

# Testimonials

"The biggest benefits have been witnessing our daughters' creativity blossom full force, their ability to think outside the box, their resourcefulness and their genuine desire to ask questions and learn as much as they can about the world around them."

"Enrolling my son at Summit West has been one of the best decisions we've made! The dedicated educators truly care about each child's development, and their nurturing approach has made a significant difference."

"Wonderful, warm and inspirational teachers who do a fantastic job of teaching resilience, empathy and kindness. Would highly recommend to all families."

"It's been a friendly happy place to send her with a real family atmosphere."



## Who We Are

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Summit West Elementary School is an independent school in Okotoks, Alberta that offers rich learning opportunities to children starting in Junior Kindergarten (age 4).

At SWIS, students explore different ways to learn through various learning styles so they gain a better understanding of themselves as learners. This allows children to be actively involved in the learning process and helps them construct a deeper understanding of the world around them.

## How to Find Us

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## JR Kindergarten & Kindergarten Full-time Program



Teaching **HOW**  
to think not  
**WHAT** to think.

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# EXPLORE.



Exploratory play is crucial in kindergarten as it fosters a child's natural curiosity, encourages experimentation, and helps them learn about their environment through hands-on activities. This type of play promotes problem-solving, critical thinking, and creativity, while also developing social skills and emotional intelligence.

## Community of Learners

Relationships are key to developing a kind and caring community of learners. At Summit West, we provide opportunities for our students to participate in mixed age activities through SWIS House days. In mixed-age play-based settings children truly thrive! They learn essential social and emotional skills, become more confident and empathetic.

# The SWIS Difference



## Playing and exploring - engagement

- Finding out and exploring
- Playing with what they know
- Being willing to 'have a go'



## Active learning - motivation

- Being involved and concentrating
- Perseverance
- Enjoying achieving what they set out to do



## Creating and thinking critically - thinking

- Having their own ideas
- Making links
- Choosing ways to do things

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# PLAY.



## Learning Through Play

Children learn naturally through play. Play is a valuable learning activity in and of itself that gives children the freedom to explore, to make mistakes, to investigate, to try trial and error. In addition, it supports children's internalisation of concepts, and provides motivation to learn new things, especially when that knowledge will allow them to extend the narrative of their play.