

# Kindergarten

## at the tdsb

### About the Program

Starting school is an exciting time in your child's life. At the TDSB, your child will have many opportunities to learn, build new skills and make new friends.

Our Kindergarten Program provides a rich and safe learning environment designed to give every child the best start possible. We build on inquiry and Intentional Play-based Learning techniques to support opportunities for growth in six key learning areas: language, mathematics, science and technology, personal and social development, health and physical activity, and the arts.

#### Language

Children will:

- develop foundational literacy skills;
- share ideas through talking, drawing, painting and writing; and,
- learn to read independently.

#### Mathematics

Children will:

- learn to count, measure, sort and classify;
- build analytical skills by recognizing and creating patterns; and,
- develop problem solving skills, share ideas and discuss observations.

#### Science and Technology

Children will:

- discover how technology helps us in our world through exploring and building;
- conduct experiments using inquiry skills (questioning, planning, predicting, observing, and communicating); and,
- explore and care for the natural world.



#### Intentional Play-based Learning

Learning through play and inquiry enhances a child's early development — particularly in the areas of developing problem solving skills, higher level thinking, creativity and developing social skills. Our educators plan learning experiences where children actively participate in learning and thinking creatively.





## Personal and Social Development

Children will:

- develop the skills they need to successfully interact with their peers and adults;
- recognize and respond to the feelings of others; and,
- learn to respect and appreciate individual differences.

## Health and Physical Activity

Children will:

- participate in daily activities that build strength, coordination, balance and healthy routines; and,
- discuss healthy food choices and the importance of being active.

## The Arts

Children will:

- express creativity and imagination through visual arts, music, drama and dance;
- share ideas and opinions about various art forms; and,
- learn about different cultures around the world, including their own.

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