

Welcome to Kindergarten!



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Springdale's Open House! This information is to help you become familiar with what Kindergarten at Springdale is about! Springdale is a bilingual school. Children spend 50% of their time learning in English and 50% in French.

Kindergarten day at a glance:

Here is what an average day in Kindergarten may look like...

- Morning routine - calendar, weather, songs, daily messages
- Ateliers/Stations – theme-based activities where students have the chance to learn independently. Each day the children choose one atelier/center focusing on: Alphabet and writing, Numbers and Math, Art and Games.
- Snack time – morning snack at 10:30 am and afternoon snack on a need-be basis (if and when your child feels hungry he/she is welcome to eat!)
- Story time
- Language activities – letter formation, letter sounds, phonics, rhyming activities and more!
- Math activities – numbers, counting, patterns, simple addition & subtraction and more!
- Lunchtime
- Science activities – experiments indoors and outdoors!
- Free play – approx.. 90 minutes per day for the children to select their own activities. In Kindergarten we learn primarily through PLAY!
- Rest time – quiet time which may consist of listening to quiet music, looking at books quietly, doing yoga or watching short educational videos

- One of the following:
 - Physical Education
 - Music
- Outdoor play – morning recess, lunch recess and an afternoon.
From time to time we will do learning activities outside as well.
- Library – Students visit the library once a week.

Entry and Dismissal

Regular attendance is essential for your child's growth and development – both academic and social.

Please refer to the school website for Arrival and Dismissal times - <http://springdale.lbpsb.qc.ca>

Learning and Academics

Children learn by example; if you view school positively your child will too! Parents who take an active role in their child's learning instill a love of learning in their children. Here is an overview of our Kindergarten curriculum...

- **Academics** – Throughout the year students learn the letters and letter sounds, days of the week, months of the year, colors, shapes, counting, basic math concepts in English and French and much, much more!
- **Themes** – Springdale's Kindergarten use a theme-based learning program. Themes taught include autumn, nutrition, modes of transportation, All About Me, farm and spring - to name a few!
- **French & English** – Students are encouraged to communicate as much as possible in each language on the respective French and English days.
- **Songs and vocabulary** – Kindergarteners love to sing! Our programs use themed-vocabulary words and songs to build our students' knowledge and linguistic abilities.

We look forward to welcoming your child and your family to the Springdale Community!

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Team