



J. Addison School

Kindergarten & Elementary



ASPIRE: A Personalized Approach to Learning

Our Early Learning and Elementary Program (K–Grade 8) nurtures the whole child through a balanced approach that blends a strong academic structure with creativity, inquiry, and care. Through our ASPIRE framework, students grow into confident learners guided by curiosity, respect, and a lifelong love of discovery.

The ASPIRE Framework

Addison Structured Program for Individual Responsibility and Excellence

Children thrive when they feel supported, inspired, and challenged. At J. Addison School, we create a nurturing learning environment where academic excellence is paired with social-emotional growth, encouraging children to ask questions, take initiative, and develop confidence in their abilities.

At the core of our Elementary Division is the **ASPIRE Framework**, our distinctive approach to teaching and learning. ASPIRE recognizes that children learn in different ways, at different paces, and at different stages of readiness. Rather than following a one-size-fits-all model, our teachers synthesize strengths of several world-class methodologies into a cohesive framework aligned with the Ontario Curriculum.

At J. Addison School, we believe the optimal learning environment is when school and home work closely together. Open communication with families is a key part of our framework, allowing teachers and parents to share insights, address needs early, and support each child's academic and personal growth. Regular updates and parent-teacher meetings help families stay connected to their child's learning journey. We also value meaningful family engagement through school events, classroom showcases, and performances, where parents can experience learning first-hand. These shared moments strengthen relationships, celebrate student achievements, and create a supportive environment where children feel confident, understood, and motivated to succeed.





Inspired by Leading Approaches

Montessori-inspired elements in our early years and primary classrooms encourage independence, curiosity, and self-confidence. Through hands-on exploration and meaningful choices, students develop responsibility and take increasing ownership of their learning.

Inquiry and STEAM learning encourage students to ask questions, investigate ideas, and solve real-world problems through engaging, hands-on experiences. These opportunities foster critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and a deeper understanding of how learning applies beyond the classroom.

Collaborative projects and IB-inspired principles help students develop communication, leadership, and problem-solving skills while learning to think critically, reflect on their experiences, and consider multiple perspectives.



Our Pillars

Personalized Learning

Multiple teaching approaches in one classroom to support diverse learners

Whole-Child Development

Intellectual, social, emotional, and personal growth

Strong Character & Manners

Respectful, confident students recognized in school and community settings

Preparation for the Future

A seamless foundation for success in secondary school and beyond

What Learning Looks Like

Learning at J. Addison is active, meaningful, and engaging. Students collaborate to design spaghetti structures, explore mechanics through hydraulic models, and bring language learning to life through art, drama, and role-play—including French performances.

Classrooms are open, flexible spaces with evolving learning centres that reflect students' interests and spark exploration. Teachers guide learning with intention, asking thoughtful questions and encouraging reflection, while allowing students the freedom to experiment, create, and think independently.

Through these experiences, students develop critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity—skills that support both academic success and personal confidence.

At J. Addison School, education is more than academic achievement—it is about shaping capable, compassionate, and confident individuals. Through a thoughtful balance of structure and creativity, tradition and innovation, we prepare students not only for the next grade, but for life as engaged learners and responsible global citizens.

Families who value high standards, strong character, and personalized education find a true learning community at J. Addison School.



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Our Values

- Respect, kindness, and manner
- Confidence and responsibility
- Curiosity and love of learning



Classroom Experience

- Average class size: 15 Students
- Inquiry-driven, hands-on learning
- Strong teacher-student relationships



Areas of Learning

- Languages (English & French)
 - Mathematics
 - STEAM
- Culture & Humanities
- Sensory & Practical Life
 - Physical Education

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