



# WELCOME to our Playschool

Our playschool is one of the oldest cooperative playschools in Calgary, operating since 1970. The purpose of a cooperative playschool is for teachers, parents and children to work together to create a rich learning environment that exceeds Alberta Early Childhood Education standards.



## Through the use of play, the children in our program will:

- Be supported in their social, physical, emotional, intellectual and moral development;
- Nurture self-respect, self-control, self-expression and responsibility for self;
- Learn respect for others and the environment;
- Expand their knowledge and interest in math, science, social science and language arts;
- Foster their abilities and desire to cooperate with and learn from others;
- Grow their interests and expand their experiences through music, movement, drama, physical education, story telling, and special visitors.

MEET CHEEKY



CHEEKY SAYS:



Have fun!  
Be kind to ourselves.  
Be kind to our friends.  
Be kind to our materials.



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## What to Expect

- Children get a cubby in our coatroom to keep their indoor shoes. We may also place crafts, notices, order forms and anything left in the classroom in the cubbies to be sent home.
- It is a good idea to have a change of clothes in your child's backpack and label everything with your child's name.
- Each child should bring a water bottle (clean, labeled, water filled) to class every day and place it in the tray outside the classroom upon arrival.
- The hallway bulletin board outside the classroom hosts important notices, monthly helper calendars and other important info. Check it often!

## Drop-off & Pick-up

- The classroom has a closed door policy: doors stay closed before & during class.
- Exterior Door is locked, first parent to arrive dials the Playschool and lets subsequent parents/caregivers in.
- Teachers will greet and dismiss students - please don't enter to get your child.
- Teachers will only dismiss children to adults on our list approved for pick-up.
- Please have your child visit the washroom before class (either at home or at school before class starts).
- We use the girls washroom. Adults may not use the children's washrooms. Please use adult/staff washrooms.

## Parent Helpers

We appreciate the time parents devote to being a participant in their child's playschool experience. Our hope is that parents will enjoy their time interacting with their child and their classmates. We believe parents can learn many things about their child, and child development, through participation.

We ask that you allow each child to create and explore, and even make mistakes for themselves. We celebrate each child and their unique gifts and potential!

### On your special helper day:

- Arrive 15 minutes early with your child.
- Bring a healthy, nut-free snack for the class that represents two food groups (If bringing a special B-day treat this is served after regular snack).
- No "may contain traces of nuts or tree nuts" allowed and please be careful of cross-contamination when preparing at home.
- Record snack on calendar in classroom (licensing requirement).
- There is a small fridge for snack storage (if necessary) and snack supplies (napkins, cups, cleaning supplies) in the classroom.
- Volunteers require a volunteer tag when leaving the playschool classroom (taking kids to the bathroom, etc.)
- Familiarize yourself with our fire drill procedure (posted on bulletin board inside the classroom).
- Before you leave, the classroom should be left at a level of cleanliness that you would like for your own child.
- **Most importantly, have fun!** Please join in at gym time, sing along with us, build and create alongside the children.