

Transitoning Children to School



Educators help children prepare for school by providing everyday opportunities and experiences...

Encourage Independence

Provide children with opportunities to:

- dress themselves
- toilet independently
- be responsible for their own belongings
- unpack their own lunch
- follow a structured routine
- follow instructions
- practice road safety
- focus and complete small tasks

Develop Social Skills

Provide children with opportunities to:

- follow rules and instructions
- socialise with peers, share and take turns
- play group games
- work out strategies for conflict resolution

Encourage Resilience

Provide children with opportunities to:

- express their thoughts and needs
- work through conflict with friends
- be responsible
- problem solve themselves
- make mistakes

Enhance Language Development

Provide children with opportunities to:

- have conversations about everyday topics
- sing songs together
- make up silly rhymes and poems
- play word games e.g. can you think of an animal that starts with the letter 'A'?
- look and read out signs
- recognise sight words

Promote Conversations

Provide children with opportunities to:

- make everyday things an exploration of language
- have regular conversations with you and encourage them to ask questions
- talk and listen to each other's thoughts and ideas

Encourage Reading

Provide children with opportunities to:

- explore different types of texts every day e.g. stories, poems, factual books, comics
- recognise their names and the sounds the letters in their name make
- explore the storylines of books by trying to guess from the front cover what the story is about

Develop Writing Skills

Provide children with opportunities to:

- use a variety of writing mediums e.g. pencils, crayons, paint, textas
- use correct pencil grip
- play games that strengthen hand muscles e.g. play dough, threading, cutting, drawing
- practice identifying words

Enhance Co-ordination

Provide children with opportunities to:

- practice their hand-eye co-ordination through threading, building with Lego and blocks, cutting, doing puzzles, drawing and using play dough
- Have fun with physical activities such as climbing, skipping, jumping, throwing and catching a ball and running

Develop Mathematical Awareness

Provide children with opportunities to:

- play with numbers e.g. cards, matching games and singing
- identify and recognise numbers in everyday situations

- explore and have fun with measurement e.g. volume, mass, size
- talk about concepts such as above, below, inside, outside, in, out and on