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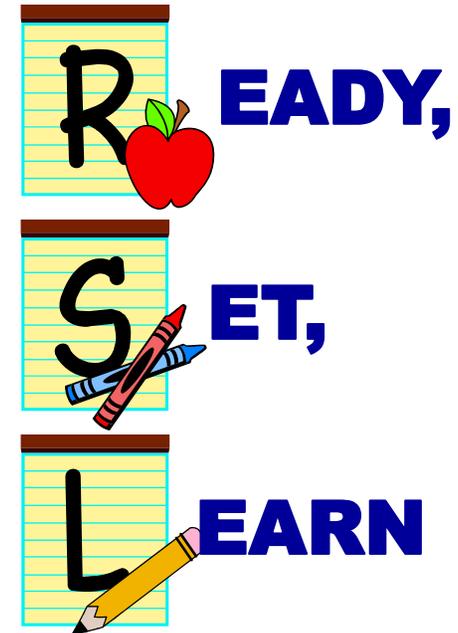
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (OKANAGAN SKAHA)

Comments from Ministry of Education

"I want every child in BC to have the best possible chance for a great education,... Research shows that by the time they reach three, some children are exposed to 30 million fewer words than others. Our Ready, Set, Learn program will help close that gap so that all parents and all kids do better."

"Reading is the key to a child's success in school and in life,... Ready, Set, Learn will give parents and caregivers the tools they need to help our children be the very best they can be."

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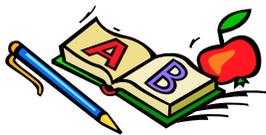


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Helping your preschooler get ready for school

READY, SET, LEARN



Dear Families...

Welcome to *Ready, Set, Learn*. This program is designed to support you in helping your preschooler get ready for school. As your child's first and most important teacher, you play a primary role in preparing your child for school. Your child's entry into Kindergarten is an important milestone in life. Beginning school well makes a big difference in terms of future success in the education system and even on into adulthood.

Many things contribute to a child's readiness for school. Some of these are:

- Confidence;
- Relationships with friends;
- Language Development;
- The ability to communicate thoughts, needs and desires;
- The ability to follow instructions and routines; and
- An environment that cultivates creativity, motivation, cooperation and persistence.

RESOURCES

Ready, Set, Learn available resources include:

- Booklet entitled *Ready, Set, Learn: Helping your preschooler get ready for school*—this is downloadable on the Ministry of Education website: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca>. On the website: under Education tab, scroll to "Early Learning", then scroll to and click on "Ready, Set, Learn".
- School District No. 67 StrongStart Program brochures available at : School District No. 67 Board Office, 425 Jermyn Avenue, Penticton, BC V2A 1Z4.

The *Ready, Set, Learn* materials offer information about the typical development of a preschooler, including tips for supporting your child's learning in key areas of development. Remember that these are just guidelines. Children learn at their own pace, most moving through similar developmental stages, but they all have their own timetable. Different skills emerge at different times, depending on the child. If you feel your child is having problems as they develop, talk to your doctor or public health nurse. A child with special needs may develop more slowly or differently and may have goals to achieve that are more appropriate to their needs and abilities. Refer to information provided by your doctor or other health professionals for specific special needs support information.

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OPEN HOUSE

The elementary schools in Okanagan Skaha School District No. 67 have scheduled a time for you and your three-year-old to visit. You are encouraged to contact the elementary school closest to your residence and confirm the attendance of you and your three-year-old at the school's Ready, Set, Learn presentation.

September 2019 – June 2020 Dates

Naramata 250-770-7688	Tuesday, January 28, 2020	9:30 am to 11:00am
Giant's Head 250-770-7671	Tuesday, April 7, 2020	1:15 pm to 2:15 pm
Kaleden 250-770-7692	Wednesday, April 8, 2020	10:30 am to 11:30 am
Trout Creek 250-770-7665	Thursday, April 9, 2020	1:15 pm to 2:15 pm
Columbia 250-770-7676	Wednesday, April 15, 2020	10:45 am to 12:00 pm
Wiltse 250-770-7694	Friday, April 17, 2020	10:30 am to 11:30 am
Uplands 250-770-7678	Thursday, April 23, 2020	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Carmi 250-770-7697	Thursday, April 23, 2020	2:45 pm to 3:45 pm
Parkway 250-770-7686	Thursday, April 30, 2020	9:30 am to 10:30 am
Queen's Park 250-770-7680	Monday, May 4, 2020	5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
West Bench 250-770-7698	Wednesday, May 22, 2020	1:15 pm to 2:30 pm