Wondering About ...

Kindergarten Transition

Entering kindergarten is an important step in the life of a young child and their family. These resources will provide some ideas for making this a smooth transition full of excitement.

Transitions to Kindergarten.


http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/teaching/center/transition

This 6 minute video will help you appreciate your child’s view of going to kindergarten. You can help provide a smooth transition by collaborating with the teachers and addressing some of your child’s fears and confusion.

Transitioning to Kindergarten.

National Association for the Education of Young Children. NAEYC for Families.


This article gives concrete suggestions of things parents can do to help their child before kindergarten starts. Links to other resources such as the video “I’m Ready for Kindergarten” and the articles, “Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten?” and “Saying Goodbye to Preschool and Hello to Kindergarten” are also helpful.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten.

Illinois Early Learning Project.

http://illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets/readykindergarten.htm

This website (also available in Spanish and Polish) helps parents understand the expectations of kindergarten and how to best prepare their child.

Paving the Way to Kindergarten for Young Children with Disabilities.

National Association for the Education of Young Children.

http://journal.naeyc.org/btj/200503/04fenlon.pdf

This article from “Beyond the Journal - Young Children on the Web” addresses many of the issues surrounding the transition to kindergarten for children with disabilities.