



What Happens in a Transitional Kindergarten Classroom?

In transitional kindergarten, teachers help children develop social skills through activities that build confidence and communication. They also expose children to reading and math in an exciting, interactive way by using educational games to teach children about words and sentences and help them understand mathematical concepts like counting and patterns.

Our Transitional Kindergarten Program is specifically designed to give students the skills they need to excel.

- **Classroom facility and teacher:** Transitional kindergarteners have their own classroom with their own teacher.
- **Length of school day:** Students go to school the same hours as the kindergarten classes daily.
- **Learning environment:** They learn by working with the teacher in small and large groups and also have opportunities for independent exploration.
- **Assessments:** Assessments will be used to monitor student progress in early literacy readiness skills and early math skills. Students will receive report cards showing developmental, social and academic progress. Parents will be invited to at least one conference per year with their child's teacher.

"I'm so glad we made the choice to enroll my son in transitional kindergarten. He's very confident in school now and he's excited to learn more."

-Transitional Kindergarten Parent



Why is Transitional Kindergarten Good for Kids?

Transitional kindergarten provides children with an opportunity to learn in an enriching and academically challenging environment that nurtures their growth. Research shows that children who attend kindergarten readiness programs like transitional kindergarten are more likely to do well in school and attend college.

Starting school begins a new chapter in the lives of families and sets the tone for the future. Kindergarten has changed over the years and many of the skills children once learned in first grade are now taught in kindergarten. This makes the transition into kindergarten much more demanding. Transitional Kindergarten helps give young 5 year olds the best start possible!

How Can I Learn More?

To learn more about Transitional Kindergarten call Luther Elementary School 530-695-5450.

Transitional Kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten experience for students who turn five between September 2nd and December 2nd.



Transitional Kindergarten

A strong start for young learners

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What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional kindergarten is a bridge between preschool and kindergarten for children turning 5 years old between September 2nd and December 2nd. It gives young learners a head start and provides them with an opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is tailored to meet their academic and social needs.



Transitional kindergarten:

- Is part of the public school system and is free for families
- Uses a unique, specialized curriculum that is based on the kindergarten standards and is designed to support young 5 year olds
- Is taught by credentialed teachers with extra training to teach young kindergarteners

"Transitional kindergarten gives the gift of time to children who are smart and capable and allows them another year to grow."

- Transitional Kindergarten Teacher

Differences between Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten

Transitional Kindergarten

- Program that blends the California Common Core Standards for kindergarten with research findings on young children's developmental needs which place high value on social skills and integrated instruction
- Creates a bridge to success for kindergarten
- Is the "gift of time" for children to be better prepared for kindergarten and beyond
- Addresses the developmental, social and emotional needs of your children in a hands-on learning environment
- Encourages oral language development which is the foundation for reading success

Kindergarten

- Is based on Common Core Standards for kindergarten with high expectations of mastery

When my child first began transitional kindergarten, he had trouble focusing in class and struggled to write many words. After just a few months, his focus is much better and he is now able to write sentences. "He feels so much more confident now," says his mother. "Transitional kindergarten was a perfect fit for him."

Who Attends Transitional Kindergarten?

A new law was recently passed in California to change the age when children can begin kindergarten. Under this new law, children must turn 5 years old on or before September 1 to enroll in kindergarten. Previously, children could be enrolled in kindergarten if they turned 5 years old by December 2. While this change of a few months may seem small, it can mean a big difference during these early years when children are rapidly growing and developing.

The law also created transitional kindergarten, so the children who will be affected by this change – those with birthdays between September and December – will have an opportunity to continue building their skills and abilities. Their time in transitional kindergarten will help them to succeed in kindergarten, become leaders in the classroom and confidently navigate the school day routine.

Our Transitional Kindergarten Program has proven to be a success!

California's New Kindergarten System: Preparing Children to Succeed

