



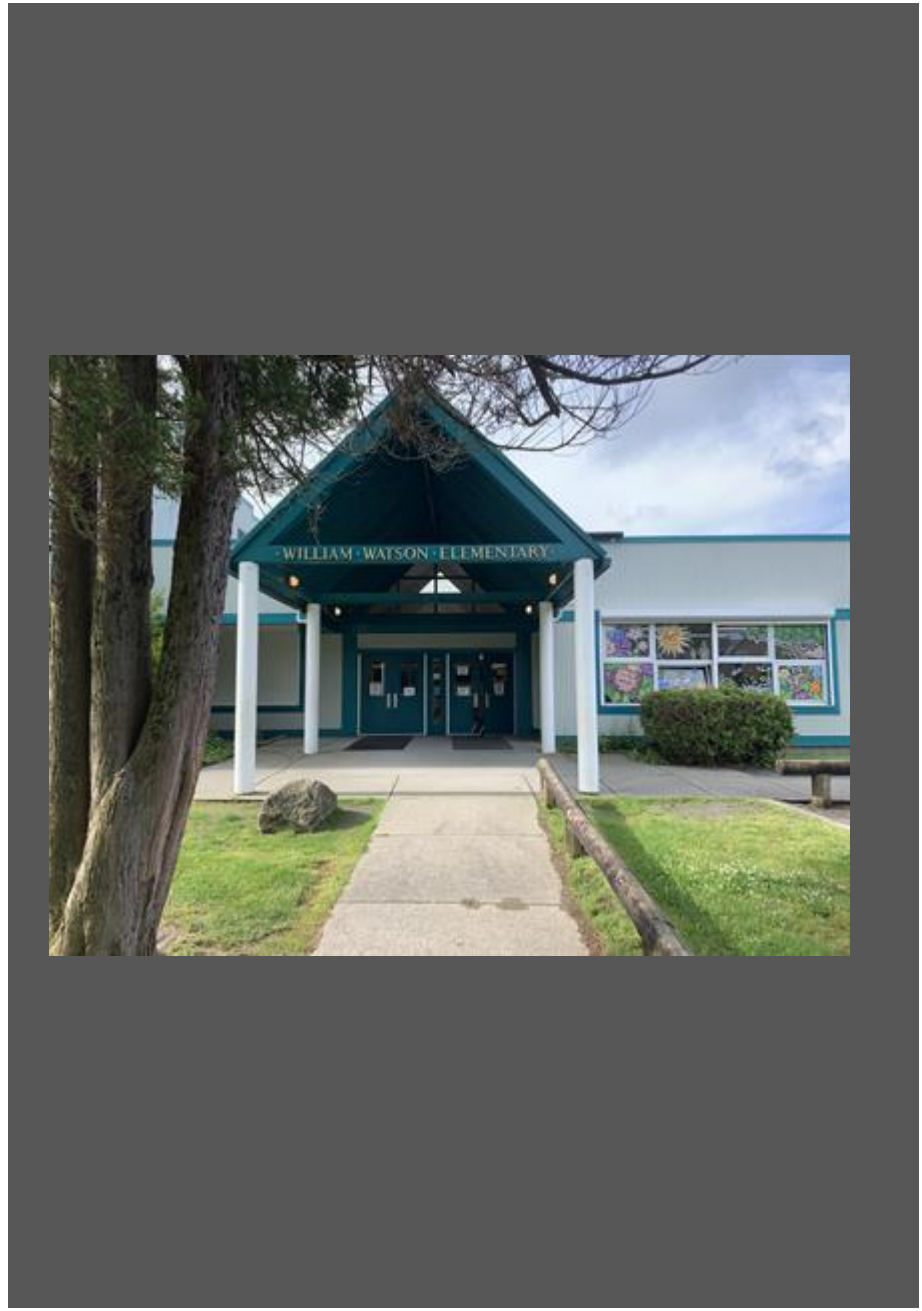
Welcome to Kindergarten

Big Steps for Little Learners





Welcome to William Watson



Common Myths About Kindergarten

My child must:

- * Know the alphabet
- * Know how to print her/his name
- * Know how to count to 10
- * Know how to solve problems independently
- * Be independent (e.g. tie shoes)





Things We Know To Be True

Early Learning Framework, 2019
First People's Principles of Learning

- Families are the first and most important teacher
- Children are strong, capable and full of potential
- Transitions look different for every child
- Schools are ready for your children to arrive

The Importance of PLAY!

- Play is an essential element that runs through each aspect of development





In Kindergarten your child will.....

- Explore
- Imagine
- Create
- Share
- Learn
- Tinker
- Discover
- Grow
- Make
- Care
- Collaborate



Foundations of Learning: Supporting the Whole Child

- Social and Emotional
- Language and Communication
- Cognitive
- Physical





Social Emotional Development

Nurturing a sense of well-being and belonging supports children as they learn about and investigate the world around them (Early Learning Framework, 2019).



