

Alpenglow Kindergarten

... learning naturally



At Alpenglow we strive for
nature centred
community minded
academic excellence
artistic expression



Alpenglow is one of Alberta's most unique education alternatives for children ages two to 11. Our mission is to connect our children with themselves, with nature and the community through an integrated nature-based approach to learning inspired by Waldorf education. Alpenglow works in partnership with Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS) as an Alternative Program.

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Our Kindergarten program is designed to match the natural stages of human development and to allow children to build a sense of wonder and thirst for knowledge.

William Butler Yates famously said that “Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.” Nowhere is this more true than in the early years of a child’s learning - and each day, Alpenglow teachers gently nurture that spark through creativity, connection and compassion.

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Rich, immersive learning experiences

Kindergarten programming integrates art, movement and nature connection through immersive storytelling, creative play, hands-on experiential learning, and gentle adaptation of early academic development. Bread making fosters independence. Handwork develops will. Observing nature deepens connection to the rhythm of the seasons.

Community and citizenship

Nurturing a child’s innate sense of awe and wonder creates a strong foundation for future learning. Nature-based learning has been shown to deepen imagination and creativity, cognitive abilities and problem solving, environmental citizenship, improved social relationships and self-discipline, as well as increased physical literacy. These are the early seeds for future community leaders.

Proven methods

Alpenglow uses Waldorf methods in a structured, balanced and developmentally appropriate curriculum that is designed to educate “the whole child.” The Waldorf system is based on a 100-year-old pedagogy that helps create a warm, natural, home-like environment for the young child.

*“What the heart can feel,
the head can think,
the hands can do.”*

