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# MY CHILD'S LEARNING: A PARENT RESOURCE CUSTOMIZED INFO SHEET

## Early Literacy

Language is the doorway to being able to share ideas and experiences, relate to others and make sense of the world. Your child will ask questions, give their thoughts on stories they hear and share their own exciting stories and experiences. They will read and print their name, group objects and play with words. As they discover how language works, the world opens up for them! For more about Early Literacy, refer to the [Kindergarten Program Statement](#).

## Early Numeracy

Your child will count to 10 forwards and backwards, and they'll show, describe and compare quantities of things up to 10, using objects and pictures. At a glance, your child will recognize groups of 1–5 objects arranged in a familiar way. Through playing, reading and storytelling, they'll explore and talk about how to solve problems. Your child will connect numbers to their everyday life; recognize and create patterns, using objects, sounds and actions; and sort, build and describe 3-D objects. Still curious? Refer to the [Kindergarten Program Statement](#) for more about Early Numeracy.

## Citizenship and Identity

Kindergarten children explore who they are and how they fit into the world. Your child will become aware of their own uniqueness—their gifts, talents and interests—and discover the connections they have with others. They will develop a strong sense of identity, self-esteem and belonging as they share their gifts with others, express interest in others and interact sensitively and responsibly. For more about Citizenship and Identity, refer to the [Kindergarten Program Statement](#).

## Environment and Community Awareness

Your child will begin to make sense of the environment and understand how they fit into and shape their world. They will see similarities and differences between things and discover how one action can cause another. Using their senses, they will identify shapes, symbols and sounds; recognize animals; and see seasonal changes. Building structures with various materials, and using technology, they will impact the environment and see the results. For more about Environment

and Community Awareness, refer to the [Kindergarten Program Statement](#).

## Personal and Social Responsibility

As your child makes friends, shares materials and attention, and takes turns, they will develop social skills they need for life. Kindergarten helps children see themselves as capable of learning, trying new things and taking risks. Rules and routines are learned and children become more independent, beginning to take responsibility for what they do at school. They develop ways to express feelings positively and to show respect and caring for others. Still curious? Refer to the [Kindergarten Program Statement](#) for more about Personal and Social Responsibility.

## Physical Skills and Well-Being

Healthy lifestyles begin in Kindergarten. Through movement, games and activities that use a variety of equipment, children develop coordination, balance and stability, as well as fine motor skills. They begin to connect the choices they make—what they eat, whether they will follow safety rules—with their health and well-being, and begin to understand that they are responsible for their bodies. For more about Physical Skills and Well-being, refer to the [Kindergarten Program Statement](#).

## Creative Expression

Ideas and feelings are shared in many ways. Kindergarten children explore drama, art, music and dance to express themselves and to shape the world with their vibrant imaginations. By listening to, creating and moving to music; looking at, creating and responding to visual art; and pretending to be someone else in a dramatic play, your child will become more self-aware and self-confident and begin to appreciate the connections that the fine arts create between individuals and the world. For more about Creative Expression, refer to the [Kindergarten Program Statement](#).