

Kindergarten is...



- getting off to a good start at school



- making new friends
- meeting new people
- working with others



- exploring
- creating
- doing



- developing new skills



- artistic and aesthetic development
- emotional and social development
- intellectual development
- physical development
- social responsibility

Questions Parents Often Ask

When will my child start kindergarten?

It varies from school to school. At first your child will attend school in a small group for a shorter length of time than the regular 2.5 hour session. This is called gradual entry.

Your child's school will send your information about specific dates and times for both gradual entry and the regular session

Why is gradual entry to kindergarten necessary?

Gradual entry allows the teacher time to get to know your child as an individual and to help your child become comfortable with the classroom.



How can I help my child get ready for kindergarten?

You can help by:

- encouraging your child
- reading to your child daily
- giving your child the materials, time and place to draw, paint, cut, paste
- encouraging your child to cooperate, share, take turns and be sensitive to the feelings of others
- giving your child small jobs to do
- training your child in good toilet habits
- helping your child learn and use good manners
- teaching your child to dress without help (zipping, typing, etc.)
- making sure your child's immunizations are up to date
- taking them places, e.g. the beach, museum
- talking with your child about going to school

When do I meet the teacher?

What supplies will my child need?

What about snacks?

How will the school keep me informed?

Langley kindergarten teachers welcome children to school in different ways. Your child's teacher will give you specific information and answers to your questions before kindergarten begins in September.

The Kindergarten Handbook for Parents

In September, you will receive a curriculum summary booklet for parents.

This booklet contains detailed information about the kindergarten program and answers to further questions you might have such as...

- will my child learn to read in kindergarten?
- will my child learn to print?
- what about math?
- what is my child's special needs?
- what other services are provided in the school?

**Your child's first year
in school promises to be
unique and challenging.
Langley kindergarten
teachers look forward to
working with you and
your child.**

Full Day Kindergarten

The Ministry of Education is phasing in universal access to full-day kindergarten over the next 2 years. The ministry has indicated Full-day Kindergarten will be available for up to half of BC's eligible students in September 2010 and by September 2011, Full-day Kindergarten will be available across the province. It will still be up to parents to decide whether to enroll their children in kindergarten.

For more information visit:
http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/early_learning/full_day_kindergarten.htm

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**Information
For Parents**

