



## **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