

# KINDER 3

In this exciting new community, children's natural curiosity and enthusiasm for learning are structured through organized activities and purposeful play..

Our program identifies children as amazing learners and strong, resourceful and capable citizens. This vision reaffirms the right of each student to be heard, treated with respect and to be a participant in the daily decisions that involve him/her.

The Early Childhood program at Colegio Rex Canadian International School comprises the levels of Nursery (2 years), Preschool (3 and 4 years) and Kindergarten (5 years), and not only prepares children for their entry into elementary school, but also provides them with the foundation for a successful education. Our programs offer learning experiences in a bicultural environment that meet children's diverse needs and create a positive attitude towards lifelong learning.

80% of the class is in English and taught by a certified Canadian teacher and the other 20% is the SEP program taught by a bilingual Mexican teacher.

The early childhood years are an important period in human development. Independence, initiative, decision-making, creativity, the ability to learn, the ability to relate to others, and a sense of self-worth all have their beginnings in early childhood. What young children learn at this stage will have a great impact on the success of their learning experience in school, on their personal development and on their future participation in society.

## WE FOCUS ON 4 OBJECTIVES:

### Diversity and social responsibility

Students interact in a socially inclusive and culturally sensitive environment that embraces consideration for peers, equitable, democratic and sustainable practices, and fosters social responsibility.

### Play and recreational activities

Students experience open and flexible environments where playful exploration, problem solving and creativity are encouraged and deliberately planned.

### Diversity and social responsibility

Students participate in environments that are intellectually, socially and culturally engaging, where their communication practices and identity, as well as their language, are valued and supported.

### Wellness

Students thrive in safe and caring environments where emotional and physical health, a positive identity, and a sense of belonging are protected and fostered.

Play is central to our program because it is an active, exploratory, creative process that is deeply linked to the child's daily life, and through which children actively participate, learn and understand the world around them.



Based on the Reggio Emilia philosophy, our program focuses on the following areas:

## EARLY LITERACY

A is for apple. Your child will begin to understand that letters have sounds and together with those sounds they form words and have meaning. She/he will have fun sharing ideas and experiences, forming letters, writing her/his name, and playing with the new words she/he learns.

## MATH

Learn numbers and solve problems with patterns. Your child will represent and describe quantities of things up to 10. Understand and create repeated patterns and compare objects based on their attributes. Solve problems involving numbers, patterns, and objects, and connect numbers to everyday life.

## CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTITY

I am unique and I belong! Your child will develop a strong sense of identity, self-esteem and belonging as he/she explores his/her environment and shares stories; he/she will see him/herself as unique and discover the connections he/she has with others.

## ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS

What do I see, smell, and hear in my community? How do I shape the environment? Kindergartners explore materials, build structures, and use technology to explore, investigate, and describe their world; they see similarities and differences and realize how one action can cause another.

## PERSONAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

I know how to act and how to work and play with others. Kindergartners develop ways to express their feelings in positive ways and to show respect and care for others. Trying new things and taking risks gives them confidence in their ability to learn, so they take responsibility for completing activities.

## PHYSICAL SKILLS AND WELLNESS

A healthy body is part of a healthy life. Your child will begin to develop a love of physical activity through movement, games and activities; they will use a variety of equipment and see that they have the power to make healthy food choices and play safely.

## CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder! Theater, art, music and dance give your child ways to express their ideas and feelings, bring their imagination to life and see their creativity in a variety of ways. Your child will respond to objects and art, explore music and dance, and develop confidence through drama.