Cognitive Development

- Oral Language & Communication
- Emergent Literacy
- Emergent Numeracy
- Critical and Creative Thinking



Communication and Oral Language

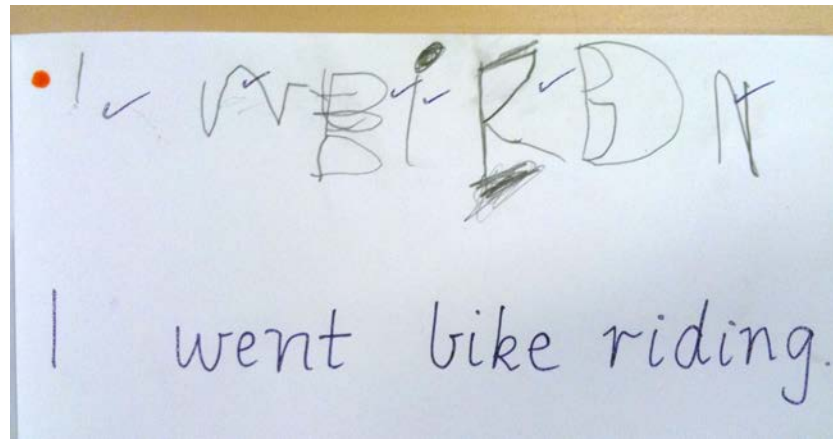
- Speaking
- Listening
- Sharing
- Communicating
- Socializing
- Negotiating

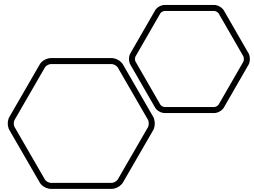




Emergent Writing

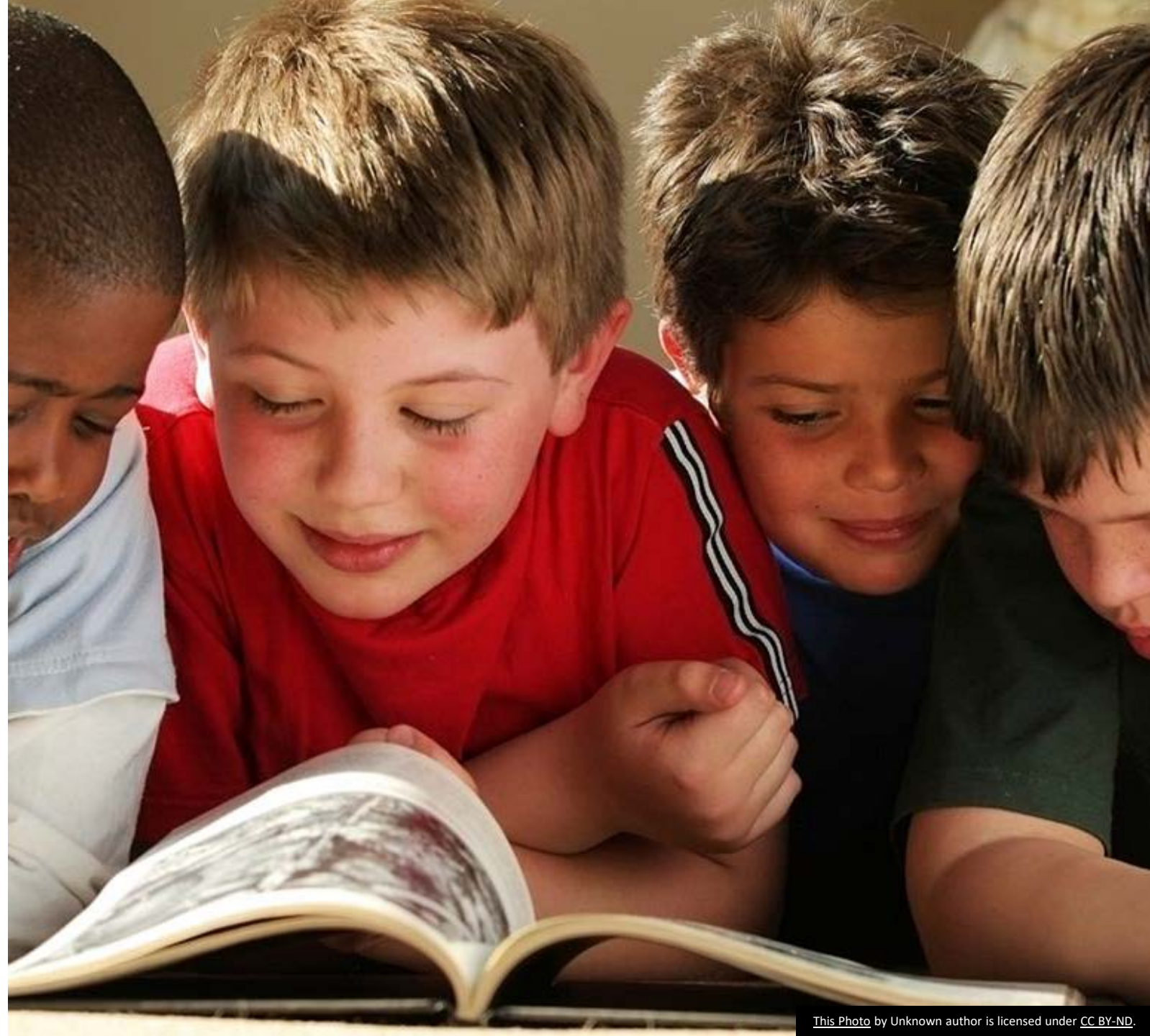
- Drawing
- Scribbling
- Forms that resemble letters
- Random Letters
- One letter to represent a word
- Familiar words





