



SIGNS OF A GREAT Kindergarten Classroom

As a parent or caregiver, you want your child to thrive in kindergarten. A great classroom provides the right environment for your child to learn, play, and grow. Here are some signs to look for and questions you can ask to make sure your child's classroom meets their needs.

Reading time

Teachers read to children throughout the day, not just at story time. This helps children develop a love for books and learning.

Creative space

The classroom is decorated with children's artwork and writing, showing that creativity is encouraged and valued.

Time to play

Children have long periods (at least one hour) to play and explore, and they play outside every day if the weather is good. This playtime is important for their learning and development.

Positive environment

Children and parents should feel good about school. A happy, safe classroom is a sign of a great place to learn.

Balanced teaching

Every child learns differently, so teachers work with individual children, small groups, and the whole class at different times. They don't spend the entire day teaching the whole class at once.



Active learning

Children learn numbers, letters, and other concepts through everyday activities, like cooking, exploring nature, and playing. They do different activities throughout the day. They aren't sitting quietly for long periods, and they're not all doing the same thing at the same time. Worksheets aren't the main focus.

WHAT YOU CAN DO



Visit

If possible, visit the classroom to observe these signs in action.



Ask questions

Talk to your child's teacher or school about how they teach and manage their classroom.



Stay involved

Keep in touch with your child's teacher throughout the year.