



Corning Union Elementary School District

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Preparing Students For Their Future!

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What Is Transition Kindergarten (TK)?

Kindergarten begins an exciting new chapter in the lives of children and their families and sets the tone for children's social and academic future. With the increasingly academic nature of Kindergarten, however, some parents are finding that their children are not quite ready for the pace and rigor of the Kindergarten program. These children quite often have a fall birthday. The Corning Union Elementary School District is pleased to offer a Transition Kindergarten program that will benefit children who need the gift of time to develop socially, emotionally, physically and/or intellectually before entering Kindergarten the following year.

Using California State standards for Kindergarten, teachers implement developmentally appropriate practices to accommodate various learning styles while integrating experiential "hands on" activities in an engaging setting. This program allows students to develop skills and concepts at their own pace and acts as a bridge between a more flexible curriculum and the academic rigor of elementary school.

Transition Kindergarten is a full day program and follows the schedule of Traditional Kindergarten. Enrollment in Transition Kindergarten is voluntary. Parents who are interested in this program for their child may complete a parent request form available at Kindergarten Orientation, the school office, and on the District website. Parent request forms are due at the time of school registration. For more information, please call the CUESD District Office at 824-7700.

How Do You Decide?

As a parent, you know your child best and ultimately will decide whether Transition Kindergarten makes sense for your child. The following are suggestions to help you with your decision.

- ◆ Visit your local school to find out about the Kindergarten programs offered.
- ◆ Attend Kindergarten Orientation and school meetings to learn more.
- ◆ Meet with your child's preschool teacher or caregiver to discuss your child's readiness for Kindergarten.
- ◆ If you have concerns about your child's readiness to enter Kindergarten, consider these questions:
 1. Does my child have a fall birthday?
 2. Does my child appear to be ready for structured academic work?
 3. Would my child benefit from having additional time to develop his/her social and academic skills?
 4. What else would my child be doing if he/she did not attend Kindergarten?
- ◆ Communicate with the school principal, teachers, and support staff. They will answer any questions you may have regarding Transitional Kindergarten options.
- ◆ Whether you request your child to be in Transition Kindergarten or Traditional Kindergarten, approach the beginning of school with enthusiasm, confidence, and reassurance!
- ◆ Participate in your child's educational experience at home and at school. Get involved!