## Full Day Early Learning-Kindergarten

This program provides children with the support they need to develop independence, confidence and competence in learning as well as a sense of security and respect for diversity.

## **Learning to Write - Communicating My Ideas!**

- Children communicate their ideas in many different ways by singing, storytelling, dancing, drawing, painting, and eventually through writing.
- In Early Learning-Kindergarten classrooms, teachers and Early Childhood Educators invite children to communicate their ideas using a variety of media.
- For example, children are often asked to draw what they have built, to paint from a live plant, to sculpt based on an idea.
- The challenge for children to show what they know encourages them to use symbols to represent their ideas. Using symbols to represent ideas is what writing is all about.
- In small groups, teachers/educators model writing and the conventions of writing – sounds, words, spacing and eventually punctuation.
- Children are highly motivated to communicate their ideas when they are connected to their interests, experiences, explorations and projects.

Children begin to pay attention to how print works.

They learn that writing can communicate a message.

And they begin to explore different forms of writing.



When they begin to write, children use pictures, symbols, and eventually letters and familiar words such a family names.





