

Parent
Information
On Our Way to
K(indergarten)
Fall 2021





Purpose of this information ...

To provide you with an opportunity to learn more about the Transition to School -- On Our Way to K! program and the planned events throughout the year.

And

To share information to encourage your child's love of learning as he/she gets ready to go to Kindergarten.

Transition to Kindergarten On Our Way To K!

4 Steps

1. Kindergarten Registration 2. Information for Parents/Guardians 3. Early Years Evaluation (EYE-DA) 4. School Visit

Step 3. Early Years Evaluation – Direct Assessment (EYE-DA)

- The *Early Years Evaluation-Direct Assessment is* an assessment administered one-on-one with children soon to enter Kindergarten.
- The EYE-DA takes approximately 45 minutes per child.
- Colourful pictures and physical activities makes the EYE-DA fun for children.
- Parents will sit with their children during the EYE-DA and will receive the results and additional information during the appointment.



What does the EYE-DA assess?

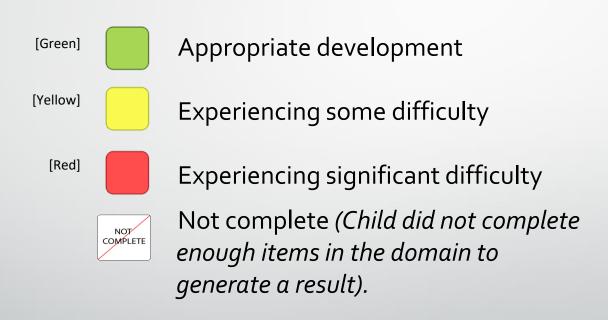
The EYE-DA assesses four key areas of a child's development:

- **1.** Awareness of Self and Environment e.g. Knowing what a police officer does, knowing colors, opposites...
- 2. **Cognitive Skills** e.g. Knowing rhymes, some letters...
- 3. **Language and Communication** e.g. Speaking in full sentences, understanding instructions...
- 4. **Physical Development** e.g. Using crayons, scissors, hopping on one foot...



EYE-DA Results

- After the EYE-DA is complete, parents will receive their child's results immediately.
- Results are presented using the colour codes described below:





What is the EYE-DA Used For?

The EYE-DA is used to:

- Assess areas of strength, and areas yet to be developed;
- Identify children who may need extra support;
- Monitor learning gains during first years of school; and,
- Support a positive transition to school.



Results can be used to:



Identify children who may require extra support.



Provide guidance and assistance to children.



Inform & involve parents in meaningful ways.



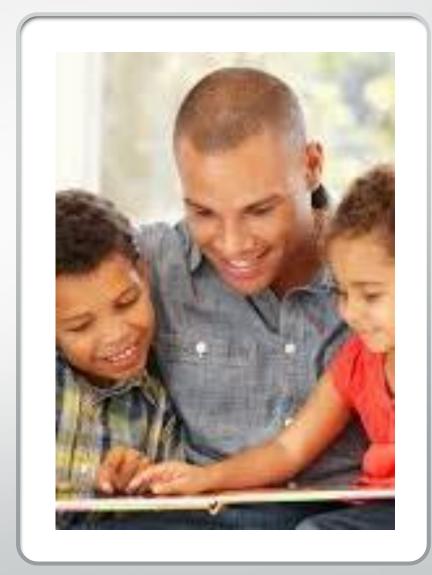
Step 4: School Visit

- This visit offers children and their parents an exciting opportunity to spend a portion of the day in the classroom with Kindergarten Teachers.
 During this time children will gain a sense of what school will be like through planned activities and they will meet some of their future classmates.
- Invitations will be sent to you by your school; please ensure that they have been advised of any address changes.



Parent/School Partnership

- A child's formal education begins in Kindergarten, but learning begins at birth.
- Parents are their child's first teacher and parents know their child best.
- A positive partnership between parents and school contributes to positive outcomes for children.



Four Areas of Developmental Growth

1. Social Development

Key Skills
Sharing
Taking turns
Playing with others
Making decisions
Independence

Four Areas of Developmental Growth

2. Emotional Development

Key SkillsUnderstanding feelingsTaking responsibilityWillingness to try new activitiesBeing able to solve problemsFeeling secure through routines

Four Areas of Developmental Growth

3. Language & Intellectual Development

Key Skills

Engaging in conversations/oral language

Knowing rhymes and songs

Being aware of numbers and letters

Knowing about books

Four Areas of Developmental Growth

4. Motor Development

Key Skills

Running, jumping and climbing

Holding scissors and pencils

Dressing independently

Being active



Every day at school counts!

Regular attendance is very important.
Missed days means missed learning opportunities!

Thank You!

We look forward to supporting you with your child's transition to school through the planned events that we have shared with you during this presentation!

