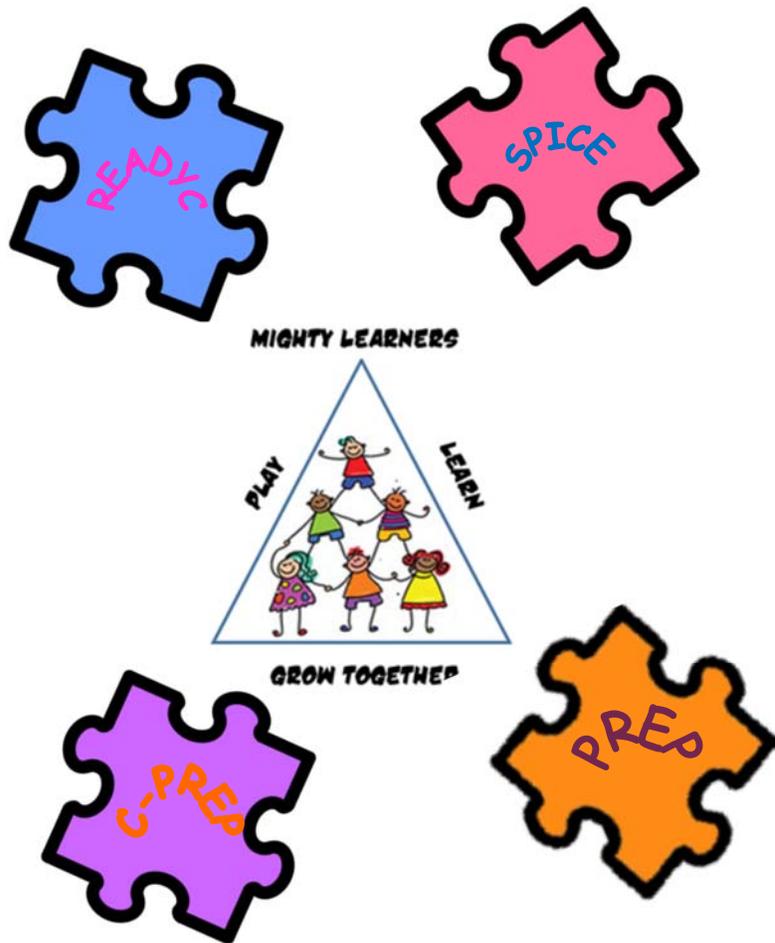


Pembina Hills Public
Schools

Early Learning



Our philosophy

is to:

- Offer an Early Learning pre-kindergarten program for preschoolers with complex special needs. This will provide them with the structure and interventions needed in order to prepare them for inclusion in kindergarten.
- Encourage, with care, your child's growth in this program which will assist them to reach their potential in "work" and play.
- Provide a setting and atmosphere in which they may develop **socially, physically, intellectually, creatively and emotionally.**
- Welcome your children's **active engagement and participation** in learning to be creative, playful and imaginative.
- As **Mighty Learners**: Nurturing Children's Dispositions to Learn—playing, seeking, participating, persisting and caring.

What is the Early Learning Preschool Class?

- Pembina Hills Public Schools offer an Early Learning Program for children with complex and mild/moderate needs who require specific skill instruction in a small, play based learning setting.
- The classes will consist of a variety of learners including typically developing children. The program is structured to meet the needs of each child with an emphasis on learning through play, guided by a qualified staff.
- The program is structured with an emphasis on learning through play and supported by the Early Learning Curriculum Framework endorsed by Alberta Education. (2015) childcareframework.com
- A skilled Educational Team comprised of Program assistants, Speech Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Behavior Specialist and Early Education Teacher work together to plan the program and address the needs of the children.
- Parental involvement in the child's program is encouraged through Family Classroom Visits with one or more members of the Learning Team. These pre-arranged focus visits bridge learning goals from school to the home environment.

The principles, goals and philosophy of the Early Learning class are in keeping with Alberta Learning's Early Childhood Services guidelines

What is Inclusion?

- Inclusion is providing appropriate programming for individual children within a setting that allows them to develop and reach their full potential.
- Inclusion strives to include children with special needs in a regular setting amongst their peers when it is in the best interests of the child.

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Who? Where? When? How?

- An Early Learning classroom at Barrhead Elementary, Eleanor Hall School, Pembina North Community School and Westlock Elementary School.
- Children must be three (3) years of age by September 1st to attend this program, and approved for Program Unit Funding through Pembina Hills Student Service Department. (or as determined by availability in the program)
- Children must have specific programming needs which are best met in this small, structured, intensive program.
- The typically developing classmates will be attending on designated days.
- Transportation to and from the program is primarily the parents' responsibility, but can be discussed with the Teacher/Coordinator, and Pembina Hills Student Services Department.
- Regular parent learning opportunities are provided to enhance parent knowledge and program participation



Questions?

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