



"The perfect place to imagine, explore and learn in an Arts Based Playschool program designed for children ages 3, 4 and 5 years!"

Parent Information Handbook 2021 - 2022

DanceCo's
Happy Heart Playschool
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Philosophy

Our aim is to inspire a desire to learn and to continue to facilitate the development of each child's unique abilities in a loving and creative environment. We believe that preschool children should have ample time to imagine, play and explore the world around them. Learning through movement, song, drama and creating are not only beneficial to the early development and growth of children, but it is fun!

The children are a part of a program, which fosters their physical, intellectual, emotional and social development

Welcome to Happy Heart Playschool!

Program Outline

Our program will expose children to arts and academics in a relaxed environment. Our classroom routine will incorporate a discussion about the calendar and weather, story time and centre time, with an emphasis on learning through play and the arts. Movement will be an integral part of the preschool class. Like all other visual and performing arts it will be integrated into our thematic units! Increased classroom structure and expectations will increase as children move through the program.

Schedule for 2021-2022 School Year

We will follow the Greater St. Albert Catholic Regional District's calendar:

September 20 or 21, 2021	Classes Commence (Session 1)
September 20/22 or 21/23	Staggered Entry
October 11, 2021	Thanksgiving Day (No School)
October 28 or 29, 2021	Halloween Party
November 11 and 12, 2021	Remembrance Day (No school)
December 2 or 3, 2021	Christmas Party (Last day of classes - Session 1)
December 6 - January 4, 2022	Christmas Break
January 5 or 6, 2022	Classes Commence (Session 2)
February 10 and 11, 2022	Teacher's Convention (No School)
February 21, 2022	Family Day (No School)
March 21 or 22, 2022	Last day of classes (Session 2)
March 23 - April 4, 2022	Spring Break
April 4 or 5, 2022	Classes Commence (Session 3)
April 15, 2022	Good Friday (No School)
May 23, 2022	Victoria Day (No School)
June 2022 (Specific Dates TBA)	RECITAL at the Arden Theatre
June 16 or 17, 2022	Last day of classes (Session 3)

Fees, Session Dates & Registration Information

Happy Heart Playschool 2-Day Program

(Classes offered Tuesday/Thursday morning or afternoon with Jackie Froment)

Age Requirement:	3 yrs. of age by August 31, 2021	(Session 1)
	3 yrs. of age by December 31, 2021	(Session 2)
	3 yrs. of age by March 31, 2022	(Session 3)
Class Times:	Mornings	9:30 am - 11:30 am
	Afternoons	12:45 pm – 2:45 pm
Class Sessions:	Session 1	September 21 to December 2, 2021
	Session 2	January 6 to March 22, 2022
	Session 3	April 5 to June 16, 2022
Fees:	Administrative Fee:	\$25 per session
	Tuition:	\$405 per session (\$135/month)
	Arts Enrichment/Fieldtrip Fees:	\$30 per session
	Recital Costume Deposit: (an additional balance may be required once costume is ordered)	\$50 (Applicable to Session 3 only)

Happy Heart Playschool 3-Day Program

(Classes offered Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning or afternoon with Joanne Boelee)

Age Requirement:	4 yrs. of age by August 31, 2021 (Morning)	(Session 1)
	3 yrs. of age by August 31, 2021 (Afternoon)	(Session 1)
	4 yrs. of age by December 31, 2021 (Morning)	(Session 2)
	3 yrs. of age by December 31, 2021 (Afternoon)	(Session 2)
	4 yrs. of age by March 31, 2022 (Morning)	(Session 3)
	3 yrs. of age by March 31, 2022 (Afternoon)	(Session 3)
Class Times:	Mornings	9:30 am - 11:30 am
	Afternoons	12:45 pm – 2:45 pm
Class Sessions:	Session 1	September 20 to December 3, 2021
	Session 2	January 5 to March 21, 2022
	Session 3	April 4 to June 17, 2022
Fees:	Administrative Fee:	\$25 per session
	Tuition:	\$525 per session (\$175/month)
	Arts Enrichment/Fieldtrip Fees:	\$30 per session
	Recital Costume Deposit: (an additional balance may be required once costume is ordered)	\$50 (Applicable to Session 3 only)

Registration for all three sessions OR session one only will open for registration on Friday, February 12th for alumni.
Registration for all three sessions OR session one only will open for registration on Friday, February 19th for new families.
Registration for sessions two and three only will open for registration on Friday, October 1st.
Registration for session three only will open for registration on Friday, January 28th.

Non-Refundable Deposit of \$150.00 required at time of registration (For All 3 Sessions)
(\$25 admin fee per session, plus \$75 which will be applied to first session's tuition)

Non-Refundable Deposit of \$100.00 required at time of registration (For One Individual Session Only)
(\$25 admin fee, plus \$75 which will be applied to first session's tuition)

Online Enrolment: www.thestudiodirector.com/dancecoltd/portal.isp

Daily Routine

Our classroom routine begins with free play, welcome songs and special helper introductions. We also incorporate a discussion about the calendar and weather with emphasis on listening, sharing, speaking and taking turns as the special helper leads us through these activities. Both story time and art time relate to our theme and phonetic and printing work on the letter of the week. Snack and arts-based movement will culminate our day.

What to Wear

There is no need to purchase special dance attire as the children can wear 'danceable' clothes (Girls- t-shirts, leggings, dance pants etc. Boys- sweat pants and t-shirts). Footwear can be clean indoor running shoes or pink (girls) and black (boys) ballet slippers or bare feet.

Special Note - All students in Session 3 will participate in the year-end RECITAL, girls will require pink ballet slippers and boys will require black ballet slippers. Costumes will be purchased in retail stores or through one of DanceCo's costume suppliers. A costume deposit of \$50.00 is required at the start of the session and a minimal additional balance may be due on the costume when it arrives.

Arts Enrichment/ Field Trip Program

The program includes both in-school and out of school field trips as well as virtual field trips throughout the year. We are thrilled to provide such high-quality instruction and programming to your children. We have developed great connections with many artists and performers that are able to share their expertise with our students.

Communication

Communication between parents and Happy Heart staff is very important. A Monthly Calendar, including special helper days and important events will be posted at school as well as emailed to parents.

Please inform us via email to admin@danceco.net

- Allergies and medical conditions
- Child absences

We also encourage parents to let us know of any changes in a child's daily life. Please let staff know of any concerns you or your child may have.

Housekeeping Items

- Each child will have a coat hook for his/her backpack and coat.
- Please leave a nutritional snack and a water bottle in your child's backpack each day. **All snacks must be peanut/nut free.**
- Please leave outdoor footwear on the shelves in the front foyer of the studio.
- Please bring your child clean indoor shoes or ballet slippers to put on at the studio.
- Please leave an extra change of underwear, socks and pants in your child's backpack in a labelled ziplock bag.
- A school supply list will be sent via email before sessions commence
- Please take your child to the washroom prior to class starting.

Picture Days

Individual and class photos will be taken in the Fall. We will be taking dance photos in our year end costume in May.

Safety

Parents/guardians must be in control of their children during arrival and departure. During departure, children are not to leave the preschool until their parent or guardian leaves as well. Children are not permitted to go outside unattended.

Special Helper Days

On this day they may wear their favourite outfit, bring a favourite toy or book to share with the class. Children will be encouraged to share their creations and ideas during centre time as well; this will be one of many opportunities to share with classmates. This is a SPECIAL DAY for the children, and they are always very excited to be the special helper! **If it is your child's birthday**, your child will be the special helper.