

# Welcome to Junior Kindergarten

A strong partnership exists between the program and the families. Families are encouraged to be part of the JK program by volunteering in the classroom contributing to class projects and volunteering for field trips.



On the walls of the JK classroom you can find much evidence of the emergent curriculum and projects that are taking place—including webs of the children's knowledge, pictures of the children engaged in educational activities and documentation describing the specific learning opportunities.



The Kindergarten programs have a teacher on site from the Ottawa Carleton District School Board. The Registered Early Childhood Educators and School Board teacher work in collaboration with the children and families. This unique program provides a seamless, interconnected and developmentally appropriate Kindergarten curriculum.



The JK program focuses on helping the children to develop a strong sense of community spirit both inside and outside the classroom. The children often go out into the community to spend time with others or volunteer to help different organizations in the community. For example, the children visited the local retirement home this year as well as participated in Ottawa kindness week celebration.



The JK program extends learning opportunities to the outdoor environment. The beautiful surroundings create an aesthetically pleasing learning atmosphere where children are learning respect for their natural surroundings.



Program materials are provided to support the children's explorations and discoveries. Pictures labeled with children's names were added to the writing centre where the children have been practicing printing their names as well as those of their peers.

