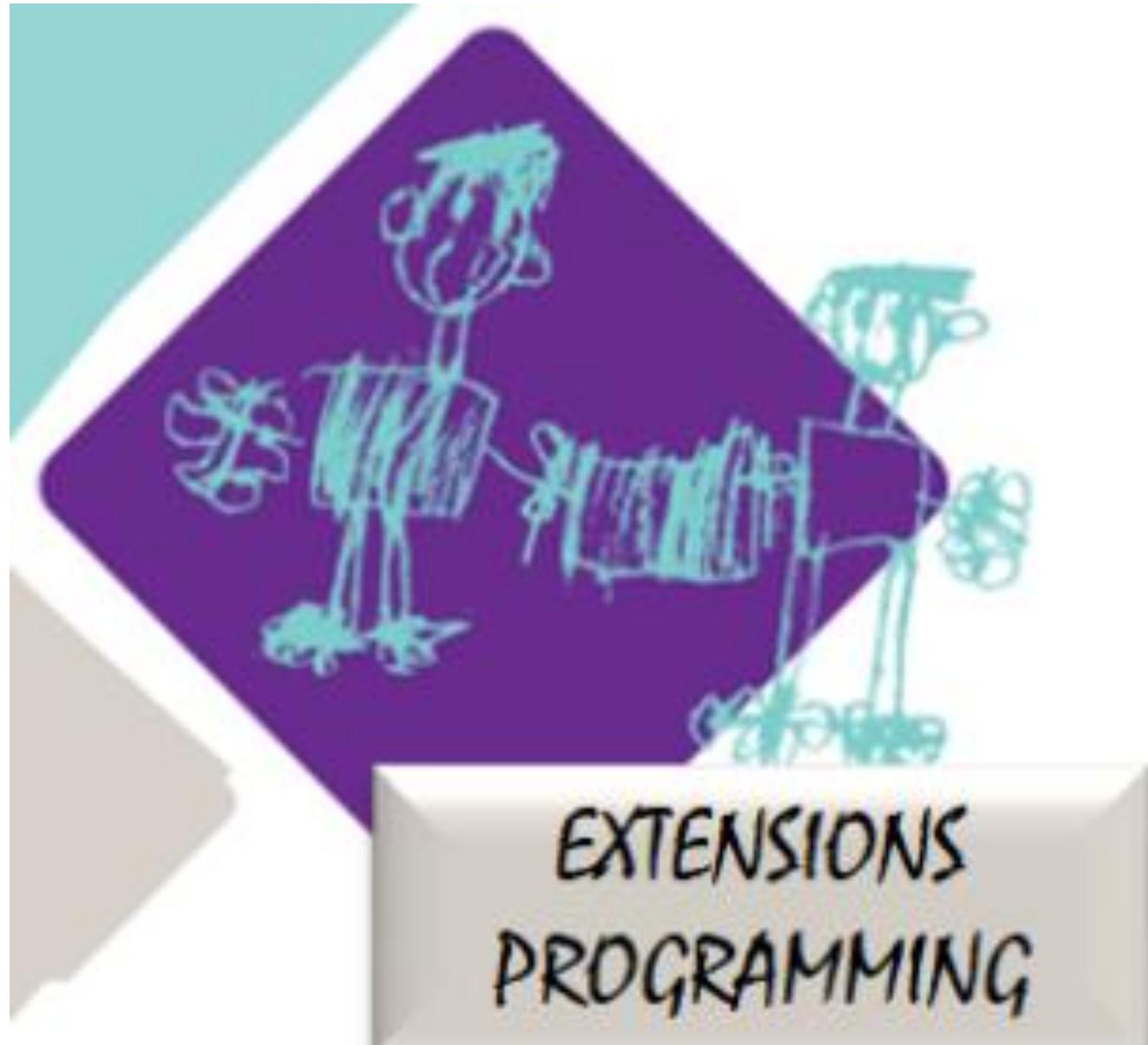


Extensions Studio

- We are excited to offer full day programming in select schools for children in their Kindergarten year.
- The **Kindergarten Program** is half day and has an **Extensions Program** offered for the other half of the day to create a full day of programming.
- The **Kindergarten Program** is taught by a certified teacher and is based on Alberta Education's Program of Studies.
- The **Extensions program** is provided by an Early Childhood Educator (ECE) that guides meaningful play experiences and is based on Flight: Alberta's Early Learning and Care Framework, as an anchor for the program.





