

#### It's hard to believe that we have been in pre-school now for a month!

Our main focus these last weeks has been getting used to the routine and schedule of the classroom. Students have been playing in the classroom with the blocks, dramatic house center and the sensory bin along with many other activities. We are learning how to use markers, paint, glue sticks and most recently scissors at our art center.

This week we started with a color, shape and letter of the week. We will continue to learn more of these as the weeks go on. Learning new songs and games, as well as reading stories has been our focus at circle time.

Now that Autumn is upon us, we are talking about what kinds of changes we are seeing in our environment. We have been able to spend lots of time outdoors due to the beautiful weather. The children love to play various games as well as hunt and explore the various things they can find outside.



# **Important Reminders**

Save the Date



·October 14: Happy Thanksgiving- No Pre-School

October 29: Four-Year-Old AM class visit to Rosealta Lodge for Halloween Parade, 10:00
October 30: Three-Year-Old class visit to Rosealta Lodge for Halloween Parade, 10:00
October 30: Four-Year-Old PM class visit to Rosealta Lodge for Halloween Parade, 1:00
\*\* We will be walking to Rosealta Lodge in our costumes to show the residents.

November 11-15: No Pre-School - Winter Break

# **DON'T FORGET!**

- We will be starting to have the children take turns at carpet time to show off the scrapbook "All About Me" page as well. We want to make sure they all have a turn to show off their page.
- Make sure you are checking the Remind App for updates and pictures.



If you haven't already brought in the paperwork from the orientation day, or your family photo please do so. If you don't have a printed photo you can email a copy to trisha@camrosepreschool.ca and we can have one printed off. The children love to show each other their families!

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# Meet the Directors

Welcome to Pre-School! We are so excited that you have joined us for a fun year of learning through play with Miss Cassie and Miss Trisha. We aren't usually at Pre-School during class but are always available to answer any questions you may have and can be reached at the office at 780-672-0141 or by email at info@camrosepreschool.ca. We are looking forward to a great year at Camrose and District Pre-School!

My name is Kandace Bonney. I am dedicated to Making a Difference in the lives of children, families and the educators that care for your children.

With twenty-five plus years experience in Early Childhood Education and Level 3 Certification as well as my other diplomas in business management, social work and drug & alcohol counselor, I feel that all my education finally came together for me when I started at Camrose and District Support Services in 2007 and became the OSCAR Director, the after school program in the public schools for kindergarten to grade six. I have taken courses in Flight and supporting curriculum practice. These courses will help me to support our educators at Pre-school and OSCAR as we slowly implement the curriculum to the programs. Children are my passion. They are our future and your most precious gift to our world. Together, I know we can continue to build a strong foundation for the children of our Pre-school and Make a Difference in their lives.





Hello, I am Crystal Schierman and have been the Assistant Director for OSCAR and Pre-School for almost 2 years now. Prior to this I worked for the same non-profit child care organization where we operated 2 daycares, a school age program, preschool and a family day home agency. I started my career in childcare there and in my almost 19 years there, I gained 17 years experience in the Director's role of these programs.

My husband and I decided to move back home to my family's dairy farm in the New Norway area in 2021, and are happy to be able to raise our 5 girls in the community we grew up in. I have my Level 3 Early Learning and Child Care Certification and love working in this field. It is an absolute pleasure to support the educators & serve the families and children in our programs.

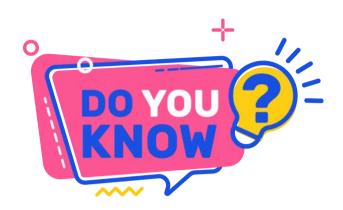
# 2024 / 2025 Pre-School Registration





### It's Time To Register For Pre-School!





We still have some spaces available in all 3 of our Pre-School classes. If you know of any 3 or 4 year old's who may be interested in joining us in learning through play, please tell them about our programs.

### Mabels Labels

This great fundraiser will remain open year round and is a great way to label water bottles, coats, shoes and all the things you don't want your children to loose. Use the QR Code then search for our organization, Camrose & District Pre-School.

