





## What makes Silver Springs such a great preschool?

-  Experienced and qualified teachers with a low student to teacher ratio
-  Teacher & teacher assistant in each classroom
-  Speech Therapy Program, Music Program, Exercise Program (Yoga, Gym Time, etc.)
-  Organized field trips and many in classroom visitors
-  Organized special days (baking days, PJ days, etc.)
-  Halloween, Christmas concert & year-end party where parents are invited to attend
-  Use of a full gymnasium and playground
-  Bright classrooms, offering new toys & furniture
-  Peanut-free facility
-  Open door policy – opportunity for parent to volunteer in the classroom
-  All children receive graduation gifts at the end of the school year.
-  Link to the Alberta Child Care Subsidy Program
-  **Hand Writing Without Tears Program**
-  **Jolly Phonics Program for the 4 Year Old Program**

## Our Philosophy

Silver Springs Preschool firmly believes in the importance of play. Play is an integral part in every aspect of a child's development. It facilitates motor development, social competence, emotional development, self-control, confidence, creativity, scientific reasoning and abstract thinking.



*"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." ~ Fred Rogers.*

3 Yr Old program (am & pm class times)  
Tues & Thurs 9:15a-11:15a or 1:15p-3:15p

4 Yr Old program (am & pm class times)  
Mon, Wed & Fri 9:00a-11:15a or 1:00p- 3:15p

**Wheel chair accessible**





### Tips and Tricks


- Attend the Preschool Open House to meet the Teachers and to receive a tour.
- Become familiar with the Preschool's Policies available on our website.
- Pay your Silver Springs Community Association membership dues before you start the preschool online registration process.
- Visit the Preschool's website and facebook page for current and up to date information about the Preschool and its events.



The preschool is overseen by the Silver Springs Community Association (SSCA) and operates as a non-denominational and non-profit organization

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*Where your child learns through  
teacher directed play activities.*

# Our Goals and Promise to you and your children












-  To provide a variety of learning opportunities, which recognize the differing learning styles of each individual child.
-  To allow each child to access the learning opportunities provided at their own pace.
-  To provide a fun, stimulating and nurturing environment.
-  To provide children with the skills they will need to enter Kindergarten with confidence.
-  To familiarize children with the rules, routines and structures they will encounter in Kindergarten.
-  To give both children and their parents a sense of community.



*Each day is filled with teachable moments. Young children are eager to learn and their play usually shows what they are learning day to day. So, the next time you ask a young child, "What did you do at school today?" and he/she replies, "I just played", think twice and grin for he/she did that, and so much more.*

## What are some examples of "Direct Play Activities" and what is it teaching our kids?



-  **Dramatic Play** – Stimulates imagination; cooperation, language skills, social skills, eye-hand coordination, gross and fine motor skills; and invites imaginary play.
-  **Play Dough** – Increases hand and shoulder strength.
-  **Water Table** – Provides opportunities for experimentation; learn about volume, flow, suction gravity, reflection, and temperature; compares properties; gross and fine motor skills; eye-hand coordination; imaginary play; and increases vocabulary.
-  **Sand Table** – Children learn to manipulate objects; motor skills and sensory motor integration; social development; sharing and cooperation; and concept development as children explore with weight and volume.
-  **Crafts** – Encourages creativity; motor skills, eye-hand coordination; social skills; and cognitive skills.
-  **Block Play** – Motor skills; eye-hand coordination; stimulates imagination; encourages creativity; increases self-esteem; cooperative play; mathematical concepts; and language development.
-  **Painting** – Motor skills; eye-hand coordination; encourages creativity; self-expression; language skills; cognitive development; and encourages a sense of responsibility in the clean-up process.
-  **Crafts** – Encourages creativity; motor skills, eye-hand coordination; social skills; and cognitive skills.
-  **Puzzles** – Spatial relations; attention to detail; and children learn to use small pieces to make a whole which relates later as they learn to make words.
-  **Games** – Children learn about shapes, colours, numbers, letters; and it enhances cooperative play (i.e. turn-taking).
-  **Math/Science Activities** – Patterning; lacing; graphing; problem solving; naming; classifying; ordering; sorting; investigating.