

# Welcome To Schoolage



## OUR PHILOSOPHY

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Tache Early Learning center believes that every child is a unique individual with rights for love, respect and quality childcare in a warm and nurturing environment. We believe that children learn through play and self-exploration. Children are provided with opportunities to grow socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. Children are encouraged to develop self-confidence, independence, creativity and appropriate social skills. They will have the opportunity to learn how to solve their own problems, become capable of thinking for themselves and gain respect for one's feelings, property and environment.

Our team of childcare professionals tries to ensure quality care is provided to all children by providing a safe and nurturing environment. Since parents play the most important role in their child's life, it is of utmost importance that parents/guardians and the childcare staff develop a trusting relationship and share information regarding their child/children with each other. This combined effort will indeed enhance shaping your child's development.

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## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

**Independence and self help skills** are strongly encouraged. For example, each child is encouraged to dress themselves in their outdoor gear and open their own containers/snacks during meal times.

Your children's **safety** is very important to us. Children are supervised at all times during play. Indoor and outdoor areas are always scanned for any harmful materials before play. Hands are washed many times throughout the day, before meal times, after bathroom times and after coming in from outside.

**Journals and Seesaw:** Journals or a seesaw post will be made weekly at schoolage on regular school days, as well as on each inservice day. These are used to showcase the learning your child(ren) do while in our care.

**Meal times** at schoolage look a little bit different than pour other programs. On a school day, we offer a snack time in the afternoon once we are back at the centre, which is usually around 3:30. On an inservice day where children remain with us the entire day, we offer three meal times. A snack in the morning, lunch and an afternoon snack. We encourage children to eat their main lunch item during lunch but allow them the freedom of eating freely from their packed foods.

### SCHOOLAGE SUPPLY LIST

Lunch Bag

Water Bottle

(can be kept at schoolage full time or brought home daily. Must be brought home once a week to be washed.)

Spare Clothing if needed

(to be kept in backpack)

Indoor shoes

Outdoor shoes

Outdoor clothing (weather dependent)

# EMERGENT CURRICULUM & PLAY AREAS

Our early learning centre strives to implement an emergent based curriculum. Emergent Curriculum is planning children's learning based on the children's skills and interests. The goal is to express their individual strengths and support unique learning.

## DRAMATIC PLAY

This is where children take on roles and act them out as a way of exploring themselves and the world around them. Pretending to be someone or something else (examples: Chef, doctor, teacher, mom) engages children in multiple thinking processes to construct an understanding of their social and physical worlds. In this area you will find dress up clothes, play food and appliances, tools, baby dolls and furniture, etc.



## GROSS MOTOR

Gross motor skills encourage physical development. We rotate and offer different items, often, to give children the opportunity to use different muscles, and to build strength and confidence in their bodies. Some Examples of gross motor objects we use are mats, a trampoline, sports equipment, resistance bands, balls, and scooters. All this equipment enhances spatial awareness, balance, coordination and more.

## SENSORY AND SCIENCE

Children use their senses to learn the world around them. They touch, smell, see, taste, and hear. We provide and rotate a variety of materials to our sensory bins to encourage sensory development. We add materials such as cups, spoons, funnels, scoops etc. with different textured materials. This includes water, lentils, sand, leaves and much more. Throughout the centre you can also find various sensory items like our blue tooth speaker for music, a sensory wall, and a galaxy light. Sensory is important as it helps children find different tools for self regulation.



## QUIET AREA/LIBRARY

In every program we like to have an area for the children to feel extra cozy in. In this area you will find a variety of books, comfy seats, stuffed animals, blankets and fine motor activities like puzzles, quiet games or fidgets. The area will also have writing supplies, coloring supplies and other tools kids may need to help themselves regulate throughout the day.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- As per our parent policy (pg. 26): we are not accepting drop offs between 8:00AM and 8:30AM. This is to ensure all children are accounted for and kept safe during a busy transition of transporting children to school.
- We have a microwave at schoolage for lunches that need to be warmed. However, we can have up to 45 lunches to heat up so we ask that you don't send warm ups that take a long time. EX. Kraft Dinner cups, frozen entrees, etc.
- Water bottles are not washed at schoolage, so please ensure to take it home at least once a week to wash it and bring it back.
- If you or someone else is picking up your child from the school, please inform us by 2:30PM so we can ensure we know exactly which children will be in our care for the walk back to the centre. If you do not let us know, we may be outside waiting with the entire group of children until we can get in touch with you. This may cause safety concerns due to harsh Manitoba weather.
- If you show up at the school to pick up your child, and haven't let us know, please find our staff and tell them that you are taking your child. DO NOT assume they say you as we are looking for children at that time and have not actually seen you.
- Children are expected to clean up after themselves before going home. That being said, sometimes children get really into play, and the clean up can take quite a while. If your child frequently takes a long time to clean up, feel free to call the schoolage centre at 204-878-4155 when you are 10 minutes away and we can have your child clean up ahead of your arrival.

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