



Kindergarten **Parent Guide**



Message to Our Kindergarten Families

Welcome to Kindergarten. This guide shares what you can expect during your child's time in Kindergarten and how we work together to build a strong foundation for their learning and development.

Your child will not only learn early academic skills but will also grow in their understanding of Emirati values, culture, and community. The curriculum has been designed to reflect the legacy of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, who believed in the importance of education, unity, and environmental responsibility. These themes are woven into daily classroom life through stories, role-play, national events, and hands-on activities that help your child feel proud of who they are and where they come from.

A day in Kindergarten

Your child's day follows a balanced and predictable routine to help them feel secure and engaged in learning.

01

Settling in, greeting teachers and friend.

02

National anthem, moral values, Islamic reminders, and positive routines.

03

Literacy, numeracy, and thematic exploration through whole-group and small-group lessons.

04

Promoting independence and good eating habits

05

Free play indoors or outdoors—developing social, motor, and thinking skills.

06

Inquiry-based activities, arts integration, cross-subject learning.

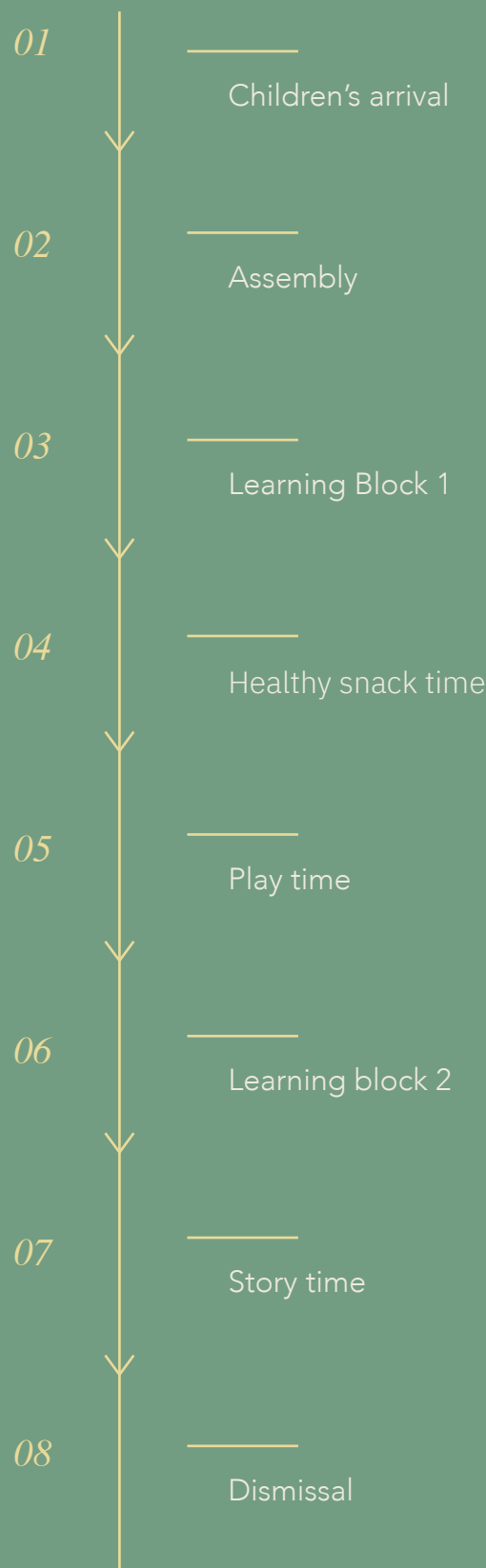
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Language development, imagination, listening, and comprehension.

08

Calm transitions, reflection, and preparation for home routines.

Daily Kindergarten Schedule



Learning through routines

Children’s learning happens all day. Every routine, big or small, helps develop important skills for school and life.

