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Early learning project prepares children for kindergarten

WHITEHORSE – A new early learning pilot project at Selkirk Elementary School will help expose pre-kindergarten children to high quality learning activities with their parents or caregivers.

"Learning Together is a promising new program that will help young children with their transition into the school environment," Education Minister Patrick Rouble said. "This program highlights the importance of learning partnerships that bring together educators, parents, caregivers and children."

Through Learning Together, pre-kindergarten children aged three to five can access a high quality learning environment and benefit from social interactions while adults who accompany them learn new ways to support learning. The program helps provide caregivers and children with a sense of well-being, belonging and social responsibility. It also helps develop creativity, language skills and literacy.

Parents and caregivers who attend Learning Together participate in age-appropriate learning activities with the children, led by an early learning educator. Activities are grouped into a variety of areas like dramatic play, literacy, and crafts. Learning Together also features speakers for parents such as a recent talk by a child therapist for the Child Development Centre about the stages of child development.

Learning Together began in early May and will run until June 11 for two hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings on a drop-in basis. Space is still available and interested parents and caregivers can telephone 867-667-3006 for more information.

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