



## EDMONTON AFTER SCHOOL CARE ASSOCIATION



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## Welcome to our Kindergarten Program!

Here is the important information you need to know before your first day. For more information on our program, please read over our policies and Parent Handbook on our website ([easca.org](http://easca.org)).

### **Items to Bring**

On their first day, please send your child with the following:

- a pair of shoes for indoor use only (different than the ones you send as inside shoes for school. They do not all the children to wear them upstairs to EASCA)
- a pair of shoes just for outside use.
- a pair of extra clothes (including underwear and socks)
- a lunch and snacks (EASCA provides a morning and an afternoon snack, but in case your child is hungry outside of these times, or does not like the snack we offer, please send lots of healthy snacks for them to eat)

### **Who Will Be Looking After Your Child**

Your child's EASCA teacher will be Amrita. She will also be one of the morning staff who are at the center in the morning when you drop off your child.

Although all the staff work together, and they all have time when they spend with the kindergarteners while at EASCA.

### **Drop Offs & Pick Ups**

When you drop your child off, we require you to come inside with your child and sign them in everyday and sign them out every day at pick up.

### **Lunch Time**

EASCA's staff will heat up your child's lunch, if necessary, so it is warm when they arrive at lunch time. Your child will also be picked up by a staff directly from their classroom at the bell and walked to EASCA.

### **Typical Routine:**

After lunch, the children they will go outside for active games and free play on the playground (weather permitted). Directly after that they will come in and have a circle time where they will learn about the days of the week, months of the year, the weather, and read a story together. After circle time there will be centre time (small group time) where the children will participate in activities that fit the weekly them. The centres we offer include science, art, reading/literacy, sensory, dramatic play, construction, music, and more. After centre time, there is a staff led group activity. Other activities will include art, science, and multicultural activities. After this the children will join with the older children as they arrive after school. We group the children

with a variety of ages, rather than by their specific age groups, as we see the benefit in having the older children act as role models for the youngers and for the youngers to learn from the older children and teach them some responsibility.

The kindergarten children will also go on a variety of field trips throughout the year. Some of the past field trips we have gone on included visiting the local senior's home to donate yarn and visit, walking for ice cream, Galaxy Kids Play Place at West Edmonton Mall, apple picking, Ice on Whyte, the local library, and the fire station. We like to offer the children a chance to interact with the community around them and learn from those experiences.

I hope this answers any questions you might have, but if you have more, please don't hesitate to let me know!

We look forward to seeing you in September!

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### Kindergarten 2020 Parents and Guardians,

To answer a few questions:

We are open 7:00am to 6:00pm daily. We are open on P.D days, Christmas break, Teacher's Conventions, Spring break, and throughout the summer. We are closed all statutory holidays. We have a monthly newsletter that gets send out that has all information going on at the center for certain days.

We are located in Meadowlark Elementary School, please use the entrance facing north west.

EASCA provides a morning snack (before school) and an afterschool snack. You provide lunch and we will warm it up, if necessary, before your child comes for lunch each day. We also have an optional hot lunch program available on Wednesdays, these lunches cost \$8/day and usually start in October.

EASCA's mission is to support families by providing quality children's programs, in a safe and nurturing environment, that supplement and enhance the development of school-age children. We believe that physical activity is important to child development, so our program provides a minimum of one hour of physical activity per day. We achieve this through play in the playground, using the school gym and as well as giving the children the opportunity to sign up for our Just Dance Fitness Club.

There is a \$100 non-refundable registration fee required to hold your spot that is due upon submission of the registration form. This registration fee will be returned as a discount on your last month's fees, provided you give 30 days' notice of withdrawing your child.

You can apply for childcare subsidy if your family income qualifies. For more information visit: <http://www.child.alberta.ca/home/1153.cfm>

We are a non-profit organization, so all fees collected go directly back into the program to offer exciting programming, field trips, and toys. We are accredited as well, which means we have met higher standards than childcare licensing requires.

Please feel free to come in and talk to our staff and check out our center! You can also find out more about us by visiting our website: [www.easca.org](http://www.easca.org)

Thank you,

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