Social and Emotional Development

- Arriving at school and saying goodbye fosters independence and confidence.
 - Following shared rules helps children take turns, manage emotions, and show empathy.
 - Participating in group activities teaches cooperation and respect.
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National Identity and Belonging

- Singing the national anthem builds pride and a sense of unity.
 - Assemblies and classroom displays highlight UAE landmarks, leaders, and values.
 - Teachers use simple phrases like “I am an Emirati” or “This is our flag” to reinforce identity.
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Language and Communication

- Children practice speaking and listening during greetings, snack, and story time.
 - Teachers model vocabulary linked to the day’s activities and materials.
 - Routine-based phrases build oral language, especially for second language learners.
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Life Skills and Independence

- Putting away bags and belongings during arrival promotes responsibility.
- Handwashing, tidying up, and organizing snack builds daily self-care habits.
- Transitions between activities teach time awareness and cooperation.

Islamic Habits and Moral Values

- Saying Bismillah before eating and Alhamdulillah after.
 - Listening quietly during morning dua and stories about Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)
 - Practicing good manners (adab), respect, and gratitude in everyday actions.
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Cognitive Skills

- Daily schedules help children build time awareness and sequencing.
- Repeating routines supports memory and attention.
- Noticing, predicting, and making choices during routines supports thinking skills.





The Learning Journey

Inside the KG Learning Journey

Your child's learning journey is shaped by the UAE Kindergarten curriculum, which promotes academic growth, national identity, and lifelong skills. The approach is active, play-based, and purposeful; designed to build confidence, curiosity, and a love of learning.

Children learn best when they feel safe, valued, and supported. That's why the classroom environment is structured with clear routines, rich language, and hands-on activities that encourage children to think, explore, and communicate.

Every day, your child is learning how to express themselves, work with others, and understand the world around them all skills that will serve them well beyond the classroom.

Here's how learning happens every day:

01

Children engage with real-world topics that matter to them.

02

Teachers model new skills, then gradually give children more independence.

03

Learning is built through stories, songs, talk, play, and practical tasks.

04

Themes are used to connect subjects and make learning meaningful.

05

Identity, sustainability, and innovation are introduced in age-appropriate ways.

06

Cultural heritage and national values are naturally woven into classroom life.

In line with the UAE's vision of embracing Artificial Intelligence and future technologies from the earliest stages, the curriculum also introduces simple activities and smart educational games that nurture logical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity in children, laying a strong foundation.

Arabic Language

The foundation of identity and expression

Arabic is central to Kindergarten learning. Children engage in rich language experiences that support speaking, listening, reading, and early writing.

- Build expressive language through conversation, storytelling, role-play, and songs.
- Identify and pronounce Arabic letters and sounds with increasing accuracy.
- Recognize familiar words in books and environmental print.
- Begin to write by tracing, copying, labeling, and forming letters and words.
- Participate in daily language routines, including greetings, calendar, and classroom instructions.
- Use Arabic to explore cultural topics such as family, heritage, and national celebrations.
- Arabic learning is also supported through smart applications and interactive games. These tools help children recognize letters and sounds in an engaging way, fostering a love of learning and strengthening their language skills from an early age

How You Can Support at Home:

01

Talk with your child daily in Arabic—share stories, songs, and greetings.

02

Point out Arabic letters and words on signs, packaging, and books.

03

Encourage your child to draw, trace, or label familiar objects in Arabic.

04

Use Arabic during routines like mealtime, shopping, or school drop-off.

05

Play simple Arabic games like memory cards, letter hunts, or rhyming words.

06

Explore books and short videos that celebrate Arabic language and culture.

07

Ask your child to “teach” you new words they learn at school, this boosts confidence and review.

Islamic Education

Character, values, and spiritual understanding

Islamic Education is taught in two dedicated sessions each week. The program is developmentally appropriate and taught in a contextualized manner, using storybooks, puppets, visuals, and movement to support understanding.

- Memorize and recite short surahs and duas with understanding and care.
- Learn about Allah, the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the values of honesty, respect, patience, and kindness.
- Engage with stories of the Prophets, companions, and real-life examples of good behavior.
- Practice Islamic routines such as saying Bismillah, giving salaam, and showing gratitude.
- Participate in classroom experiences that reflect the Islamic calendar, including Ramadan, Hajj, and Eid.
- Build positive relationships through Islamic values of cooperation, compassion, and fairness.
- All educational tools are employed in an age-appropriate way to enhance Islamic learning for children. Interactive apps presenting stories of the Prophets and ethical stories make learning enjoyable, helping children internalize and understand Islamic values more deeply.

