

Welcome to Li'l Peeps Preschool. We are looking forward to getting to know your child and providing exciting educational experiences.

As you begin to prepare your child for school there are many helpful things you as parents can do with your child in the next few weeks. Your cheerful supportive attitude and actions will help your child anticipate going to school with eagerness. Here are some suggestions to help prepare for this transition:

1. Talk about school as a happy place that has special games, books and toys. You will have fun.
2. Explain that at preschool you will be making new friends. You will have fun playing and learning with children your own age.
3. Please don't express your uncertainties to relatives or friends in the presence of your child or within the child's hearing. These comments will send the message that **YOU** are uncertain about preschool, so your child will respond by being worried also.
4. Listen to your child's comments. If he/she expresses fears about going to school, avoid brushing off the comment. A positive understanding response may be, "I know you are wondering about all the new things that will happen at school, we all are a little fearful of new places sometimes." Explain that he/she will become familiar with the daily schedule and will become more comfortable.
5. Plan to go shopping and pick out a new school bag or new clothing especially for school. Say things like, "only big boys and girls go to school, like you, while little brother or sister has to stay home. Comments and activities like these will help your child realize how 'important' school is and that it will be a new, fun adventure.