

St. Alexander Kindergarten Open House

Come Learn With Us!



The Kindergarten Program

- Offered to all children that are 3.8 to 6 years of age
 - A two year program
- A program for Year 1 and Year 2 students to learn together
 - Taught by a Catholic Certified Elementary Teacher and a Registered Early Childhood Educator

Meet our STAFF

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Mrs. Savage
Classroom Teacher



Mrs. Serravalle
Classroom Teacher



Mrs. Goodwin
Classroom Teacher



Mrs. Bachynski
Early Childhood Educator

Mrs. Martinez-Cook
Early Childhood Educator



Mrs. Eller
Educational Resource
Teacher

When you asked me what I did in school today and I say,

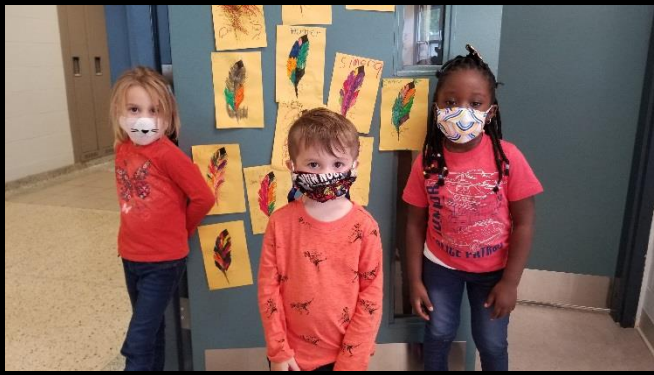
"I just played"

Please don't misunderstand me
For you see, I'm learning as I play.

I am learning to enjoy and be
successful in my work.

Today I am a child and my work is
play

~Anita Wadley~



What do you remember about your childhood?



How has the world changed since you were a child?

The Catholic School Kindergarten program in Ontario strives to create students who are collaborators, innovators and problem solvers, a discerning believer, an effective communicator, a reflective, creative and holistic thinker, a self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner, a collaborative contributor, a caring family member and a responsible citizen

Welcome to Kindergarten...



•• Austin Rankin

A Typical Day

Students are streamed into the classroom and get ready for the day (change shoes, unpack communication book, lunch bag, water bottle etc). Each child signs in each day. Morning announcements O 'Canada and Prayer.

Children choose an activity or read a book. When O Canada begins the children stand up to sing and say prayers. All areas of the classroom are open for the morning.

Guided reading, writing or math take place throughout the morning while the children continue to explore.

Clean up, morning meeting before lunch.

After lunch, creative movement then free choice of Literacy and Math based activities. One day per week the group is divided. One group goes to gym and the other remains in the classroom for guided instruction.

•Near the end of the day, clean up, afternoon meeting. Teacher read aloud.

Pack up, say prayers, dismissal.

Children Learn Through...

PLAY

Investigating

Watching

INQUIRY

Trial and Error

Step By Step

Come Learn With Us!

- Belonging and Contributing
(progress report yr 1)

Problem Solving
and Innovating

- Self-Regulation and Well-Being
(progress report yr 1)

Demonstrating
Literacy & Math
Behaviours

• Belonging and Contributing (progress report yr 1)

Learning from friends



Being Part of a Community



Helping others

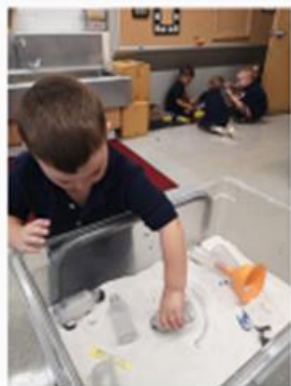


• Self-Regulation and Well-Being (progress report yr 1)

