



Early Learning Centers

TRANSITIONS



Your child is growing up, and it's time to move on up to the next classroom! Although this may seem scary for you and your child, we are here to make the transition as seamless as possible.



In order to help your child feel safe and comfortable in their new room, we will start the transition very slowly and steadily. The week before they are scheduled to move we will take your child and let them visit their new classroom for a couple small increments of the day, slowly expanding the time spent as the week goes by. This way, they are able to get a feel for the new classroom and get to know their new teacher and classmates before jumping right in.



Here are some tips to help your child and ease separations:

Know your child and realize that every child's response is different.

We all want our children to be excited and eager to move to a new classroom and take to their new teacher and classmates right away, but children's responses to transition and separation depend upon their age, temperament, and school experience. It's important to remain patient and understand that your child is making a big change in their life. It may take some time to adjust but we'll work together to get there!

Be positive!

Children have incredible intuitive skills. They are able to sense our anxiety and hesitation and may internalize your feelings. As the first day of their new transition approaches, begin talking to your child about what to expect and any concerns that they may have. Be sure to present their new classroom as a place where they will have new toys, learn new things, and make new friends!

Bring a memory from home.

Little things from home may make your child feel more comfortable. Whether it be a blanket, a stuffed animal, or even a family photo, anything that reminds them of home will help.

Don't be afraid to give us a call!

If your child seems upset when you leave them, it may leave you feeling uneasy or guilty. Just knowing that they are okay can help you settle down and have a good day too. We'll transfer your call to their classroom so you can talk to their teacher one-on-one and hear about how they are adjusting to their new environment. Also, be sure to check in with their teacher when you come to pick up to see how the day went!

