

Satellite Elementary At-Home Learning (SEAL)

Frequently Asked Questions



PLEASE NOTE: Kindergarten is not mandatory in Alberta. Schools have limited access to funds to support at-home learning during the pandemic. As a result, Westmount's Kindergarten SEAL Program looks significantly different to our Grades 1-4 SEAL Program.

1. Does the Kindergarten SEAL Program have teachers specifically assigned to the SEAL Program? *Our Kindergarten SEAL Program does not have a teacher whose sole responsibility is to lead the Kindergarten SEAL Program.*
2. Will real-time online learning experiences will be offered to Kindergarten SEAL students each week? *The Kindergarten SEAL Program does not include real-time online learning experiences.*
3. What subject areas will be taught in the Kindergarten SEAL Program? *The Kindergarten SEAL Program will cover the Kindergarten Program Statement. <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/4270152>*
4. Will pre-recorded video lessons and stories be made available to my child each week? *Pre-recorded video lessons and stories will occasionally be a part of the Kindergarten SEAL Program.*
5. How will a sense of community be fostered in SEAL classes? *Your child's homeroom teacher will be recruiting 1-2 parents to facilitate real-time online social experiences for Kindergarten SEAL students. Your child's participation in these social experiences is completely optional.*
6. Will SEAL students have Individual Program Plans (IPPs)? *The Kindergarten SEAL Program does not include the provision of and support of an Individual Program Plan.*
7. Does the SEAL Program mirror what is happening in Westmount's classrooms? *The content and lessons posted on the Kindergarten SEAL PowerLearn Page are a direct reflection of what is happening in our Kindergarten classrooms. Kindergarten teachers will use their professional judgement to determine which activities to use with their students based on their interests and ability levels. Parents of Kindergarten SEAL students are asked to do the same thing.*
8. Will SEAL students receive a report card? *Kindergarten SEAL students will not receive a report cards.*

9. Will SEAL parents meet with SEAL or homeroom teachers at scheduled Meet the Teacher times throughout the year? *SEAL parents will have the opportunity to book appointments with their child's homeroom teachers during Parent Teacher Interviews. While your child's teacher will be unable to provide commentary on your child's progress, they will be available to answer your questions and provide ideas for your child's learning.*
10. Due to their participation in in-school learning, will in-person students be "ahead" of SEAL students? *While each child grows and develops in a similar pattern, each child grows at his or her own pace. In addition, different learning environments are a better match for different children. Some children will grow leaps and bounds at home with engaged parents who provide a rich environment and exposure to a variety of concepts. Other children will learn best in a collaborative learning environment such as school. At each natural break, our Kindergarten students will be at various points in their learning and our staff are prepared to meet them where they are on that day.*
11. Should we decide to send our child back to in-person learning following a natural break, how will they learn the rules and routines of the classroom? *Our students are well known for their resilience and adaptability and our teachers are prepared to support them through the variety of changes that may arise during a pandemic.*
12. Can my child access Phys. Ed and Student Services resources? *Our Physical Education (PE) and Student Services Specialists are actively updating their PowerLearn pages each week. All students have access to the grade specific resources through their PowerLearn Page.*
13. How are SEAL students for whom English is an additional language being supported in this program? *The Student Services PowerLearn page will provide resources and ideas to support EAL students. All SEAL Students will have access to this page. In addition, your child's SEAL teacher will refer your child to the Student Services Specialists should they determine additional support might be required.*