



What Happens in a Transitional Kindergarten Classroom?

In Transitional Kindergarten, teachers help children develop social skills through activities that build confidence and communication. They also expose children to reading and math in an exciting, interactive way by using educational games to teach children about words and sentences and help them understand mathematical concepts like counting and patterns.

Transitional Kindergarten at PVNS

- **Certified Teachers:** Transitional Kindergarten is capped at 14 students with 1 Certified Teacher and an assistant.
- **Length of school day:** Monday -Friday from 9:00am-12:00pm.
- **Shared activities:** They participate in gym each day and music weekly. There are opportunities for large group motor activities with "Creative Movement."
- **Curriculum and learning:** They learn important new skills like sounding 3 letter words and beginning addition skills that build on what they have learned in preschool and help them adjust to the elementary school environment.
- **Learning environment:** They learn by working with the teacher in small and large groups and also have opportunities for independent exploration and play.

"I'm so glad we made the choice to enroll my son in Transitional Kindergarten. He's very confident in school now and he's excited to learn more."

-Transitional Kindergarten Parent



Why is Transitional Kindergarten Good for Kids?

Transitional Kindergarten provides children with an opportunity to learn in an enriching and academically challenging environment that nurtures their growth. Research shows that children who attend kindergarten readiness programs like transitional kindergarten are more likely to do well in school and attend college.

Parents recognize the benefits of Transitional Kindergarten, and many parents have already been enrolling their children in similar programs, public and private, for years. Offering Transitional Kindergarten will help all of our kids get the best start possible, with curriculum that is designed just for them.



Transitional Kindergarten

A strong start for young learners

Penfield Village Nursery School and Transitional Kindergarten



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(585) 381-7300

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What is Taught in Transitional Kindergarten?

Students' time in Transitional Kindergarten will help them to succeed in kindergarten, become leaders in the classroom and confidently navigate the school day routine. Here are just a few of the things they will learn:

- How to be a successful learner in small group and whole group lessons for Math and ELA
- Rhyming
- Upper and lowercase letters
- Letter sounds
- Sequencing
- Printing, pencil grip, scissor skills
- Phonetic Writing
- Concepts of print
- Numbers to 20
- Tens and Ones
- Sorting and classifying
- Beginning addition

What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten is a bridge between preschool and kindergarten for children turning 5 years old between summer and November 30th. It gives young learners a head start and provides them with an opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is tailored to meet their academic and social needs.

Starting school is a very exciting time for children and their families! It begins a new chapter in their lives and sets the tone for children's future. However, NY's kindergarten standards and curriculum have changed over the years, and many of the skills children were once taught in first grade are now expected in kindergarten. This can make the transition into kindergarten difficult for some children, and the youngest children entering the kindergarten classroom often struggle to adjust.

The good news is that Penfield Village offers Transitional Kindergarten, giving children an opportunity to learn in a hands-on, interactive way that supports their development and need to play while still maintaining the rigor and high standards of kindergarten.

In our school, Transitional Kindergarten will be offered to children turning 5 years old between summer and November 30th to give them an opportunity develop the social and academic skills and the confidence that will help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

When Ryan first began Transitional Kindergarten, he had trouble focusing in class and struggled to write many words. After just a few months, Ryan's focus is much better and he is now able to write sentences. "He feels so much more confident now," says his mother, Monica. "Transitional Kindergarten was a perfect fit for him."

Transitional Kindergarten:

- Uses a unique, specialized curriculum that is based on the kindergarten standards and is designed to support young 5 - year- old students.
- Children are bussed to school.
- Is play based while moving toward kindergarten standards.
- Is taught by certified teachers.



"Transitional Kindergarten gives the gift of time to children who are smart and capable but need another year to grow."

- Transitional Kindergarten Teacher