

**Transition from PRIDE to
Kindergarten – what does that mean?**

This is a milestone!

- Congratulations to your child and family on this next major step in their education!
- It is understandable to feel nervous with the adjustment, so we are here to ease your concerns.
- Feel free to ask questions at any point!

Kindergarten - what does that look like?

- Emphasis is on building peer relationships
 - Facilitated through play
 - Working together at table
 - Partner work for learning
- Lots of language, exploring and creativity
- This is not so different from PRIDE!

How is this different from PRIDE?

- Home/School Communication will look slightly different
 - E-mails, notes home from school, teacher pages
- Emphasis on student-skills
 - Sitting on the rug for whole group instruction
 - Working independently at the tables
- Transportation
- Length of day
- Different Child Study Team members for support (if BHE is not home school)

Supports

- Teacher support
- Classroom aide support
 - Additional support based on student needs (i.e. Therapists)

Odds and Ends...

Lunch:

Pack all together, including water bottle

Easy open containers, packages (put a small slit)

Utensils

Napkins

Clothing:

Practical, easy on/off

Jacket, go out when chilly

Sneakers, outside everyday

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Self-help skills:

Unpacking

Cleaning up

Advocating for themselves\

Playground:

Visit new school to become comfortable

May meet new students and families

Odds and Ends...

Routine/Hours:

Longer day for most, get used to earlier bedtime, start new routine a few weeks before September

Homework – work with them, don't do it for them. Teachers need to know what the children know

Concerns?

Questions??