Top 5 Ways to Prepare Your Child for Transitional Kindergarten

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- Read! Read! Read! Read to your child daily to build their vocabulary and prepare them for read-aloud activities in the classroom.

- Talk with your child about starting school and convey your excitement about all the wonderful things they will learn and the fun activities they will enjoy.

- Visit the school with your child and play on the playground so they are familiar, and more comfortable with, the school site.

- Play board games with your child so they can practice taking turns and following directions.

- Work with your child to practice opening and closing their lunch containers, using the bathroom and asking for help when needed.

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