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Peters Elementary School (K-2) Transition Plan
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Purpose: The purpose of this plan is to create a seamless transition for students and families entering kindergarten at the Peters Elementary School, as well as second graders exiting to attend Slatington Elementary School as third graders.

Action Steps

Pre-Kindergarten into Kindergarten

- Develop and maintain ongoing partnerships with faculty from the Peters Elementary School, Head Start, and other local Early Childhood Providers. By establishing open communications with these partners, the district obtains vital academic and behavioral information regarding incoming kindergarten students
- Implemented ongoing early intervention meetings with the director of special education and a core team to determine the needs of incoming kindergarten students with disabilities. Beginning in February, individual family meetings are held with a director of special education and the school's psychologists.
- Kindergarten registration is held in April as well as in the summer months. To reach families with young children, announcements are placed on the district's website, in local newspapers, and flyers are distributed at the Slatington Library and other local community organizations.
- During Kindergarten registration, children are administered a School Readiness Screener to determine their need for intervention upon entering Kindergarten. Families also receive a "Bulldog Bag" filled with activities and supplies to promote kindergarten readiness.
- Prior to receiving their class assignment, students will be invited to participate in an optional Kindergarten transition program entitled *KinderQuest*. The program will be held at Peters Elementary School and include activities designed to assess students' preparedness for kindergarten and assist with students' transition to public school.
- During the month of August, family members and their children are invited to attend a Kindergarten orientation night. Students ride the school bus and spend time in their classroom to ease difficult transitions. Parents also have the opportunity to meet the teacher to discuss classroom policies and procedures.
- Implemented a common social-emotional curriculum from Kindergarten to Grade 2 entitled *Second Step* to teach necessary social skills that lead to success in kindergarten.
- Implemented Social Skills groups and SEL instruction through partnerships with district partners, the Centers for Humanistic Change (CHC), and Valley Youth House.
- Kindergarten students are administered the following assessments two or three times per year: DIBELS 8, IXL Math, and the Renaissance Fundamentals assessment. The results from these benchmark assessment tests determine readiness skills and interventions that are needed. Kindergarten and first-grade teachers meet to discuss progress, concerns, etc.

Second Grade into Third Grade

- Before the end of the year, second and third-grade teachers have an opportunity to meet and discuss students' progress and any concerns.
- At the end of the year, second-grade students are provided with a guided tour of Slatington Elementary.
- Throughout the summer, families can schedule a tour of the building as well by contacting the Slatington Elementary School main office (610)767-9821.
- At the beginning of the school year, a third-grade Meet the Teachers night is held. Families can tour the building, meet the teachers, and discuss policies, procedures, etc.