# Welcome to 4-Year-Old Kindergarten



#### The Program



#### What we do in a 4-year-old kindergarten?

Physical and motor development Increases physical and motor development

Emotional development Builds self-esteem

Social development
Maintains harmonious relationships with others

Language development
Communicates by exploring spoken
and written language

Cognitive development
Explores the world around him/her



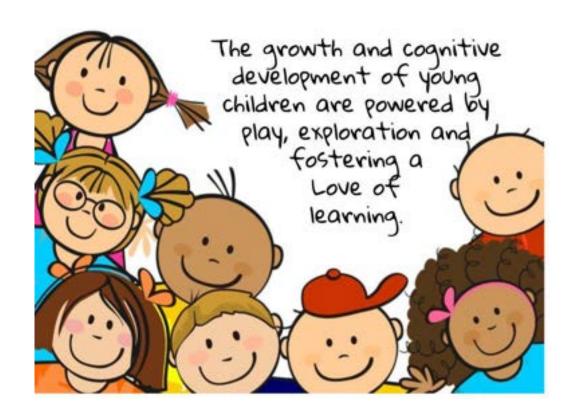
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#### How do we achieve these goals?

- Circle time
- Gross-motor activities
- Blocks and puzzle play
- Fine-motor activities
- Phonemic awareness
- Art activities
- Early numeracy activities
- Music activities
- · Story time
- Science activities
- Play plans
- Dramatic-play activities

At home, it's the little things you do every day that prepare your child for kindergarten.





#### These French and English resources might be helpful.





https://sites.google.com/lbpearson.ca/esdresources/k4-k5

### Playing in French



#### En attendant la maternelle...



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#### Reassure your child:

- Read stories about going to school.
- Take your child to a new place (ex: school yard if open) and discuss the beauty of change and new experiences.
- Discuss with your child what a typical day at kindergarten is like;
- Tell your child what time you'll pick them up after school;
- If your child comes home by bus, tell them that there will always be someone there to meet him/her at his stop.

#### Set up a routine with rules to follow:

 Set routines for your child, for example at bedtime, gets them used to following rules and instructions.

#### Encourage your child's independence:

- Getting dressed or going to the washroom on their own, even if it takes a little longer;
- Hanging up coat and putting toys away.



- *Be loving and attentive:* Quickly responding to preschoolers' needs and questions, taking the time to listen to them and showing an interest in what they're doing are all actions that build confidence.
- Encourage your child to ask questions: This sparks curiosity. You should also encourage your child to look for the answers with you on the Internet or at the library. The desire to understand things fosters academic motivation.
- Encourage your child to speak often: You can ask your preschooler what they did at daycare, if they have any ideas about how to settle a little problem, or what they would do if they were the character in a story. This will get them used to reflecting on things and expressing their thoughts about them.
- *Speak positively about the school:* You can tell your child that they'll learn all sorts of things and meet new people, so that they look forward to going. It's also important to communicate to your child the trust that you have in the school and the adults within it.



#### Help your child to develop healthy habits.

#### NUTRITION AT LBPSB

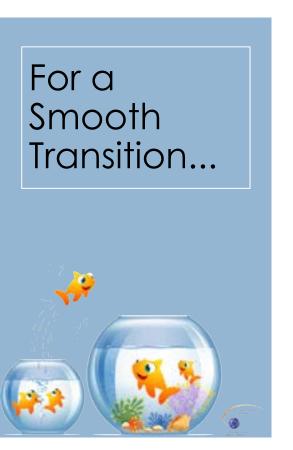
#### It starts in Kindergarten!

Schools play a critical role in promoting a healthy, physically active lifestyle and positive mental health for children.

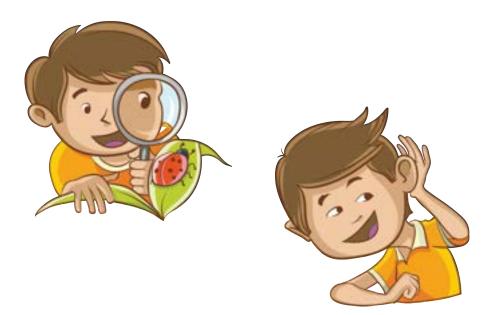
It is our shared responsibility to help educate children on how to establish healthy behaviours. Multiple studies have shown positive links between proper nutrition and strong academic performance.

WE MUST FUEL THE BODY IN ORDER TO FUEL THE BRAIN!





Make sure your child sees and hears well by checking with specialists.





Fill out all documents sent by the school. This will help us to get to know your child better.



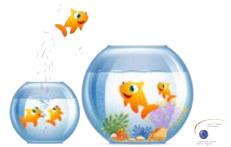
# Don't forget to return the K4 Background Information Form on August 31st.

Collaboration between home and school can help foster a positive attitude toward learning in your child.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

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