WHAT IS THE EXTENSIONS PROGRAM

Innovation in programming

- Supports children in Kindergarten to gain access to a full day of programming.
- Complements the Kindergarten program by nurturing children's natural motivation to learn about their world.
- Delivered by an Early Childhood Educator and uses FLIGHT – the Alberta Early Learning and Care Curriculum Framework to make meaning on the learning that is occurring.



What is FLIGHT?

- Alberta Early Learning and Care Curriculum Framework document is a project supported by the Alberta government and implemented provincially.
- The result of the collaborative effort of a variety of advisory committees, professional and community agencies, academic institutions and government agencies.
- Highlights the relationships and curriculum decisions shaping responsive practices in early learning communities.



The Vision of Flight

- Inspired by the vision of strong active and energetic childhood communities – **Places of Vitality**
- Play, learning and development are nurtured as educators work within a **Practice of Relationships**
- Nurtures children's identity as strong, resourceful **Mighty Learners and Citizens**
- Reflects on the everyday experiences of children that forms the basis of **Curriculum Meaning Making**

Designing a Program

- Room design is based off the values of the learning community.
- The room is planned with intentionality and alongside the children.
- Materials are chosen for children to engage with freely to construct meaning.
- Enriched centres are used to create deep connections, critical thinking and reflective observations.
- Material choices focus on long term projects that are child-centred, and promote inquiry and discovery through play.





"A natural flow to the day is important for consistency and organization. The day should also be flexible and responsive to children's learning"

Large Group Activities

- The Extensions Studio might start with a community gathering, have a group snack time or have other large group experiences like outside play.

Discovery and Inquiry Experiences

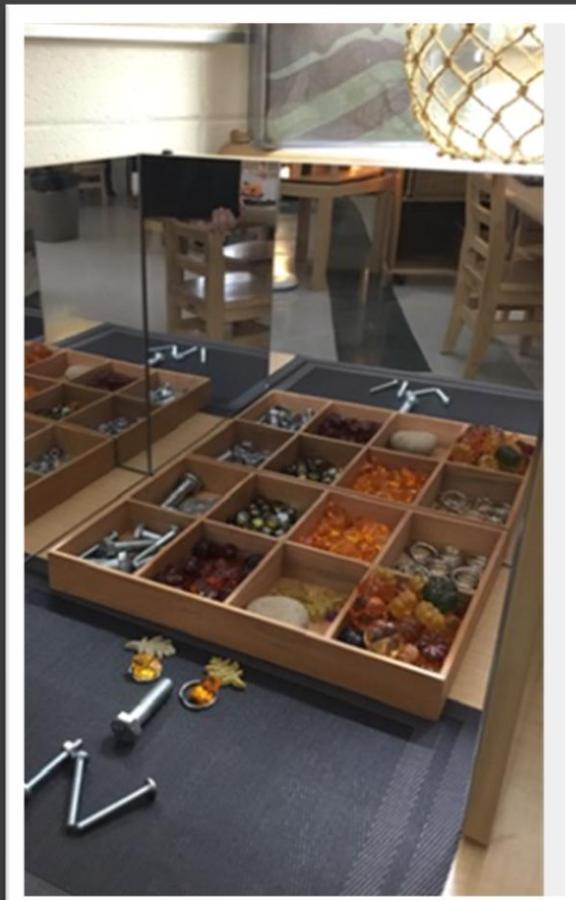
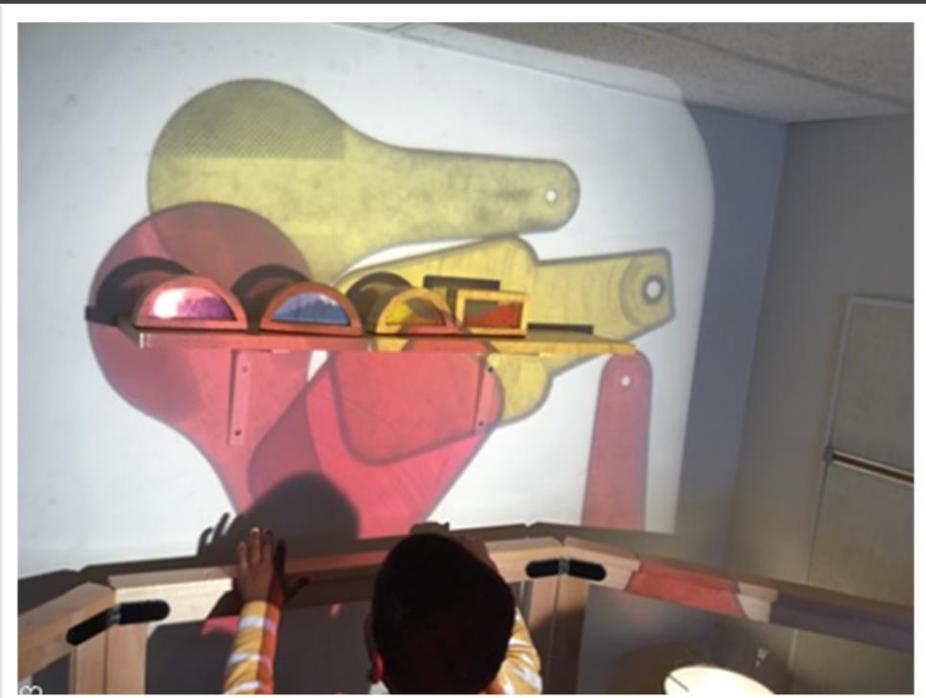
- Children engage in active play in a variety of enriched centres and that support learning with experimentation and long-term projects.