Emergent Reading

- Exploring books
- Looking at pictures
- Retelling stories in their own words
- Recognizing rhyme
- Recognizing alphabet letters and sounds
- Recognizing environmental print
- Connecting, visualizing, questioning





- Part of everyday life
- Problem solving
- Logical thinking
- Exploring number relationships

Emergent Numeracy



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Critical and Creative Thinking

- Generating new or novel ideas and concepts
- Making judgements
- Exploring materials
- Gathering, assessing and analyzing information
- Risk taking
- Persevering

Physical Development



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- Fine and Gross Motor Skills
 - Movement
 - Coordination
 - Outdoor Play



What you will experience when you walk through the door.....

- Gradual Entry Process
- Relationship Building
- Welcoming Conversations

StrongStart



- StrongStart Centres are open for virtual sessions
- More information on our [district website](#)

TOGETHER

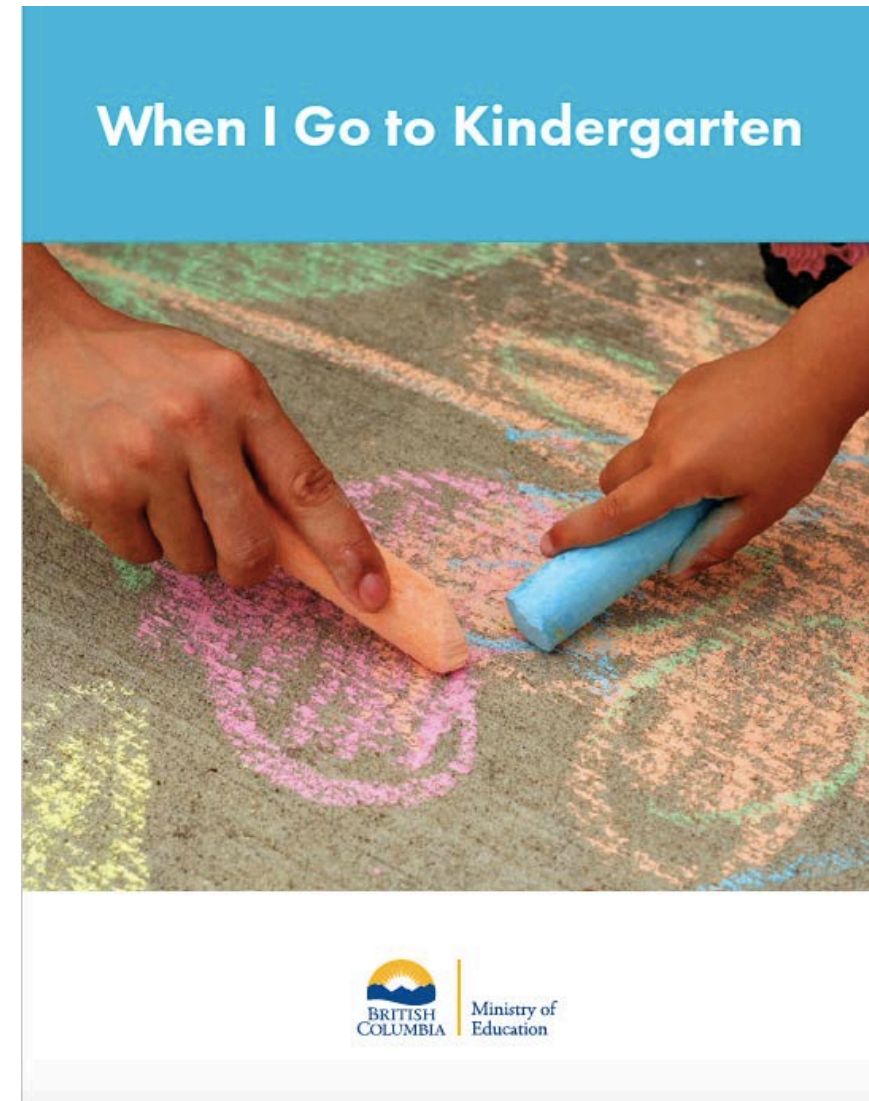


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Services Through
Our Community
Partners

- [Surrey Libraries](#)
- [Early Years HUB](#)
- [The Centre For Child Development](#)
- [First Steps Early Years Refugee Program](#)
- [Child Care Options Resource and Referral](#)

Additional Information for Families

- [When I Go to Kindergarten](#)
- [Early Learning Framework – A Guide for Families](#)
- [Let's Play – Activities for Families](#)
- [Appetite to Play](#)
- [First Peoples Principles of Learning](#)
- Surreyschoolsone.ca - For ideas to support learning at home





We look forward to seeing you in September!