



## Successful Transitions

Tips for helping a child transition to kindergarten:

- Allow children to express their feelings about the upcoming transitions through activities such as writing and illustrating a class book about going to kindergarten. Ask them what they think it will be like.
- Provide opportunities to visit the kindergarten classroom throughout the year and engage in joint activities.
- Share kindergarten readiness information with families (e.g., importance of daily reading, practicing self-help skills and early bedtimes).
- Provide open houses, orientations and school visits for families.
- Individual Education Program (IEP) teams should address a smooth kindergarten transition in the child's plan.

## Definition

Ongoing communication between preschool and kindergarten teachers (and primary teachers) lets parents know that staff members are dedicated to helping their child be ready for the next step. Successful transition teams have joint opportunities to plan together, share information and network.



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Try the K-W-L format when talking to children about the transition: what we **Know**, **Want** to know and what we have **Learned**