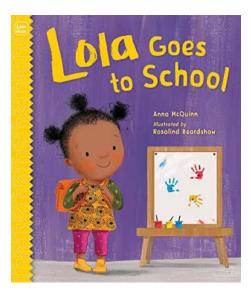


Transition Toolkit Idea #4 Going to a New School

The first day of kindergarten can be a little scary for children...new friends, new places, and new routines. Many children are worried about what they will do in kindergarten. Help your children talk about going to a new school by reading, *Lola Goes to School* by Anna McQuinn. After reading and discussing the book try some of these ideas:

- 1. Have children compare what they do at school with what Lola does at school. Let them help make a list of what Lola did at school and then make a list of they do at school. What is the same? What is different?
- 2. Ask children what they think they will do in kindergarten? How do they think it will be different? How do they think it will be the same?
- 3. Add props to dramatic play to act out going to the first day of kindergarten. Help children act out getting ready for school, meeting the teacher, and making a new friend.
- 4. Have children draw a picture of themselves on the first day of kindergarten. Attach it to the PKP Information Form that will go to the kindergarten teacher. If you need more information, visit www.pkppinellas.com.



Helping children talk about and role play the first day of kindergarten will support children and help them develop confidence as they start this important transition.

Happy Reading!

