



Sicamous Preschool Enrollment Information

Hello and welcome to Preschool! We look forward to the year ahead and getting to know everyone and their children.

Preschool will begin in September and go until May. We follow the [school calendar](#) and do not attend on Pro D Days, Statutory Holidays, Christmas Break and Spring Break.

For Preschool your child will need the following:

- Indoor shoes (slip on, with no laces preferred)
- Ziploc bag with spare change of clothes
- 2 photos of your child (one for cubby, one for registration form)
- Appropriate clothing for outdoor play times (we will go to playground every day, weather permitting, so please ensure your child has proper footwear and jackets)
- Your child must bring a nutritional snack each day (no juice, pop, candy). We have a water cooler in the classroom.
- Forest Friday's students go outside for the first half hour of class every week. Send your child dressed for outdoor play in rain and snow - we go unless pouring. (Rain boots, snow boots, warm jackets, rain/snow pants etc.)
- The other classes will have scheduled outdoor days in winter, so you will know when to send winter clothing.

Fees:

- A Non-Refundable Registration fee of \$50.00 is due by June 30th before classes start in September to secure your placement.
- The Preschool fees are calculated yearly, and you can pay the full amount upfront, or it can be divided into 9 equal payments throughout the school year.
- Preschool fees are **due by the 15th of each month** by the preferred method of either postdated cheques or e-transfer to sicamouspreschool@gmail.com.

2 days a week

Mon/Wed \$1260.00 Annually, or 9 equal payments of \$140.00

Tues/Thurs \$1350.00 Annually, or 9 equal payments of \$150.00

3 days a week

Mon/Wed/Fridays \$1620.00 Annually, or 9 equal payments of \$180.00

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- A provincial subsidy is available to all qualifying families; you can apply online.
- We are hoping to receive a fee reduction grant and we will notify families once this is in place. This grant will reduce fees by:

\$36.00 per month for 2 days a week

\$57.00 per month for 3 days a week



Field Trips:

- We go on 2 out of town field trips each year. When we go out of town, each child is required to come accompanied by an adult, or arrangements can be made by the parent for his/her child to ride with another parent.
- Other field trips are local, and we walk to the Library, Post Office, Fire Hall, Police Station etc. We will request for a few parents to join us on these field trips so watch your monthly calendar for these events.
- Throughout the school year we also try to go skating a few times. On these days we go the first half hour of class, and we ask for parents to stay and help with skating.

Sharing Bag, Colour Days, Fun Family Phonics & Holidays:

- Your child will bring home a sharing bag. When it comes home, they may bring an item from home in the bag to show classmates. Please write 3 clues about what is in the sharing bag so the class can guess what it is.
- On colour day we talk about this colour. Your child may wear this colour, bring something in snack this colour, etc. Talk about this colour at home and look for things of that color in the environment.
- During the school year we learn the alphabet through a program call Fun Family Phonics. Your child will bring home a letter sheet each week. For our 3-year-olds, it's a colouring sheet. For our 4-year-olds, it's a printing sheet on one side, and the other side has an empty space to either draw things that start with that letter or cut out and glue on pictures that start with that letter. The most important part of these sheets is discussion about what letter it is and the sound it makes. Do not make this stressful for your child. If your child is not interested, don't push it. Make it fun, go on a letter hunt at the grocery store, in the car, highlight letters in magazines, find the letter in books as you read, create awareness for your child. Return the sheets each week to the class and your child will get a special reward sticker. The sheets are kept in an alphabet book for them.
- On holidays we have a class party with potluck snacks. A sign-up sheet will be posted for parents to sign-up with their potluck item on our bulletin board. Parents are welcome to come at snack time and join us.
 - Halloween - children may wear costumes.
 - Valentine's Day - we bring cards for classmates
 - Christmas - we have a big party upstairs in the hall for all classes together
 - Year-end - we have a wind-up party/Graduation celebration for all students.
- Check your child's Monthly Calendar that is sent home for upcoming classroom events, field trips, etc.

Parent Involvement:

- On skating days, field trips and party days, we will request additional help from parents.
- The Preschool is a Non-Profit Society and is run by a volunteer executive. We have a couple meetings each year and do a few fundraising events each year to keep our fees low and help with costs of running the Preschool.
- The Society hires a licenced manager /teacher who is a qualified Early Childhood Educator and is responsible for the operations of the Preschool Program, as well as a second teacher and assistant teacher who will work in many classes.
- For any questions regarding the classroom, your child, or our program, talk to your child's teacher.
- For any questions about fees, or other concerns, talk to our President or Administrator Tia Lemieux.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Mrs. Miller & Mrs. Yurkin