



## What do Children Learn in Kindergarten?

Kindergarten helps to develop the whole child by providing:

### *Intellectual Development*

- Thinking and Learning Strategies around language, literacy and numeracy
- Understanding of the world around them

### *Emotional and Social Development*

- Positive and authentic self-concept, independence and co-operation.

### *Aesthetic and Artistic Development*

- Enthusiasm and appreciation for the arts.

## What Supports and Services are Available?

There are many community supports available to children and families that can be found on the SD6 website under the [Early Learning Programs Tab](#)

In school supports include:

- Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy
- Speech & Language Pathology
- Learning Services and Counsellors
- Indigenous Education Support Workers

## Kindergarten Schools

### Kimberley Area

Lindsay Park Elementary  
Marysville Elementary

### Windermere Area

Martin Morigeau Elementary  
Windermere Elementary  
Eileen Madson Primary  
Edgewater Elementary

### Golden Area

Nicolson Elementary  
Alexander Park Elementary

**For further information please visit <https://www.sd6.bc.ca/early-learning>**



## Learning Together

### Supporting the Transition to Kindergarten





## What is Kindergarten?

Kindergarten is designed to meet the needs of children as they begin their school-aged journey. The program provides time and space for children to explore and develop at their own pace.

Learning for young children happens through play and activity. Through play, children learn coordination and movement, creativity, problem solving, social interaction skills and beginning literacy and numeracy skills.

All Kindergarten programs in SD6 are full-day programs, which are designed to enhance children's overall development and highlight the importance of children's early years as a foundation for lifelong learning and success in school and beyond.



## How to Prepare for Kindergarten and Support their Success

- Help them recognize their own name in print.
- Read and handle books together. Teach enjoyment of looking at books and read with them whenever possible.
- Encourage them to use safety scissors, thick crayons, paints, pencils, etc. to develop fine motor skills.
- Have them attempt to do up buttons, zippers and fasteners.
- Take them to the school playground to show them where they will play.
- Talk positively about the experience of going to school.
- In your daily lives, draw attention to letters, numbers, colours, and other things around their environment.
- Help them to understand and talk about feelings. Model self-regulation skills.
- Establish predictable routines, meal times, story time, bed time.
- Attend the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting at your local school.
- Get a volunteer criminal record check to be able to volunteer at their school.



## Registration

Registration begins in late January each year. Your child must be 5 years old by December 31st of the calendar year that they are registering.

You will need your child's birth certificate and health care card to register.

Please visit [sd6.bc.ca](http://sd6.bc.ca) for registration information, district calendar, catchment areas, bussing and school hours.

## Spring Transition Planning

Schools will be hosting Kindergarten orientation events in May for those families who will be attending the following September. You will get more information after you register.

## Starting the Year in September

The BC Ministry of Education and Child Care mandates a gradual entry process for Kindergarten Students to help ease the transition into full-day classes. Specific dates and processes will be discussed by each school prior to the end of the school year.

If you feel your child is not ready for full days at school, please discuss your options with the school Principal as soon as possible.