How You Can Support at Home:

01

Practice short surahs and duas at bedtime or before meals.

02

Show patience, kindness, and gratitude in daily interactions.

03

Read or retell stories of the Prophets and companions.

04

Involve your child in Ramadan, Eid, and prayer routines.

05

Encourage saying Islamic phrases and chants Salaam Alykum, Bismillah, and Alhamdulillah.

06

Praise character: Acknowledge moments of honesty, respect, or helpfulness.

07

Ask your child what they learned in Islamic class and reinforce it.

Social Studies

National identity, community, and global awareness

Social Studies is integrated into all parts of the Kindergarten day. It is not taught in isolation but explored through meaningful, child-friendly topics across all subjects and through themes.

- Learn about family roles and responsibilities, both past and present.
- Recognize UAE leaders, flags, currency, clothing, and national symbols.
- Celebrate the Spirit of the Union, UAE Flag Day, and National Day through stories, music, and role play.
- Understand the story of the Union and the leadership of Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Rashid.
- Discuss Emirati traditions, the importance of cooperation, and caring for one another.
- Observe how UAE society has changed over time, from desert life to cities, while respecting nature and resources.
- Explore basic geography, such as places in the UAE, environmental features (desert, oasis, sea), and how people live and work.
- Develop pride in being part of the UAE and learn about shared values like sustainability, respect, and unity.
- Interactive apps help children explore UAE geography, national symbols, and cultural traditions in an engaging and fun way, deepening their understanding of national identity and community innovatively

How You Can Support at Home:

01

Talk about Sheikh Zayed and the founding of the UAE in simple terms.

02

Point out national landmarks during family drives (e.g., mosques, museums, flags).

03

Share stories about how life was different in the past.

04

Read simple books or watch age-appropriate videos about the UAE.

05

Visit local cultural sites or heritage areas together.

06

Show your child maps and talk about the desert, sea, and cities.

07

Discuss family values like cooperation, kindness, and responsibility.

English Language

Building confidence in English communication

Language acquisition develops through real use, repetition, and connection. Children learn by listening, speaking, and exploring English in everyday situations.

How your child learns English in Kindergarten:

- Learns new words through shared reading, songs, and classroom routines
- Recognizes rhymes, syllables, and beginning sounds
- Matches sounds to letters and starts reading simple words
- Retells stories using pictures, puppets, or their own words
- Begins writing by drawing, labeling, and forming letters
- Uses simple sentences to talk about themselves and their world
- Builds understanding by listening, repeating, and using English in context
- Strengthens communication through play, storytelling, and conversation

How You Can Support at Home:

01

Read aloud daily and talk about pictures and characters.

02

Sing songs, play word games, and tell short stories together.

03

Point out letters and words on signs, labels, and packaging.

04

Encourage your child to talk about their day in any language.

05

Let them draw and label their pictures.

06

Repeat phrases from school to build confidence.

07

Name places and signs during car rides and outings.

Mathematics

Understanding numbers, patterns, and real-world problem-solving

Children build mathematical thinking through play, games, and real-life exploration.

- Count, match, and compare quantities.
- Identify and write numbers.
- Explore patterns and sequences using colors, shapes, or objects.
- Sort and classify by size, shape, and other attributes.
- Use math language (e.g., more, less, equal, longer, heavier) during play and discussion.
- Learn basic measurement, time concepts, and how to read and represent data (e.g., using tallies or simple graphs).
- Solve everyday problems using reasoning, estimation, and trial and error.
- Develop early financial literacy by understanding needs vs wants, recognizing coins and notes, and making simple spending choices.
- Build confidence using math vocabulary to explain ideas, solutions, and comparisons.

How You Can Support at Home:

01

Count objects at home (stairs, plates, toys).

02

Spot numbers on signs, clocks, and packaging.

03

Use words like more, less, heavier, equal.

04

Sort laundry or groceries by color or size.

05

Play simple board games or puzzles together.

06

Let your child help measure and pour during cooking.

07

Talk about time (yesterday, today, tomorrow).

08

Discuss prices when shopping: "Which one costs more?"

09

Use coins to play shop or sort by value.

