



### THINKING OF FRENCH IMMERSION?

The Greater Essex County District School Board is proud to offer the Early French Immersion program where students begin learning in French as early as Junior Kindergarten.

Immersion is designed for students whose first language is not French. As students move through the program, they will learn in both French and English. The objective is full mastery of the English language, functional fluency in French, as well as an understanding and appreciation of the French culture. It is designated as Early French Immersion because students may enroll in the program beginning in Junior or Senior Kindergarten or the beginning of Grade one.

To learn more check out this link: <https://publicboard.ca/Programs/K-12/French-Immersion/Pages/default.aspx>

*Our JK/SK programs* provide four- and five-year-olds with an engaging, inquiry and play-based learning program during the regular school day. Children are involved in a variety of learning opportunities to help them investigate, problem solve and collaborate, under the guidance of an educator team that includes a teacher and early childhood educator.

Our Early Years team implements the 2016 Kindergarten Program document, which is based on the most up-to-date information about child development and how children learn best. We know that through play-based learning and a culture of inquiry, children develop a strong foundation for learning in all areas.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/kindergarten/whysouldienrolmychild.html>

Kindergarten! ... here I come!



*Play promotes healthy physical, social, emotional, language and cognitive development.*

# Welcome to Our Kindergarten Open House!



**Lakeshore Discovery boasts a unique learning environment that offers both English and French programming to our students.**





## THINGS YOUR CHILD WILL EXPERIENCE....

### LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Play is a means to early learning that capitalizes on children’s natural curiosity and exuberance. (Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program, Ontario 2010)

### HOW DO TEACHERS HELP?

The guidance of a thoughtful Early Learning–Kindergarten team is essential to enable children to learn through inquiry. The team uses inquiry-based learning to build on children’s spontaneous desire for exploration. This gradually guides them to become more focused and systematic in their observations and investigations.

### WHAT DO THE CHILDREN LEARN?

The learning activities are designed by the Early Learning– Kindergarten team to encourage the children to think creatively, to explore and investigate, to solve problems and engage in the inquiry process, and to share their learning with others.

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## Benefits of Full Day Kindergarten

### For Your Child

- ◇ More opportunities to learn through play.
- ◇ Extended interaction with other children to help develop strong social-emotional skills and positive self esteem.
- ◇ Greater exposure to educational materials to help develop strong literacy skills.
- ◇ More time for teachers to meet the needs of children.
- ◇ Fewer transitions during the day.
- ◇ More individual and small-group activities.

[www.edu.gov.on.ca/kindergarten/fdk-infographic.html](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/kindergarten/fdk-infographic.html)



## WELCOME

Thanks so much for taking the time to join us for **our Kindergarten Open House**. Also, please consider joining us for our “A Day in the Life” event in the Spring. This is a chance for families to see a typical day in the life of a child in the GECDsB. Look for more details regarding this event on our webpage and twitter feed (@LDS\_Raptors) in the near future. It is our hope that you and your child will partake in this opportunity by viewing and participating in our engaging inquiry based learning environment.

*Children are natural learners, full of wonder and curiosity about their world.*

