

# Kindergarten

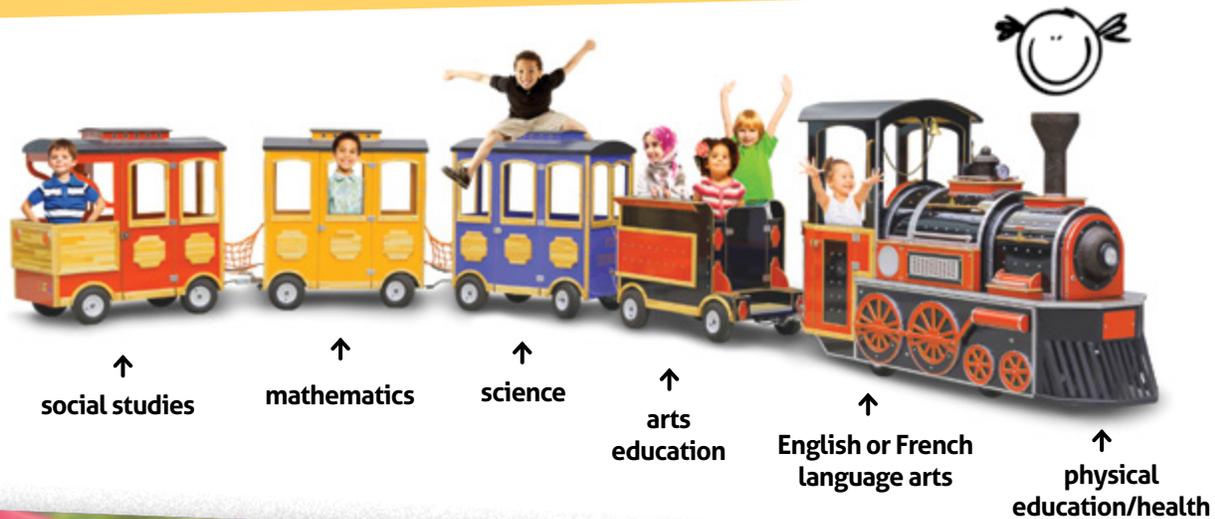
What can my child expect  
in Kindergarten?

→ Ages 4 and 5



## → Starting school is educational and FUN!

Kindergarten is a fun time of early learning. Your child will try new things, play with other kids, and learn about school life. Kindergarten offers **play-based learning**. Through play, your child will explore, experiment, and imagine. Play-based activities are organized. Your child's day will include:



## Questions you may have

### → Should I send my child to Kindergarten?

Most children go to Kindergarten, but it is the parents' choice.

### → At what age can I send my child to Kindergarten?

Your child may start Kindergarten at 4 or 5 years old. To attend, your child must be 5 years old by December 31. Preschool spaces are for ages 3 or 4.

### → What is the schedule of Kindergarten?

Most Kindergarten programs are half days from Monday to Friday. Some are full days, and others are every other day. You may need to find child care. Ask the school and/or school division office which Kindergarten programs are offered.

### → Are supports available for learning the language of instruction?

Kindergarten programs help all students develop language. You can also help your child learn at home, especially by reading to your child in their home language.

## → How do I register my child?

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After settling in your neighbourhood, call, email, or walk into your school or school division office to learn about registering your child in Kindergarten. Ask about open houses and a time to visit the school and meet teachers.

## → Checklist (Documents to bring if available\*)

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- Proof of address, such as a purchase or rental agreement
  - Canadian immigration status documents
  - Your child's birth certificate and/or guardianship papers
  - School reports from previous schools (translated if available)
  - Your child's immunization records
  - Manitoba Health Card
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*\* If possible, bring original documents.*



## → What do kids love about Kindergarten?

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*I LOVE my friends,  
my teacher, and all  
the fun things  
I get to do!*

*I want every day  
to be Kindergarten!  
I want to share  
stories and play.*



## → How will my child be assessed?



You and the educators at the school are all important in helping your child learn. Sharing information about what is happening in school and at home helps teachers assess and plan for your child's needs. There are many supports in schools to help all children learn and grow.

Teachers will assess your child in many ways. They will observe and monitor your child's progress. In class, teachers keep records of what they see and hear, and after, they look at your child's work. Often, students take a lead in showing their learning.

Some things that may be talked about when discussing your child's learning:

- **Self-concept**  
How does your child see themselves?
- **Academic learning**  
What ideas and skills is your child learning?
- **Emotional learning**  
How does your child manage big feelings?
- **Social learning**  
How does your child play with others?
- **Communication**  
How does your child express themselves?
- **Creativity**  
How does your child create and think of new ideas?
- **Physical learning**  
How is your child using space and moving?

## Get involved in Kindergarten!

- **Visit and volunteer.**  
Talk with a teacher to help at school.
- **Give feedback.**  
Share your ideas with a teacher. Share what is working and what is not.
- **Join a group.**  
Many schools have groups, such as parent advisory councils, to help make school decisions and support the school.



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