



ADVANTAGES OF A TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM

A Transitional Kindergarten is an early childhood education program that builds a bridge between the preschool years and traditional kindergarten, providing students time to build the necessary social and academic skills for success throughout their school experience.

It is designed for children that miss the birthdate cutoff for kindergarten or for those that need time to develop socially, emotionally or academically. Many parents feel that their children may not be quite ready for the academic rigor of traditional kindergarten. These students often have birthdays in the fall and may still be developing the skills they need for academic work.

Academic readiness occurs at different times in different children. Parents who access the transitional kindergarten program, giving their children two years in kindergarten, will find them well prepared for first grade and the rest of their academic career. The program will more resemble kindergarten, but will include developmentally appropriate elements of preschool.

In Transitional Kindergarten, students learn the foundational skills and concepts of reading and English language arts, mathematics, history-social science, and science. This critical year is designed to set them on a path to becoming lifelong learners, fluent readers, effective communicators, both orally and in writing, to compute and problem solve, and to make sense of the larger world.

Transitional Kindergarten curriculum includes a focused instruction in literacy and numeracy with a strong emphasis on self-regulation and social engagement. This program builds the necessary social and academic skills for school success. Research demonstrates that early education helps children develop the academic, social, and emotional skills to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

Children learn how to wait their turn, share, and play with others. Most learning is done through hands-on activities. These programs are fun, and children tend to fall in love with school, which is not always the story when regular kindergarten academics may keep them at their desks doing worksheets.

Transitional Kindergarten classes take advantage of a crucial time period where children learn and grow the most in the areas of language, cognitive development and motor skills. With an early learning program, parents can have the confidence that their children will enter into kindergarten with the maturity and confidence they need to succeed.