

Transition Prekindergarten to Kindergarten Suggestions for Transition Plan Sample

Pre-Kindergarten Teacher _____ School _____

Kindergarten Teacher _____ School _____

Teachers may discuss options for the transition plan and choose ideas from this list or others to include in their plan.

August-October

- Ask parents at registration to identify the school they think their child will attend for kindergarten.
- Send letters to kindergarten teachers inviting them to be involved in the plan for transition from prekindergarten to kindergarten.
- Discuss possible activities for kindergarten and prekindergarten classrooms to share.
- Plan weekly activities for prekindergarten and kindergarten children to spend time together getting to know each other as well as getting to know the teachers
- Plan family nights together with prekindergarten and kindergarten families. (Fall party, holiday meeting, etc.)
- Invite kindergarten teachers to spend one day each month in prekindergarten and the prekindergarten teacher may visit kindergarten on that day.

November -January

- Prekindergarten teachers and kindergarten teacher meet to discuss expectations for children going into kindergarten.
 - What do kindergarten teachers expect
 - What do prekindergarten teachers think the child needs to know?

- Compare expectations and create an appropriate list of expectations agreeable to both teachers and aligned with the Illinois Early Learning Standards and the Illinois Early Learning Standards Kindergarten.
- Prekindergarten teachers and kindergarten teachers discuss philosophies for teaching and learning in early childhood.
- Prekindergarten teachers may invite kindergarten teachers to join them for professional development opportunities appropriate for early childhood teachers.

February-April

- Begin preparing a small portfolio for each child to send to the kindergarten teacher.
(You would not need to send the child's entire portfolio.)
- Ask kindergarten teachers to talk to parents about Kindergarten screening.
- Share information with parents on Kindergarten screening dates and locations.
- Play school in a center in the prekindergarten classroom.
- Pretend the classroom is a kindergarten. Let the children act out what they think kindergarten will be like.

May

- Ask parents to clarify where their child will be going to kindergarten in case this has changed.
- Be sure that each parent has all pertinent information for registering their child at their school of choice