



**Starting kindergarten is an exciting milestone for you and your child! Thinking about speech, language, hearing and literacy development is an important part of getting ready for school.**

**When starting kindergarten, most children**

- are understood by others when talking,
- speak in complete sentences,
- have conversations,
- ask questions,
- follow directions about things they cannot see,
- play co-operatively with other children,
- join in when being read to and notice words in books and the environment.



Hearing and vision can change over time! Have your child's hearing and vision checked before school starts, even if they have previously passed screenings. This is especially important if your child

- does not turn towards or respond to sounds,
- often turns up the volume,
- frequently asks you to repeat yourself.

Contact your doctor if you need help finding professionals in your area.

**If you have questions about your child's speech, language, or hearing,**

- contact Grandview Kids right away to access preschool services.

[grandviewkids.ca](http://grandviewkids.ca)

**905-728-1673**

**For more information and resources,**

- check out the [DDSB Speech, Language and Hearing Services](#) page on our website.

