



Kindergarten Transition

Some important things to keep in mind!

Comfort

Help your child feel comfortable about their new school:

- ❖ Take them to meet their teacher a few weeks before school begins
- ❖ Walk or drive to school several times in advance so your child will know the route
- ❖ Tour the school and locate important places such as the office, nurse's station, library and computer room

Communication

With your child:

- ❖ *Talk about kindergarten and answer your child's questions*
- ❖ *Read books about going to kindergarten*

With your child's kindergarten teacher:

Always tell the teacher of any changes that have happened at home:

- ❖ Personal information such as changes in address or phone number
- ❖ A death of a person or a pet
- ❖ An adult who is new in the home or who has left the home
- ❖ A new baby
- ❖ If your child has witnessed a violent act or verbal disagreement

Commitment

Be a partner in your child's education:

- ❖ Participate in your child's classroom as a volunteer
- ❖ Attend school functions such as "Open House" and Parent/Family Conferences
- ❖ Check your child's backpack daily. Read all notes. Help your child with their homework
- ❖ **READ TO YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY!**

And most importantly!

Before sending your child to school:

1. Make sure your child has had plenty of rest
2. Make sure your child has eaten a healthy meal
3. Make sure your child is not ill
4. Make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and for play
5. Be prompt taking your child to school and picking up your child from school