



Helping Your Child Transition to the Next Classroom at The Pillars

At The Pillars, we ensure that every child is prepared for advancement to the next classroom by addressing their individual needs for growth and development. Each classroom is designed specifically for the age group it serves, allowing teachers to focus on what each child is ready to learn.

Your child's teacher closely monitors their growth and development to determine the right time for transitioning to the next classroom. When the time comes, we are confident your child will be developmentally ready for the move.

What to Expect During the Transition Process

- The Director will inform you well in advance when your child is ready to transition.
- You will have the opportunity to meet with the new teacher, discuss the transition process, ask questions, and tour the new classroom.
- Your child's current teacher will help prepare them by arranging visits to the new classroom in the weeks leading up to the transition.

We understand that moving to a new classroom can be daunting for both children and parents, as it brings a mix of excitement and apprehension. Rest assured, your child will continue to receive the same love and individual attention in their new environment, supporting their emotional, social, physical, language, and cognitive development.

Every child responds to transitions differently, influenced by their temperament. Sharing insights about your child's temperament with the new teacher can greatly aid in making the transition smooth.

Here are some tips to assist with transitions and separations:

- Understand that each child responds differently based on their age, temperament, and past experiences.
- Approach the transition positively and discuss what to expect with your child beforehand.
- Establish a consistent drop-off routine to ease separations.
- Be attentive to your child's behavior during the adjustment period and offer reassurance and support.
- Bringing familiar items from home, like a blanket or stuffed animal, can provide comfort.
- Stay in touch with the program to check on your child's well-being during the day if needed.

Adapting to transitions and overcoming separation anxiety is a learning process for both children and parents. Remember, settling into a new classroom is an ongoing journey, and each goodbye is followed by a joyful reunion.

Resources to Help Children with Transitions

Goodbye, Friend! Hello, Friend, by Cori Doerrfeld

The Day You Begin, by Jacqueline Woodson

Rosie Goes to Preschool, by Karen Katz

When Sadness Is at Your Door, by Eva Eland

Little Tree, by Loren Long