

OVERVIEW OF FRENCH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN

French Immersion Kindergarten is a time for children to learn about what school is like and have fun while learning new things in French. They learn to listen to French and understand the main ideas of what they hear. The children's natural curiosity and desire to learn are stimulated through organized activities and play. Your child will interact with others, imagine, experiment and explore to add to their knowledge, learn new skills and practice what they have learned. (Source: [Alberta Education](#))

Kindergarten children participate in daily classroom activities in French. They learn to listen to French and understand the main ideas of what they hear. In Kindergarten, children learn to repeat and use simple French words and phrases, recite rhymes and sing songs in French.

In Kindergarten, your child learns to

- understand the main ideas as he or she listens to spoken French
- recognize that symbols, illustrations and writing express messages
- communicate in French
- recite rhymes and sing songs in French,
- repeat words and phrases,
- use words, letters and drawings to express ideas,
- write his or her name or other familiar words and
- use drawings and some letters.



HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD (EVEN IF I DON'T SPEAK FRENCH)?

Talk with your child about school work. Even if you don't know French, you can still be an interested and supportive listener.

Help your child become familiar with your own traditions and stories.

Read with your child every day in the language spoken at home – reading skills are transferred from one language to another.

Encourage your child to read for pleasure in French or in English. Invite your child to read with you and listen to your child read in French.

Watch French programs or videos, listen to a French CD and visit French websites.

Give your child opportunities to get to know Francophone culture, activities and events in your community, in Manitoba and beyond.

Give your child access to French books for reading enjoyment and reference books such as visual dictionaries.

