

SPS KINDERGARTEN DEVELOPING SKILLS



Saskatoon Public Schools
Inspiring Learning

If your child will be 5 years old by December 31st of the current year, they can start kindergarten in September.

Below are some things your child may be doing or working on now. Families can work on these skills to prepare for kindergarten and teachers will support these skills during the school year!



SELF-HELP / SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

Your child...

- Takes turns and shares with others
- Works and plays independently or in a group
- Manages emotions when frustrated
- Helps to tidy/put things away
- Uses bathroom and washes hands independently
- Focuses on one activity for at least 10 minutes
- Cares for toys and school materials

LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION

(In home language and/or English)



Your child...

- Follows simple two- to three-step directions (eg. Please get your backpack and shoes, and put them by the door.)
- Communicates ideas about their lives, community and events in 5-7 word sentences
- Sits and listens to a story for 5-10 min. without interrupting
- Asks for help if needed
- Expresses needs and wants



EARLY LITERACY / NUMERACY SKILLS

(In home language and/or English)

Your child...

- Tells stories and recounts events in order
- Identifies their name in print
- Names some of the letters of the alphabet
- Holds a book upright and turns pages
- Counts objects to 10
- Names some colors and shapes
- Describes objects using "more/less" and "bigger/smaller"

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT



Your child...

- Dresses and undresses with minimal support - eg: zippers and buttons
- Opens items in a lunch box
- Holds a pencil/marker with appropriate grip
- Traces basic shapes, name, letters or numbers
- Holds and uses scissors and glue
- Hops, runs, jumps, catches and bounces a ball
- Feeds themselves

If you have questions about your child's development or kindergarten programming, please contact the principal from your Saskatoon Public Schools neighbourhood school (link to: <https://www.spsd.sk.ca/our-schools>)