



What Happens in an ILCS Transitional Kindergarten Classroom?

- Social & Emotional Skills
- Phonemic Awareness
- Letter Sounds & Recognition
- Counting & Recognizing Numbers **1-20**
- Shapes & Other Math Skills
- Balance between hands-on learning activities and academics
- Gardening
- Purposeful Play
- Fine & Gross Motor Skills



"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."

-ILCS TK 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.

Parents all over California recognize the benefits of transitional kindergarten, and many parents have already been enrolling their children in similar programs, public and private, for years. Offering transitional kindergarten will help all of our kids get the best start possible, with curriculum that is designed just for them.

How Can I Learn More?

To learn more about transitional kindergarten at our school call:

909-446-1100 ext. 201

For answers to some frequently asked questions on transitional kindergarten, visit:

www.tkcalifornia.org



Transitional Kindergarten

A strong start for young learners





What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional kindergarten is a bridge between preschool and kindergarten for children turning 5 years old between **July 1st** 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.

Starting school is a very exciting time for children and their families! It begins a new chapter in their lives and sets the tone for children's future. But California's kindergarten standards and curriculum have changed over the years, and many of the skills children were once taught in first grade are now expected in kindergarten. This can make the transition into kindergarten difficult for some children, and the youngest children entering the kindergarten classroom often struggle to adjust.

California's New Kindergarten System: Preparing Children to Succeed

CHILDREN ENTERING K-12 SYSTEM IN FALL



Transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two year kindergarten experience for those students who are born between September and December.

Transitional kindergarten:

- Is part of the public school system and is tuition free
- 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 in early childhood development

The good news is that a transitional kindergarten, gives children an opportunity to learn in a hands-on, interactive way that supports their development, while still maintaining the rigor and high standards of kindergarten.

In our district and throughout the state, transitional kindergarten will be offered to children turning 5 years old between July 1st and December 2nd to give them an opportunity develop the social and academic skills and the confidence that will help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

Sign up today by calling 909-446-1100 ext 201. Space is limited.

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

-Karyn Mullin Transitional Kindergarten Teacher

"I loved being able to have my son in TK. I knew that he knew enough knowledge to go right into kindergarten, but I was worried if he was ready socially and emotionally. I wasn't sure what to expect as far as how much he would learn, but it blew me away how much he has grown in all areas. It was the perfect choice for my son, and I'm so glad he has had this year to prepare him for kindergarten."

-ILCS TK Parent