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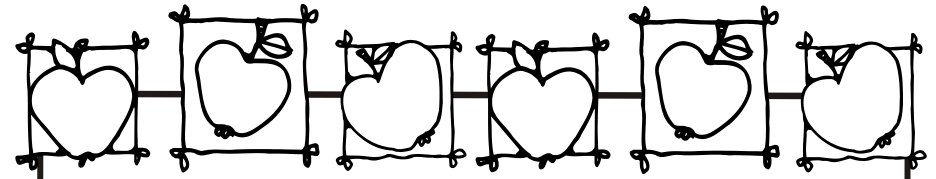
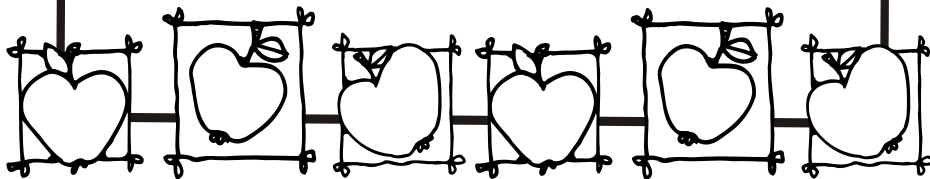
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**TRANSITIONAL  
KINDERGARTEN\***

*A Two-Year Kindergarten Experience*

**FOR CHILDREN WHO TURN  
FIVE BETWEEN  
SEPTEMBER 2 – DECEMBER 2**



**\*Formerly known as Preppie Kindergarten or Preppie K in WSD**

### **WHAT IS A TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN?**

Transitional Kindergarten (sometimes called TK) is intended for students who turn five between September 1 and December 2. It is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program designed to prime young kindergartners for school success.

The *Kindergarten Readiness Act* was recently passed in California to change the age when children can begin Academic Kindergarten. Under this new law, children must turn five years old on or before September 1 to enroll in Academic Kindergarten.

Transitional Kindergarten gives young learners the gift of time. Children do best in school when they are given the time to develop and grow in an appropriate educational setting. This program provides children with a stimulating environment which fosters physical, social-emotional and intellectual development. The Transitional Kindergarten program provides students with a strong educational foundation. This class is taught by a credentialed teacher, implementing the kindergarten curriculum with a developmental focus. This class is the first year of a two-year kindergarten experience.

### **HOW IS THIS PROGRAM DIFFERENT THAN A ONE-YEAR KINDERGARTEN?**

This program is designed to offer students a developmentally enriched educational experience by implementing the kindergarten curriculum over a two-year period. The Transitional Kindergarten experience results in a seamless transition to Academic Kindergarten.

### **WHAT ARE THE TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN HOURS?**

Transitional Kindergarten is a full-day kindergarten program, with a small student to teacher ratio. The hours will be the same as the Academic Kindergarten classes at the elementary school site.

### **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN?**

Students who complete Transitional Kindergarten continue on to Academic Kindergarten the following school year.

### **WHERE IS TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN OFFERED?**

The Westminster School District currently offers Transitional Kindergarten at 11 of its elementary school sites: Anderson, Clegg, DeMille, Eastwood, Finley, Fryberger, Hayden, Meairs, Schmitt, Schroeder, and Willmore.

### **HOW WILL THIS PROGRAM PREPARE CHILDREN?**

The Transitional Kindergarten program is designed to help children accomplish the following:

- Build confidence
- Develop small motor skills needed for writing
- Foster large motor skills needed for balance
- Enhance student skills such as sitting, listening, following directions
- Promote vocabulary enrichment and memory skills
- Facilitate social interaction and encourages problem solving
- Children will experience school success from the beginning

### **WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN?**

To register for Transitional Kindergarten, you will obtain a kindergarten registration packet from your home school. Fill out the forms entirely and return them to the school office of your home school. If your home school does not have a Transitional Kindergarten class on site, the staff will help get your child placed at a nearby school site that does have TK.

### **WHAT IF I LIVE OUTSIDE OF THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES?**

If you are interested in Transitional Kindergarten and you do not live within the Westminster School District boundaries, you may be able to obtain an inter-district transfer to have your child attend class in WSD. For more information, contact Human Resources at (714) 894-7311.



For more information about  
Transitional Kindergarten,  
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