

Example School of the Parish Transition Plan Pre-K to Kindergarten

Spring of preceding year of Kindergarten

- During pre-registration parents are given a supply list and general information about Kindergarten
- Pre-K students visit Kindergarten classes
- Pre-K students mix with Kindergarten teachers every morning at breakfast
- Pre-K parents are given a checklist of things that their child should know before Kindergarten
- Parents are informed that the DSC test that the students take are the same in Kindergarten
- Field trips are taken with the Kindergarten to acclimate them
- Parents are reassured at parent/teacher nights and conferences how good our kindergarten teachers are
- All programs at school are jointly done with the Kindergarten
- Head Start students also come by the school and spend the morning with the students and teachers so that they will know what to expect

August-October

- During registration Kindergarten teachers meet with the parents as they register their students
- A test date is given at registration
- DSC test is given. This is also a time to meet with parents and students before school starts
- The first week of school is testing week. Then the girls come one day and the boys come one day. This helps get students prepared to be in the class together with everyone
- We hold parent nights together with the Pre-k to make it easier
- Kindergarten Newsletters are sent out listing routines and expectations

November-January

- Again we hold programs together during this time
- Pre-k teachers and kindergarten teachers meet to discuss expectations for the children going into Kindergarten
- Pre-k and kindergarten teachers discuss philosophies for teaching and learning in early childhood
- Pre-k and kindergarten teachers join together in professional development and workshops
- Parent conferences to keep parents up to date on levels of achievement

February-April

- Begin preparing pink folders for the students in kindergarten to be passed on
- Pre-k teachers will update their student portfolios
- Pre-k teachers will tell parents about test (DSC) for kindergarten
- Promote the registration that takes place in the summer
- Play school in centers is promoted in the pre-k classes in which they told to pretend that they are kindergarten classes

May

- Ask parents to be sure to be an integral part in registration in the summer, instead of other family members
- Make sure with the parents that the pre-k students are going to attend school here next year
- Be sure to remind parents to have all pertinent information for the registration in August

