

READY, SET, LEARN

Dear families:

Welcome to Ready, Set, Learn – a program to help three-year-olds get ready for school.

Learning starts at home, and Ready, Set, Learn is one tool families can use to help children achieve their best. Elementary schools throughout British Columbia have been invited to host Ready, Set, Learn open houses for three-year-olds and their families. As part of this, we're pleased to provide this kit to help you work with your child at home.

Reading is the foundation for every child's success in school and in life, and that's why this kit includes a copy of *Animachines* – a book for young readers. We encourage you to set aside a special time to enjoy this book with your child and talk about the story and pictures.

As well, you have received a copy of *Ready, Set, Learn – Helping your preschooler get ready for school*, filled with easy ways you can help your child get ready for school. Try some of the suggestions at home with your child. Get inspired, and have fun.

Ready, Set, Learn builds on the many reading activities that are already happening in B.C.'s families and communities. This program is just one of the ways we're making B.C. the best-educated, most literate jurisdiction on the continent, and we hope you find this kit helpful.

If you have comments about the Ready, Set, Learn open house you attended, please contact the school principal so your feedback can be included in the school's evaluation for the Ministry of Education.

For more information on how you can help your child, please visit the Achieve BC Website (www.achievebc.ca).

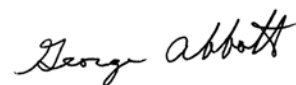
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