



THE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP
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WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN™

Parent/Child Orientation Workshop

Key Messages to Communicate:

- The parent is the child's first and best teacher.
- Make time for play and discovery.
- Use talk (speaking and listening) as you play and discover together.
- Recognize and celebrate your child's successes.
- Talk and read to your child in your first language.
- The resources in the Welcome to Kindergarten bag are to experience and enjoy together.
- Families that engage in regular activities and play, using the resources in the WTK bag, will be helping their children to develop the following foundations for learning:
 - ✓ listening
 - ✓ speaking
 - ✓ sharing and turn-taking
 - ✓ vocabulary development
 - ✓ following directions
 - ✓ print awareness
 - ✓ alphabet awareness
 - ✓ number awareness
 - ✓ one to one correspondence
 - ✓ enjoyment and knowledge of stories and books
 - ✓ hand and finger control and coordination for cutting, colouring, pasting, writing
 - ✓ creative thinking
 - ✓ decision making
 - ✓ self-reliance