Kindergarten at Trust Child Care
Program Overview 2025–2026

April 1, 2025

Welcome & Overview

Welcome to Kindergarten at Trust Child Care! Our program, now entering its 11th year, offers a warm, nurturing environment where children learn through play, inquiry, and exploration. We combine the foundations of the Ontario Kindergarten Curriculum and the ELECT Framework with trusted instructional programs and enriching experiences to support the growth of the whole child.

Why Choose Kindergarten at Trust?

- **Small Class Size:**
    - Maximum of 12 students
    - 1 full-time teacher + support educator as needed.
    - Low ratios = more personalized attention
- **Continuity & Connection:**
    - Full-time hours: 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM, Monday to Friday
    - Daily digital reports, 2 report cards, and two parent-teacher interviews.
    - A year-round program
- **Learning That Feels Like Play:**
    - Play- and inquiry-based programming
    - Social-emotional development at the core
    - Academics woven into meaningful daily experiences.

Program Details

The Kindergarten program is administered separately from Trust Child Care's Infant, Toddler, and Preschool programs. Enrollment is for the full year (September through August). The program is governed by a distinct withdrawal policy. Enrolment is capped at 12 students and spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Once capacity is reached, a waitlist will be maintained. Families must actively register for the program. Families should read the **Kindergarten Registration Process Explained** document carefully.

- Kindergarten School Year: **September 2, 2025 – August 21, 2026**
- **Class Composition:** The class may include children born in 2020 and 2021 (a blended program), or it may consist exclusively of children born in 2021.

- **Hours:** Monday to Friday, 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM
- **Summer Months:** Continuation with the same class in a camp-style format.

Curriculum Highlights

Our curriculum is guided by the **Ontario Kindergarten Program, How Does Learning Happen (HDL)** – Ontario's Pedagogy For The Early Years and, the **ELECT Framework (Early Learning for Every Child Today)**— which all emphasize play-based learning, relationships, and holistic development. We enrich these foundations with proven instructional tools.

Literacy: Jolly Phonics

A fun, multi-sensory phonics program that helps children:

- Learn letter sounds using actions and stories.

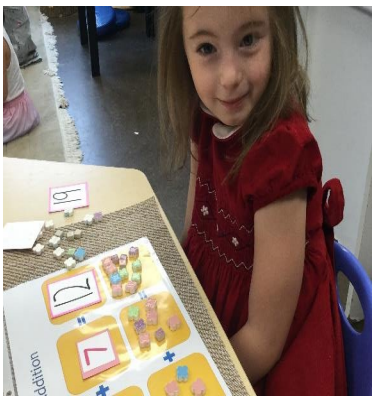
- Blend and segment words.
- Build early reading fluency.
- Develop sound-symbol association.

Writing & Fine Motor: Handwriting Without Tears

A child-friendly handwriting program that includes:

- Visual, tactile, and auditory learning strategies
- Tools to support fine motor development.
- Confidence-building tasks that foster independence in writing

Mathematics: Everyday Math



A research-based spiral curriculum that supports:

- Counting, patterning, and number recognition
- Measurement, data collection, and graphing
- Real-life application and repeated exposure to core concepts

Kindergarten Units of Inquiry

Our Kindergarten curriculum includes six core **Units of Inquiry** throughout the school year. Each unit is designed to spark curiosity, encourage exploration, and support the development of early academic, social, and emotional skills.

These units are grounded in play-based learning and are responsive to student interests, seasonal events, and the natural world around us.

Examples of Past Units:

- **All About Me** – exploring identity, family, and emotions.
- **Friendship** – learning about cooperation, kindness, and social connection
- **How We Communicate** – discovering spoken, written, visual, and non-verbal forms of expression
- **Celebrations** – exploring cultural, seasonal, and community traditions.
- **Life Cycles** – observing growth and change in living things (e.g., plants, insects, animals)
- **Our Environment** – exploring the seasons, weather, and the world around us.

Each unit integrates multiple subject areas including literacy, math, science, and the arts. Learning is enriched through books, field trips, dramatic play, experiments, and class

discussions. Guest visits, such as **Scientist in the School**, and themed performances from **The Travelling Stage** are also tied to these units where possible.

Social-Emotional Development

The Kindergarten program fosters social-emotional growth by supporting:

- Emotional literacy and regulation
- Conflict resolution and empathy
- Confidence, independence, and community building

Outdoor Learning & Physical Development

Daily outdoor play sparks movement and imagination.Children engage in a minimum of two hours of outdoor play each day, weather permitting:

- Gross motor exploration and nature-based activities
- Twice-daily outdoor play in all seasons (weather permitting)
- Movement, collaboration, and discovery

Community Excursions & Classroom Enrichment

Excursions:

- Local walks and nature explorations
- The annual Pumpkin Walk, held before Halloween, is a beloved tradition.
- Visits to nearby parks

- Cottingham Splash Pad

Classroom Enrichments:

- **The Travelling Stage** performances
- **Scientist in the School** workshops
- Guest experiences aligned with units of study.

Report cards

Two formal report cards are issued — one in December and one in June — each followed by a parent-teacher interview to discuss your child's progress, growth, and goals.

Rest & Quiet Time

Rest & Sleep Policy Highlights

- A scheduled rest period takes place in Kindergarten after lunch, with a maximum nap duration of 2 hours.
- Children under 44 months who do not nap will not be kept in bed for longer than one hour and will be given quiet activities.
- Children aged 44-67 months who do not nap may participate in alternative quiet activities such as looking at books or quiet table play.
- Children will not be woken before the scheduled rest period ends.
- Children who remain awake will be encouraged to rest their bodies without being forced to sleep.

Parental Requests Regarding Sleep: In the Kindergarten program, we follow child-led sleep practices that respect the natural sleep needs of each child.