Community Participation – Diversity and Social Responsibility

- Opportunities to engage in the community, both inside and outside the classroom, support children's understanding of what it means to be a citizen.

Inquiry and Discovery

- Learning about the natural and man-made world
- Watching play in the actions of children to ensure we are programming authentically and responsively





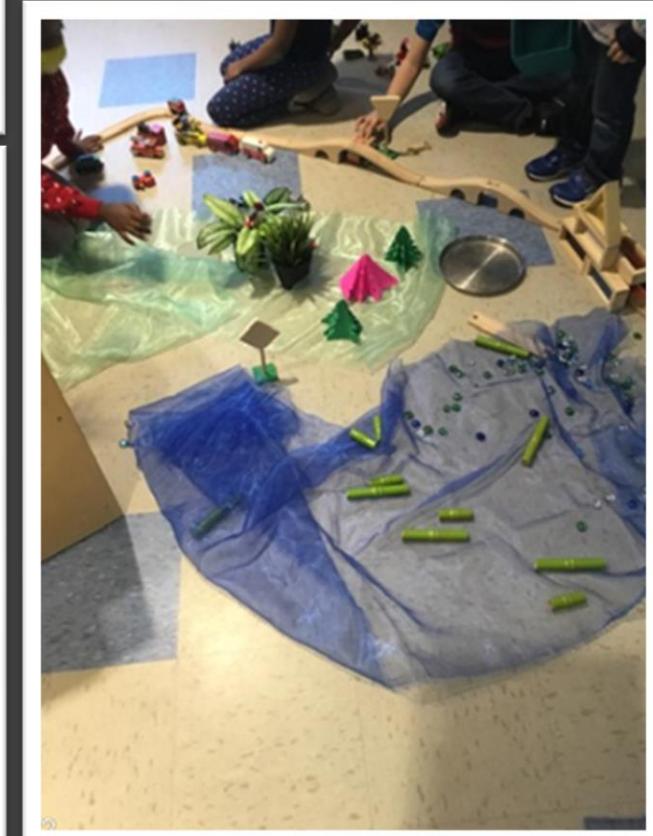
Creative Expression

- Well-developed artistic areas are rich with opportunity for children to develop a voice for their thoughts and ideas.
 - Looking beyond painting, drawing and other visual art venues to think about music, dance and song.



Dramatic Play

- Dramatic play and active play are a natural fit as children move in the studio to act out the stories they imagine.
- Reciprocal relationships are also developed as we become active players in the story.



Active Play

- Understanding the need for children to engage in active, physical, full body play is an important part to nurturing social and emotional learning
- Giving opportunity to understand the where, as well as the when, is an important part to support children in critically thinking about how they affect their environment



Calm Spaces

- Seclusion and intimacy can be equally important to children.
- We find quiet spots in the room like under or in the loft to create cozy, quiet moments to hide away and regroup



Sensory Stimulation

- Soothing, tension relieving spaces give children the freedom to take in information through sight, sound, taste and touch
- Natural elements of nature that include earth, light, air and water are important contributors to developing effective sensory experiences and spaces

