



Why choose the Compass Kindy program?

Are you totally confused about when your kids should go to school? Do you ask if they need to go to Kindy or not? Are you getting the information you need to make an informed decision?

Most families are sending their kids to Kindy because they think it's what you should do when they get to Kindy age. The truth is that children must be enrolled in school if they are five or turning five by June 30 of that year.

We have decades of research in child development and neuroscience that tell us that young children learn actively – they have to move, use their senses, get their hands on things, interact with other kids and teachers, create, invent.

— **Professor Nancy Carlsson-Paige, child development expert and author.**

So why do we constantly push our children to attend formal school when they need to be in play-based programs? I think many parents feel that their child will have a better start to their education if they go to school earlier, however, the opposite can be true, especially for boys.

<https://www.maggiedent.com/blog/important-information-re-school-starting-age-wa/>

We should be focusing on 'learning how to learn' within a play-based program. Instead of formal lessons in maths and science, why not learn about nature, animals, and the circle of life? We should be focusing on developing the whole child, body, mind, and spirit as they do in Finland.

Finland is a world-wide leader in education and in this part of the world, children do not receive formal academic instruction until the age of 7 years. This is in line with current brain research, which clearly shows that children are not ready for a world of formal education until that age and learning should be child-centered with play, exploration, and hands-on learning.

We will be focusing on all these important life skills within our 3 plus program. Your child will have access to hands-on learning about the world around them and be surrounded by teachers who are fun-filled and teach with joy. Our program will have broad long-term goals: to promote enthusiastic life-long learners who can think for themselves, work well with others, use their imaginations, and solve problems in creative ways.

Interested????

Childhood is not a race to see how quickly a child can read, write, and count. Childhood is a small window of time to develop at the pace which is right for each individual child.

— **Anonymous**