10

Encourage your child to explain their answers or choices.

Science

Exploration, discovery, and understanding the world

Children learn science through inquiry, play, and guided observation. They begin to think like scientists by asking questions, testing ideas, and using tools and materials to solve problems.

- Build scientific vocabulary related to life, physical, and earth sciences.
- Explore the natural environment and begin to understand how to care for it.
- Observe, sort, and describe objects, living things, and natural materials.
- Ask simple questions, make predictions, and record what they notice.
- Use basic tools and materials for scientific exploration (e.g., magnets, magnifiers, rulers).
- Apply design thinking to solve problems using everyday materials.
- Use digital tools (e.g., tablets, programmable toys) to explore technology in the world.
- Connect science learning to UAE heritage (e.g., desert life, sustainability, innovation).
- Engage in inquiry-based learning through projects, field experiences, and hands-on activities.

How You Can Support at Home:

01

Go on nature walks. Let your child collect leaves, rocks, or shells and talk about what they notice.

02

Ask questions together. Use “What do you think will happen if...?” during cooking, bath time, or play.

03

Explore tools. Let your child safely use magnets, rulers, or a flashlight to observe and discover.

04

Encourage problem-solving. Give your child materials to build or create (blocks, spoons, tape).

05

Use digital tools wisely. Explore age-appropriate science apps or videos together.

06

Talk about the UAE. Connect science to desert plants, falcons, or how people stay cool in hot weather.

07

Model curiosity. If you don’t know something, wonder aloud and look it up together.

Physical and Health Education (PHE)

Building strong, healthy, and confident bodies

Children develop strength, coordination, and awareness of their bodies through movement and health routines.

- Understand safety rules during play and movement, including taking turns and using space carefully.
- Learn about personal hygiene, healthy food choices, hydration, and rest.
- Practice large movements like running, jumping, climbing, and balancing.
- Improve coordination and control through ball games, throwing, catching, and guided play.
- Strengthen fine motor skills through drawing, cutting, threading, and building.
- Participate in movement-based activities tied to UAE heritage (e.g., traditional games and dances).

How You Can Support at Home:

01

Allow daily time for running, jumping, ball games, or dancing.

02

Involve your child in brushing teeth, washing hands, and choosing healthy food.

03

Provide crayons, scissors (child-safe), beads, and puzzles.

04

Remind your child to wait their turn, watch their surroundings, and play safely.

05

Teach or join in Emirati games and dances to keep cultural traditions alive.

06

Walk together, stretch, or do short exercises as a family.

CCDI & AI

Thinking, coding, and digital citizenship

In line with the UAE's national direction, children in KG are introduced to foundational concepts of computer science and artificial intelligence (AI) in age-appropriate ways. The goal is not to teach coding, but to build digital awareness and responsible technology use early on.

Children explore how smart tools and devices support everyday life. They learn that these tools follow human instructions and cannot think or feel like people. Through stories, songs, play-based activities, and role play, children begin to:

- Recognize technology around them at home and school (e.g., tablets, smart lights, traffic sensors).
- Understand that robots and devices follow instructions given by people.
- Build awareness of safe technology use (e.g., asking an adult for help, screen limits).
- Differentiate between real emotions and machine responses.
- Explore how AI helps people (e.g., translating, cleaning, guiding).

The approach builds curiosity while strengthening logical thinking, sequencing, and safe behaviors. These concepts are integrated into storytelling, inquiry, art, and discussion rather than through devices alone.

How You Can Support at Home:

01

Point out smart tools during daily routines (e.g., fridge sensors, Google Home, smart lights).

02

Talk about how devices follow instructions, not feelings (e.g., "Alexa listens to words, not feelings").

03

Limit screen time and explain why balance matters.

04

Use sequencing language (first, next, then) when cooking, building, or organizing.

05

Ask your child to give verbal instructions for a simple task (e.g., how to brush teeth or tie a shoe).

06

Discuss how technology helps people in everyday life (e.g., maps, translators, cleaning robots).

07

Link AI to UAE life.