When you place your order online, it will be shipped directly to your mailing address.





### Together we can reduce the lost & found!

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Go to **campaigns.mabelslabels.com** and choose our organization from the list!

Camrose & District Pre-School, Lower Level Rotary Centre: 4517 - 54 St. Phone: 780-608-6897 Administration Office: 4821 - 51 St. Phone : 780-672-0141



# Fun From the Classroom



Here a student is picking up teddy bears in soapy water, exploring how the water feels. He is catching all the purple bears sorting them into a cup.

Students enjoy playing in the sensory bin alongside their friends. The boys were talking about what items they were finding in the sensory bin, taking turns hiding them and showing each other.





Miss Cassy leading a song "Shake Your Sillies Out." The children are moving their bodies to the song, learning to follow the directions in the song.



### Fun From the Classroom



Children were shown how to hold their scissors then given the opportunity to try cutting paper on their own. Some have never been able to use scissors before and were very determined to cut their paper into small pieces. Some were so proud of their piles of paper and we let them take them home to show their parents saying they made a "scissor salad."

Others used glue sticks to decorate their papers with the scraps of paper they had cut themselves



Making funny faces using loose parts given to the children. They loved to share with each other what kind of hair or eyes they gave their person.



"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning." —Mr. Rogers

# Fun From the Classroom



These two children are using their creativity by taking leaves, twigs and a feather found on the ground to make a "ladybug nest." They are hoping that the ladybugs will come and make a home.

One child "cleaning the floor" while another eats the meal he has made for himself. Dramatic play is a great opportunity to build social skills and find ways to problem solve.



Students enjoying the beautiful weather playing a game making the bean bags jump on the parachute. Children were asked to follow the teacher's direction to make the parachute go slow, or faster to help with coordination and working together as a group.



## **Community Resources**



### LOOKING FOR INFORMATION OR SUPPORT ON PARENTING?

We have many supports, services and programs that can assist you in parenting your child or teen.



For more information or to access support, please call the Camrose Family Resource Centre at 780-672-0141 to speak with one of our staff.

### **Community Resources**



#### Camrose Community Pantry

**Camrose & District FCSS - 4821 - 51 St.** (Across from Camrose Co-op grocery store.) <u>Monday - Thursday</u>, 9:00 a.m. - noon & 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. <u>Friday</u>, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, closed in the afternoon. Stop in & take what you need. Stock is dependent on donations received.

#### Camrose Public Library - 4710 - 50 Ave.

<u>Monday - Friday</u>, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; <u>Saturday</u>, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Stock is dependent on donations received.

#### **Camrose Neighbor Aid**

**Community Cupboard at Community Church - 5204 - 53 Ave.** <u>Mondays</u>, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. & <u>Thursdays</u> from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. 780-672-7000

Bread & Coffee at Camrose Center Point Church; 5807 - 47 Ave. Wednesdays, 1:00- 3:00 p.m.

Food Bank 4524 - 54 St.; <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>Thursday</u> from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. 780-679-3220

#### Martha's Table Soup & Sandwich

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

- Tuesdays Messiah Lutheran Church; 4810 50 St.
- Wednesday Camrose United Church; 4829 50 St.

#### **Community Spaghetti Supper**

Moose Hall Basement; 5001 - 52 Ave., Every Wednesday, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (September - June)

<u>Community Table</u> Camrose CityLights Church - 4920 - 48 St., <u>Thursdays</u>, 12:00 noon. Fresh meal.

#### The Open Doors

4707 - 56 St., Monday - Friday Grab and Go Breakfast, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. and Dinner, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

#### Transit Token

Worth \$4.00 to subsidize the cost of participating taxis and handi-van. Tokens available from different social agencies. When you are paying for a ride, you give the driver the token(s) to go toward your fare & you are responsible for paying the remainder of the fare. Visit the Help Book www.camrosefcss.ca for other resources.





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#### **Community Bus**

**FREE** Route posters available at Camrose City Hall.