Self help skills



Learning through trial and error



The Zones of Regulation

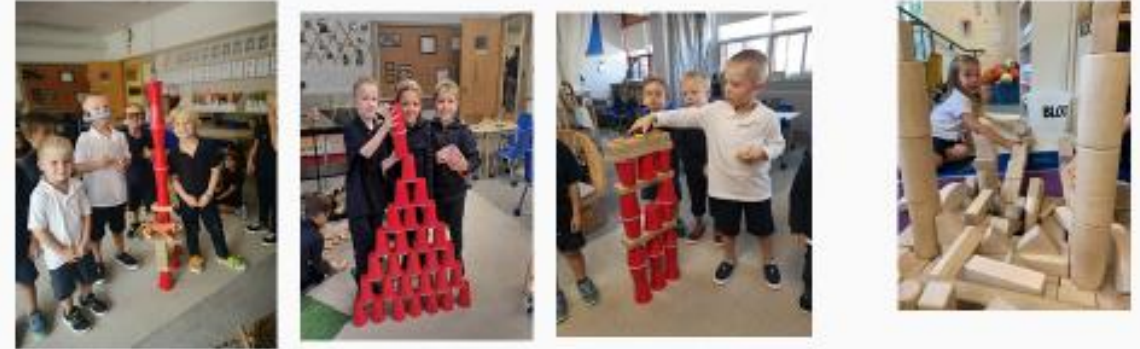
Blue Rest Area	Green Go	Yellow Slow Down	Red Stop
Sad	Happy	Nervous	Angry
Upset	Excited	Surprised	Yelling
Hurt	Calm	Confused	Aggressive
Tired	Proud	Silly	Mad

Problem Solving and Innovating

Children love to discover answers on their own



Using prior knowledge to extend learning



Learning through play helps to empower children to become problem solvers and risk takers.



Demonstrating Literacy & Math Behaviours

Can you make it the length of 3 children?



Literacy in a variety of ways



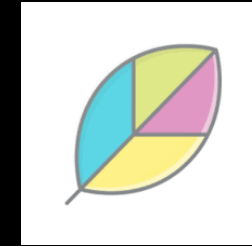
Numeracy skills develop through play



How can you prepare your child for Kindergarten...

- Oral language development is the key to early learning - listen, talk and engage in conversations with your child
- Be an active participant and engage in the play with your child
- Promote and support your child's interests and curiosities - explore and investigate the "why" and "how"
- Encourage independence and self-reliance - getting dressed, washroom skills
- Expose your child to different writing materials - markers, paint, scissors
- Sing songs, finger plays, interactive educational videos
- READ, READ, READ with your child - promote the joy of reading and expose your child to books everyday

We are connected!



- Online classroom platforms
- Social Media, Remind App
- Electronic Documentation Bright Space Portfolio
- Smart Boards, Mini iPads, Coding
- School Cash Online (no cash or cheques)
- School Twitter @stalexander8
- School Instagram @stalexander58
- Reporting Attendance online



YMCA Child Care



- High-quality care for children 4 to 12 years in a safe, stimulating environment
- Fully licensed centres with qualified, caring staff
- Stimulating learning experiences to enhance your child's social, intellectual, physical and emotional development
- Programs based on the YMCA values of caring, honesty, responsibility, respect, inclusiveness and health
- **Open Monday to Friday, 7:00 am until school commences, and after school until 6:00 pm, except statutory holidays and school holiday breaks**
- Competitive rates and Regional fee subsidy available to eligible families

To place your child on our Child Care waiting list, please visit niagara.onehsn.com

When applying to a program, you will be asked to select a **start date**. For this coming school year, please select **September 7, 2021**, or **for the following school year, please choose September 6, 2022**. When selecting a 'provider type', please choose a **centre based** program; then look for our YMCA centres.

For more information or questions about our registration process, please email cregistration@niagara.ymca.ca

For more information on YMCA Child Care visit ymacofniagara.org

What next.....?

Register online if you haven't already
<https://niagaracatholic.ca/registration/>



Watch our Virtual Tour.....coming to an inbox near you!

Stay connected to our social media platforms! School Instagram
@stalexander58 and School Twitter @stalexander8



It takes a VILLAGE!