

READY! for Kindergarten

Spring 2009 Registration Form



Play with a purpose: SKSD offers **READY! for Kindergarten** program

Children aren't born with directions. They don't automatically recognize colors and shapes, know how to count to 20, print their name or how to play with others. Oftentimes parents rely on school to teach their children these basic skills. However, children who are taught these skills at home get off to a better start at school. They start ahead and stay ahead, year after year.

South Kitsap School District knows that the early learning years are powerful and wants to help every child be successful when they start school. The **READY! for Kindergarten** program helps parents prepare their children for kindergarten. The goal of the program is to provide information to parents about how their child learns at each age level and to provide kits with essential "tools" and activities that parents can do with their children at home to make learning easy and fun so their children are ready to enter kindergarten.

The program is free for parents and grandparents of preschool aged children (birth to five). The parents will be invited to participate in a one day class where they will get tips on helping their children develop a love of learning. Parents are their child's number one teacher. So it seems natural for children to learn at home. Everyday life is a learning experience. Children can learn from simple every-day activities such as getting ready for bed, dressing, grocery shopping with parents, and road trips.

In South Kitsap, approximately 40 percent of children enter school inadequately prepared for kindergarten. "Some students have skills characteristic of a 3-year old, while others function at the level of an 8-year old. It is very difficult for students lacking skills to ever catch up to the higher achieving students," said Linda Munson, SKSD director of state and federal programs.

READY! for Kindergarten classes are offered three times during the year - October, January, and May. Registration for classes begins one month prior to each session.

[See the full program flyer.](#)

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