

In Kindergarten...

It will be an active day because children learn by:

- ◆ Playing
- ◆ Talking
- ◆ Thinking
- ◆ Joining in with others
- ◆ Cooperating
- ◆ Watching
- ◆ Using materials
- ◆ Listening
- ◆ Solving problems

Helping at home...

A family is a child's first and most important teacher. You are already helping your child learn when you:

- ◆ Support their efforts
- ◆ Provide opportunities to play and talk with other children and adults
- ◆ Talk about experiences such as visits outside the home and in the community
- ◆ Read to them daily and talk about stories, poems, rhymes and even signs around you
- ◆ Provide opportunities for drawing, painting, cutting and gluing
- ◆ Use numbers and print words from the world around them



Let's Play!

"Play is the highest form of research."
Albert Einstein

Play...

Sharpens our minds, helps us grow,
Keeps us healthy, boosts our creativity!

When children play, they learn to:
Solve problems,
Make decisions,
Express themselves appropriately,
Communicate with others,
And recognize boundaries.

Children who know how to 'play' can get along
with others, are creative and
imaginative, and are 'ready' to learn.



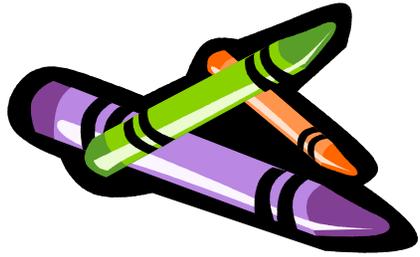
Sing, talk, talk and sing
Spend time with your child!
Play games together!
Do chores together!
Be 'unplugged' together!



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Welcome to Kindergarten



**The Kindergarten Classroom
Welcomes All Learners...**

Each child is unique. Children learn in a variety of ways and at different rates. Kindergarten classes are designed to meet the wide range of experiences, abilities and backgrounds that our learners bring to our classroom communities.



In a kindergarten class, we are learning how to...

1. Share (teacher's time, toys and supplies)
2. Listen and join in (listen to and follow simple one and two step directions, listen to a story and do a task for 10 minutes)
3. Enjoy books (know where to start reading, talk about the story, share what was learned)
4. Hold and use new tools (use an appropriate grip with pencils, scissors)
5. Recognize names (print names with upper and lower case letters, i.e. Sarah)
6. Get along with others and make friends (take turns, use polite language such as please, thank you, excuse me, say hello and goodbye)
7. Explore and use numbers (count, recognize simple shapes, such as circle, square, play with puzzles, solve problems)
8. Be confident in ourselves (be able to say goodbye for a short time)
9. Take care of ourselves (take off/put on shoes, hang up coats, wash hands, use a public washroom, take pride in saying "I can do it all by myself")
10. Express ourselves (tell how we are feeling, retell experiences)

Preschoolers, are you ready to start practicing?

