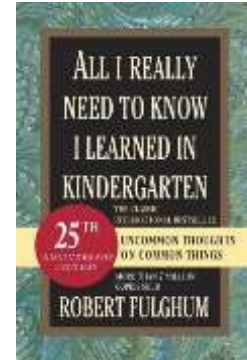


## **ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN**

**“These are the things I learned (in Kindergarten):**



- 1. Share everything.**
- 2. Play fair.**
- 3. Don't hit people.**
- 4. Put things back where you found them.**
- 5. CLEAN UP YOUR OWN MESS.**
- 6. Don't take things that aren't yours.**
- 7. Say you're SORRY when you HURT somebody.**
- 8. Wash your hands before you eat.**
- 9. Flush.**
- 10. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.**
- 11. Live a balanced life - learn some and drink some and draw some and paint some and sing and dance and play and work every day some.**
- 12. Take a nap every afternoon.**
- 13. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.**
- 14. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.**
- 15. Goldfish and hamster and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.**
- 16. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.”**

**Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living.**

**Think what a better world it would be if all - the whole world - had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for**

**a nap. Or if all governments had a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess. And it is still true, no matter how old you are - when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.**



— Robert Fulghum  
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