

Pre-K and Kindergarten Transition Resources

- Helpful links to help with school transitions -

Do you have a child turning 4 by August 31st?

Turning four is an important time in your child's life! Learn what a joy it is to be four and how you can support your child [here](#).

Here is a [YouTube video](#) about what families can help children learn during the Pre-K year to support success upon kindergarten entrance. The YouTube video references a print guide, [Let's Get Ready!](#) which is also available in Spanish: [Preparamonos!](#) The Guide suggests activities to do throughout the four-year-old year.

What should children know and be able to do during the year prior to kindergarten? [I Can Statements](#) describes the kinds of skills children are developing as they prepare for school success

[Play to Read](#) is a collection of activities to do with children during the preschool years to support brain growth and language development!

[Literacy at Home](#) provides digital activities to support all the skills that prepare children to be ready to learn to read upon school entrance.

[Early Learning](#) information for families from the NC Department of Public Instruction.

Being a parent is the hardest job in the world! Want to learn more about parenting? Contact the [Parent Support Team!](#)

Would you like to work with a Parents as Teachers educator? Click [here](#) to learn more.

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What can I do to support my child when something overwhelming is going on? PBS [Arthur](#) has ideas! Try these Ready Reset short videos for brief strategies to hit the reset button and take a brain break! (Coming soon!)

Do you have a child who is starting Kindergarten this year?

Going to Kindergarten is an exciting step! Catawba County Partnership for Children has created suggestions to set your child off on the right foot! [English](#) [Spanish](#)

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) provides the following resources for families: [Let's Get Ready!](#) [Preparamonos!](#)

Learn what families can do the year leading up to kindergarten enrollment in: [I Can Statements](#), a document that describes the kinds of skills children are developing as they prepare for and progress through the beginning of the kindergarten year.

Families play an important role in preparing a child for kindergarten. Families are the first, most important, and life-long teachers for their children. Check out these resources:

[Read Aloud with Your Child](#)

[Spending Quality Time with Your Child](#)

[Literacy at Home during Kindergarten](#)

Information about [Kindergarten Registration](#)

At the beginning of the kindergarten year, your child's teacher will observe what your child knows and how your child learns. This [document](#) shares more about this process, called [NC-ELI](#) (NC Early Learning Inventory).

During the kindergarten year, your child should be actively engaged in learning, usually through teacher designed activities that look like "play." Five-year-olds, are not ready to sit for long periods of time but should be up and moving about as they learn, often in "learning centers." For more information about what centers you might see in the classroom and what children learn in each center, click [here](#).

[Parents' Corner](#) Information for families from DPI.

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Questions? Call the Children's Resource Center at 828-695-6565



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