Music and Visual Arts

Expression of ideas, emotions and identity

- Children sing traditional and modern songs in both Arabic and English
- Rhymes and rhythms help with speech and memory
- Movement games improve coordination and focus
- UAE national songs and Islamic values are introduced through music
- Children explore instruments, tempo, and sound patterns
- Children draw, paint, cut, and build with different materials
- Art activities develop fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination
- Creative work is linked to weekly themes and cultural topics
- Emirati landmarks, clothing, and colors are explored through visual art
- Children are encouraged to take pride in their creations and share them

How You Can Support at Home:

01

Sing simple Arabic and English songs with your child at home or in the car

02

Let your child play with safe household items (e.g., spoons, boxes) to make music.

03

Join movement songs and games to support rhythm, focus, and coordination.

04

Play national songs, talk about Emirati clothing, and visit local art or cultural spaces.

05

Offer crayons, paper, glue, and recycled items for free drawing and building at home.

06

Display your child's artwork and let them explain what they created.

07

Point out patterns in music and designs and encourage your child to copy or make their own.



Growth & Development

End-of-Year Learning Goals

KG1 (Ages 4- 5)

- A KG1 child in the UAE is curious and eager to explore through play and discovery. They thrive in settings that build creativity, independence, resilience, and social-emotional skills.
 - They develop pride in Emirati traditions and values, strengthening Arabic language and confidence through stories, songs, and celebrations. They grow through problem-solving, language development, early numeracy, and creative expression in storytelling, art, and play, while refining movement and coordination skills.
 - They learn with curiosity and perseverance, build relationships, and take on responsibilities with confidence. Structured routines help them feel secure, independent, and connected to family and community.
 - A KG1 child begins their learning journey with excitement, confidence, and a strong sense of identity, laying the foundation for lifelong growth.
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KG2 (Ages 5-6)

- A KG2 child in the UAE is curious, resilient, and proud of their culture. They thrive in an environment that builds identity, language, and a love of learning.
- They grow independent and socially aware, forming relationships, developing empathy, and taking on responsibilities. They embrace their Emirati identity, recognizing national symbols, participating in traditions, and expressing pride in their heritage.
- They use Arabic confidently in conversation, storytelling, and writing, and enjoy exploring both Arabic and global literature. They begin reading with greater fluency, writing simple sentences, and expressing ideas through words and pictures.
- They develop cognitive abilities by exploring ideas, asking questions, and solving problems with creativity and determination. They apply reasoning skills with persistence and take responsibility for their learning.
- They strengthen coordination, agility, and stamina through active play and refine fine motor skills for writing, drawing, and building. Their growing independence and confidence prepare them for a smooth transition to Grade 1.

How We Understand Your Child's Progress

Assessment in Kindergarten is ongoing, meaningful, and part of everyday learning and not something separate or stressful. It helps teachers understand your child's strengths, interests, and areas for growth.

We believe that every child develops at their own pace. That's why we observe children in real situations, talk with them, and collect samples of their work overtime. These moments give us a clear picture of how they are growing; not just academically, but socially, emotionally, and physically too.

Here's what you can expect:

Teachers observe and document your child's learning regularly during play, group work, and routines.

Photos, drawings, writing samples, and conversations may be used to build a portfolio of your child's development.

Progress is tracked using national learning outcomes aligned with the UAE curriculum.

Children are never compared to each other. We focus on individual growth.

Teachers use this information to adjust instruction and provide the right support.

Families receive regular updates through parent meetings, reports, and informal conversations.

We encourage open communication. You are always welcome to ask how your child is doing—and to share what you see at home. Working together helps us support your child in the best possible way.

Updates on Your Child's Learning Journey

We believe in keeping you informed and involved. Here's how we share regular updates about your child's growth and development:

Ongoing Communication

- Informal updates during drop-off and pick-up
- Notes in the communication folder or school platform

Formal Updates

- Mid-term progress check-ins
- End-of-term reports covering academic and developmental progress

Parent-Teacher Meetings

- Scheduled three times a year (beginning, middle, and end of the academic year)
- Additional meetings available upon request

Learning Portfolios

- Samples of work, photos, and teacher observations collected throughout the year
- Show how your child is growing across subjects and skills

Celebrations of Learning

- In-school events where children present their work
- Opportunities for families to see what and how children are learning