

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.

## Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project (HEIP)

[www.heartland.edu/heip](http://www.heartland.edu/heip)

**The Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project is designed to ensure early childhood professionals have the knowledge and skills required to support the diverse development and learning needs of young children and their families in high-quality, inclusive classroom communities. These resource pages provide a tool for teachers to use to support families faced with questions about early childhood.**

**Transitions to Kindergarten. Transitions from the Children's Perspective video.** Head Start. National Center on Quality Teaching and Learning.

<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.

**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.

**Transitioning to Kindergarten.**

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

<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/child-development/transitioning-kindergarten>

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.

**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.

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