

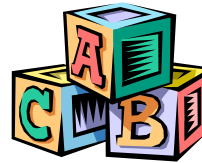
In Kindergarten, children's receptivity to new influences and their capacity to learn are at their peak. The Toronto Catholic District School Board is excited to provide a full day, everyday Senior Kindergarten program in selected schools across the Board. This is a promising opportunity for students, parents/guardians and teachers. The goals of the Full Day Senior Kindergarten program are to:

- Provide an exemplary full day Senior Kindergarten program that will help children develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, socially and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development
- Ensure that children leave Senior Kindergarten with a stronger foundation of literacy and numeracy skills
- Integrate the educational concepts of health, social and emotional well-being into a full day program
- Enhance children's feelings of self-worth and an appreciation of their own and other people's ethnicity, culture and language
- Provide for the prevention, early identification and intervention of problems that interfere with children's learning
- Recognize the value of parents as partners in the education of their children's learning
- Establish links with community services as resources and supports for students, parents and teachers

The Full Day Senior Kindergarten Program

Daily opportunities for

- Prayer
- Self-directed play
- Teacher-directed activities and lessons
- Oral language development
- Reading and writing
- Mathematics
- Physical activity
- The arts
- Student sharing
- Supervised snack and lunch
- Rest or quiet time
- Ongoing assessment



Weekly opportunities for

- Lessons from *In God's Image*, the catechetical resource for Kindergarten
- Formal physical education classes
- Formal vocal music class
- Visits to the school library
- Science and Technology exploration
- Social skills training through *The Incredible Years* program

3 Essential Components of the Full Day Senior Kindergarten Program

Student Support

- Students receive a full day, everyday program emphasizing oral language, literacy, numeracy and social skills development.
- Students are involved in *The Incredible Years* social skills training program offered in partnership with the Toronto Public Health Department.
- A Kindergarten support team consisting of speech-language, psychology and social work staff is identified at each school to assist with prevention and early intervention support for students.

Parent/Guardian Support

- Parents/Guardians of students in the full day Senior Kindergarten Program are invited to participate in information meetings and workshops tailored to the needs of the local school community.
- Information regarding local community services is distributed
- Parent/Guardian newsletters are sent home on a regular basis highlighting program information and helpful tips

Teacher Support

- Teachers of the full day Senior Kindergarten programs receive individual mentoring and ongoing professional development opportunities to ensure quality programmin

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The Full Day Senior Kindergarten Program



"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

Mark 10:14