Parents may not request that staff:

- ➢ Prevent a child from sleeping if they naturally fall asleep during scheduled rest time.
- ➢ Wake a child before the scheduled rest period ends, unless there is a documented medical reason provided by a healthcare professional.
- ➢ Limit or control the duration of a child's nap, as each child's sleep needs are unique and may vary daily.

These policies align with the Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA) and best practices in early childhood development, which emphasize that children require uninterrupted rest to support their well-being and cognitive growth.

Alternative Options for Non-Sleeping Children: If a child independently remains awake during rest time, they will be provided with quiet activities that do not disturb sleeping peers, such as looking at books or listening to soft music.

Parents should refer to the TCC Parent Handbook for full Sleep and Rest Policy Details.

A Day In The Life of A Trust Kindergarten Student

Time	Activity
7:30 – 8:55 AM	Arrival, Free Play, and AM Snack
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Calendar and Unit of Inquiry Circle
9:30 – 10:45 AM	Learning Centres (Handwriting/Literacy, Math, Art, Sensory, Fine Motor)
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Outdoor Play
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 – 1:00 PM	Independent Reading and Audio Story
1:00 – 1:55 PM	Rest & Quiet Time
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Outdoor Play
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Afternoon Snack
3:30 – 4:15 PM	Afternoon Circle and Jolly Phonics
4:15 – 6:00 PM	Table Activities and Free Play

Tuition and Fees

- Base Daily Fee: $82.07
- 2025 Reduced Fee with **CWELCC reduction**: $22.00/day
- Includes: Full-time care (Mon–Fri), lunch, and two snacks
- Although families may choose to attend fewer days, tuition is billed at the full-time rate and will not be adjusted.

- **Monthly Billing:** Tuition is billed monthly based on the number of operating days.

Non-Base Fees (not CWELCC-eligible)

- Video Monitoring: $0.46/day
- Menu Substitutions: $0.46/day
- Optional Enrichment Programs
- Late payment / Late pick-up fees

Tuition Security Deposit

- $990 per child
- Paid by PAD (cheques not accepted)
- The tuition security deposit will be applied to the final two months (July & August 2026). Any remaining balance will be refunded after your account is closed, provided all fees are paid.
- Refundable only as per The Kindergarten Withdrawal Policy terms

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CWELCC & The Kindergarten Program

Trust Child Care is enrolled in the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system. Under this program, eligible children under age 6 may receive reduced tuition rates at Trust Child Care.

Eligibility is determined by government regulation.

Important: CWELCC eligibility and reductions are subject to change.

If Trust Child Care withdraws from CWELCC:

- 60 days' written notice will be provided to families.

During this 60-day period:

- Families may withdraw without penalty.
- Tuition security deposits will be refunded (if accounts are in good standing).
- The exemption remains in effect until 11:59 PM on the final business day that Trust Child Care is officially enrolled in the CWELCC program.
- The standard Kindergarten Withdrawal Policy resumes after this period ends.

If the CWELCC contract is terminated, Kindergarten daily fees will **no longer qualify** for the CWELCC subsidy. In this event, the full base daily fee of $82.07 would apply, **with adjustments** to reflect inflation and operational cost increases.

Optional Programs

Magic Languages – French Instruction

- Weekly 1-hour sessions (Wednesdays)
- $45/session
- Full-year commitment (all 3 sessions)
- No refunds for missed classes.
- Program will only run if minimum registration is met.

Tentative Dates:

- Sept 17 – Dec 17, 2025
- Jan 7 – Mar 4, 2026
- Mar 25 – Jun 17, 2026

Video Monitoring Over the Internet

- $0.46/day
- Sept 2, 2025 – Aug 21, 2026
- Opt-in/Opt-out available.
- Service may be cancelled with written notice via email.

Online Learning (Contingency Plan)

- Activated if the classroom is ordered to close (e.g., pandemic)
- Tuition will not be refunded or prorated.
- In-person operations will resume when permitted
- Online learning platform will be suspended once classroom reopens.

Kindergarten Registration Information

Priority Registration:

- **Group 1:** Current **Kindergarten Families**: April 8–9, 2025

FOLLOWED BY:

- **Group 2:** Current **Preschool Families** (2021-born children): April 10–27, 2025

Process:

- Link to registration form emailed to all families on above dates.
- Registration is first come, first served.

*The process is detailed in the **Kindergarten Registration Process** Document*

Kindergarten Withdrawal Policy

- Deadline: May 16, 2025
- Written notice via email only (info@trustchildcare.ca)
- Verbal notice is not accepted.

After deadline:

- Tuition security deposit is non-refundable.
- Full fees for the remainder of the year are due.

Scheduled Closures

Tuition is charged for all scheduled closure days:

- Family Day – Feb 17
- Good Friday – Apr 18
- Victoria Day – May 19
- Canada Day – Jul 1
- Civic Holiday – Aug 4

- Summer Break – Aug 25–29
- Labour Day – Sept 1
- Thanksgiving – Oct 13
- Christmas – Dec 25
- Boxing Day – Dec 26
- Winter Break – Dec 29–31
- Early Closure: Dec 24 (7:30 AM–12:00 PM, AM snack only)

At a Glance

- **Registration Dates**
  - Current **Kindergarten Families**: April 8th at 10:00 AM
  - Current **Preschool Families** (2021-born children): April 10th, at 10:00 AM
- **Full-Year Attendance and Financial Commitment:** September to August
- **Program Withdrawal Deadline:** May 16, 2025
- **Closures:** Tuition is billed on all closure days (holidays, winter break, etc.)
- **No Refunds or Prorating:** Absences & Illnesses
- **Online Learning:** Provided if in-person is paused (tuition remains due)

Have questions or want to learn more?

Email: info@trustchildcare.ca