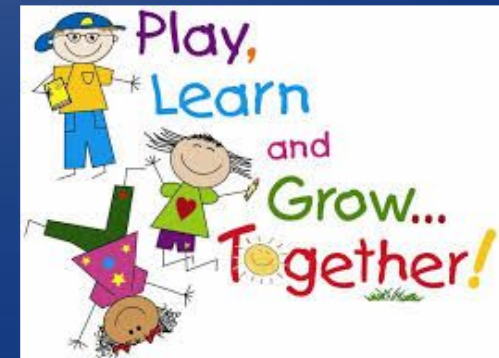
- Belonging & Contributing (relationships with others)
- Self-Regulation & Well-Being (emotions & behaviour)
- Literacy & Numeracy (reading, writing, listening, speaking)
(mathematics)
- Problem Solving & Innovation
(creating, questioning and analyzing)



The Kindergarten Program continued...

Subjects:	Literacy	Mathematics
	Science	Social Studies
	Religion	The Arts
	Health	Physical Education

- Play-based program
 - Learning through play
 - Play with an academic and inquiry focus
(based on the 4 frames)



Play-based Learning Centres



Tech Time

- iPads, Chromebooks (educational apps)
- Coding (Bee Bot, Ozobots, etc)



Inspiring Creativity & Problem Solving Through Building

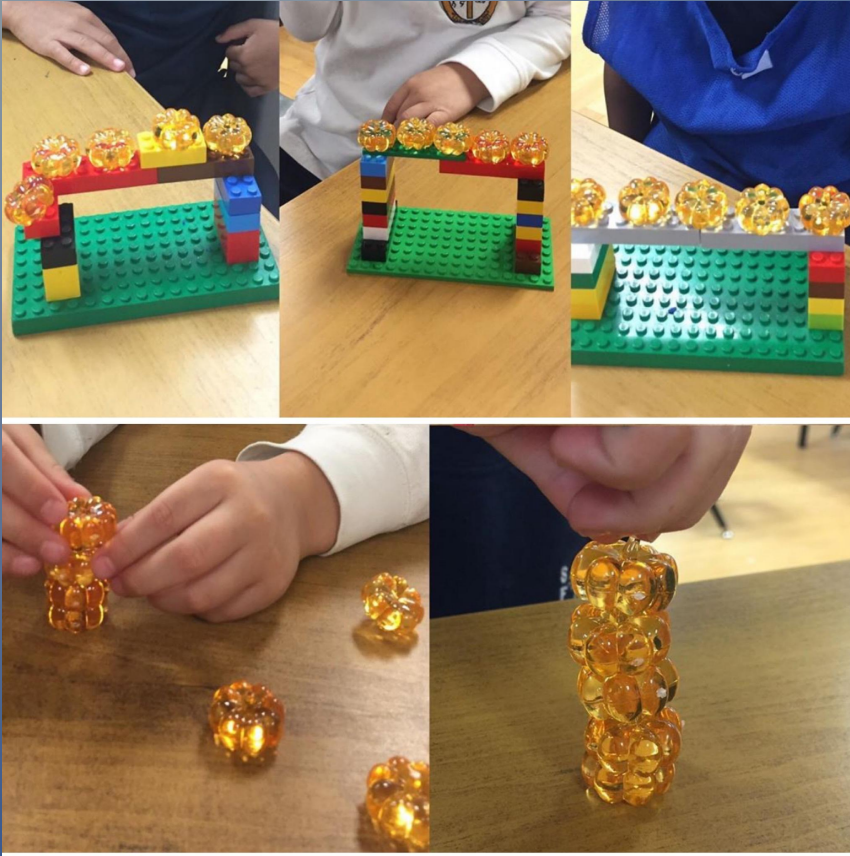
- Lego, blocks, gears, snap cubes, connectors, etc.

Centres continued...



Learning math in different ways

Centres continued...



Celebrating holidays and incorporating them into lessons

Ex. STEM challenges 1) build a bridge to hold 5 pumpkins 2) how many pumpkins can you stack?



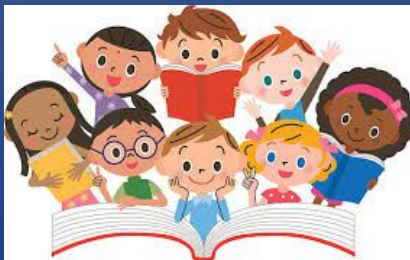
Inspiring curiosity through inquiries

Ex. forest animals and plants, habitats, dinosaurs, superheroes, seasons, etc.

How can you prepare your child for Kindergarten?

PLAY and DISCOVERY are key in your child's development. Over the summer...

- Speak and listen as you play with your child.
- Encourage play with other children as often as possible.
- Promote early literacy by exposure to books.



Over the Summer continued...



Please encourage your child to INDEPENDENTLY:

- ❑ Go to the washroom and clean up (includes the toilet seat and hands)
- ❑ Take shoes and coat on and off
- ❑ Open and close the zipper on the backpack and lunch bag
- ❑ Change clothes in case of an accident
- ❑ Recognize his/her name in print
- ❑ Print the first letter in his/her name
- ❑ Express simple needs



("Help please" or "Can I go to the washroom?")

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Looking forward to seeing
you in September!



School Starts...

Tuesday September 8, 2020

at 8:30 am

Have a wonderful summer!