



Nurturing **SUCCESS**
in the **EARLY YEARS**
through **PLAY** and **IMAGINATION**
toward the **ACHIEVEMENT** of
children's **HOLISTIC** development and
a **HAPPILY EVER AFTER**

NURSERY SCHOOL

GOOD BEGININGS

Child's Name: _____

Date: _____

Preschool has replaced kindergarten as the first school experience for many children; for some, it is also their first experience away from home. The start of Nursery School will be an exciting, but perhaps scary, time for your child as it involves adjusting to new people and surroundings as well as learning to cope with separation from their parents.

To help ease your worries and perhaps those of your child as well, here are some suggestions for making the first day at Nursery School a more positive experience.

1. Visit our Nursery School with your child and arrange to meet the teacher.
2. Talk about school at home. Count down the days with your child until the first day of class, always reminding them of what to expect when they arrive.
3. Read stories about beginning preschool (ie: DW's Guide to Preschool by Mark Tolon Brown, the Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn, or My First Day at Nursery School by Becky Edwards).
4. Upon arrival, give your child a kiss and a hug, reassure them that you will return soon, and say goodbye. If your child is upset, our teachers will comfort them in class.

The following questionnaire will give our teachers the ability to connect more personally with your child and to better understand their individual needs:

Do you anticipate any problems with your child's adjustment in to Nursery School?

When your child is upset, what helps to comfort him/her?

Are there any relevant family concerns that your child's teachers should be aware of?

Does your child have any notable fears?

Does your child have any special needs, disabilities, or developmental concerns?

For how long has your child been toilet-trained? _____

How do they express a need to use the toilet? _____

What are you expectations/hopes/concerns regarding your child's year at Nursery School?

What are your child's special interests, favorite toys, games, and activities?

Students love to tell stories. You could make it easier for us to help them share their news and label their pictures by listing the names of people with whom your child regularly interacts:

Name

Relationship

Other comments?
