

Early Childhood Learning Center

Where 'Little' is Great!

Supporting a Smooth Transition to TK or K

Prepared by IUSD's Pre-K – K Articulation Team

Known Information:

- TK and K is not required by the California Education Code, therefore there is no entrance criteria for public TK or K
- There will be a wide range of development in a TK and K class
- It takes 6-8 weeks for a child to transition to a new environment
- Children entering TK or K have not had much experience learning in large groups
- Students are not expected demonstrate ALL of the following skills

Preschool, TK and K teachers who work in IUSD and in schools within the City of Irvine (general education & special education) collaborated to create a list of skills that will support a smooth transition from preschool to TK or K.

Ability to:

- Self-regulate (regulate emotions)
- Conduct hygiene routines and self-help skills independently
- Separate from parent
- Initiate conversation & engage in conversational exchanges with peers
- Solve problems
- Be flexible with change
- Be self-directed
- Demonstrate empathy
- Keep hands to self
- Follow adult directions
- Play with peers respectfully
- Pay attention to non-preferred tasks for 5-10 minutes
- Express wants and needs
- Have an awareness of others
- Be able to write their first name (in any form: i.e. upper/lower case/large print)
- Use a functional grasp
- Identify *some* letters, sounds, numbers, shapes and colors
- Recite *some* numbers
- Understand a book and its function
- Use scissors
- Stay safe



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