

# Transitioning...

## Transitions to New Activities Throughout the Day

A child's day is filled with transitions. It is important that we handle these transitions with care and patience. Here are some examples of how we handle transitions within the school day.

- Play the clean-up song.
- Give a time countdown "10 minutes before we clean up to go outside!"
- Sing the marching song, "Let's all march to the carpet for to circle time!"
- Flashing the lights to gain attention and eye contact.
- Count down time (10 minutes, 5 minutes, 1 minute).
- Sing songs that include what you are doing or where you are going.

By preparing the children for what is to come next, and giving them plenty of warning in a consistent way, we are setting them up for success emotionally when transitioning to new activities throughout the day.

*Did you know? These ideas can also be used at home!* 😊

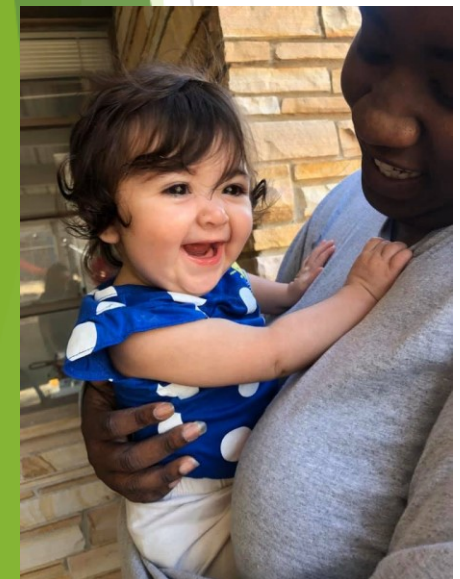
"Children who make a smooth transition and experience early school success tend to maintain higher levels of social competence and academic achievement."

- Alexander & Entiwisle



# Tips for Successful Transitioning

1. Talk about your child's day with them! Where did they get to go (gym, outside, motor room, etc.)
2. Ask them to teach YOU the clean-up song!
3. Fill out any "All About Me" forms that are required for the next room. This way the teacher has all the info needed for your child to have a successful day!
4. Get to know your child's new teacher! Take them to their new class and meet the teacher in front of your child so they know you are both partners in their success!
5. Communicate all allergies and restrictions to your child's new teacher!
6. ALWAYS communicate with your child! Talking about their day builds confidence and helps them understand what to expect every day they are at school!



# Transitions Into the Next Class

Transitions into a new class can be an emotional thing. At Happy Campers we understand that and we understand the need to take things slow so that the child can gain trust in their new teacher(s). We typically plan on a two-week transitional period, but if longer is needed, we will discuss with the parents and make a plan.

We know that all children are different and handle change in their own way!

Patience and gaining trust is key and with this transition schedule, we build upon their time in their new class, so that hopefully by the end of the transition period, they are happy, ready, and excited for their new room!

Monday	9:00- 11:00
Tuesday	9:00- Lunch
Wednesday	9:00- Through Nap
Thursday	9:00- Through PM Snack
Friday	All Day (If they're happy!)

*Transitions, and when they occur, are based on the needs of the school, the child, and the waitlist.*



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