

New Zealand Kindergarten

'Kindergarten' is a school for kids under five in New Zealand. You can find a lot of differences.

You go to college for three years, and after that you work in a kindergarten for two years. Then you can get a license.

You work from eight in the morning until four thirty in the afternoon. You can usually go home around five, but sometimes you work overtime until nine at night. You have a lot of paperwork. Kids stay there from eight forty-five till two forty-five in the afternoon.

◎Goal of Education...Entering elementary school, kids can use pencils or other school supplies. Kids can sit quietly and listen to teachers. Kids have to do everything in school tenderly without help. Kids have to get along well with their friends and stay without their parents. Teachers want kids to grow physically and mentally with their teachers, parents and neighbors.

◎Teachers...A teacher for ten kids

- Age four...Mon • Tue • Thu(8:45~14:45)
- Age three...Wed • Fri(8:45~13:00) Four teachers take care of=40kids

Students who are five or six visit the kindergarten to read books for kids. So they can learn a lot of things, and the teachers have a good time meeting students who graduated a few months ago.

◎Important things when working

- to love kids
- to take care of kids patiently
- to let them grow by letting them do what they like
- to associate with their parents

◎Challenges

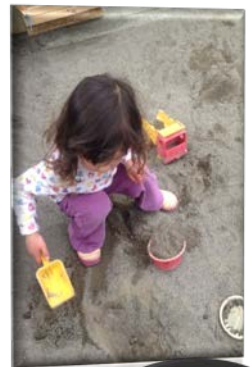
- too much paperwork and very little time to play with kids



Athletic in the garden



Sandbox



A child who plays in a sandbox



Children playing with water