



## PST OBSERVATION DAY

Welcome to Preschool Transition! The first day of school is an exciting milestone in your child's life and your child is embarking on a journey that will lead them on many roads of discovery and learning. As wonderful as this new experience may be, sometimes it can be stressful for the young child. For many children this may be their first experience of separation from parents or care givers at home. This is why we like to introduce you and your child to our program together during your day of observation. The observation will take place over an average of 30 minutes of class time. Through our experience we have discovered that children transition best if they leave with their parent on this day. If you decide this program is what you are looking for we encourage you to find one of our highly qualified front desk members, following your trial, so that you may set up a start date and fill out any necessary paperwork.

### HOW TO PREPARE:

Remember the Wondertree Kids staff will be available to provide support and assistance. We encourage you to ask questions.

- Prepare your child for the new school experience by explaining what to expect. Answer all questions directly and honestly.
- Convey a positive attitude. Young children are aware of your feelings. Your enthusiasm will assure the child that school can be a fun and exciting place.

Please arrive early to fill out any paperwork you have not yet turned in. Classroom doors will open 5 minutes prior to the beginning of class. This is a wonderful time to help your child become comfortable with the new setting and for you both to be introduced to the teachers.

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

It is important to keep in mind that we expect children to wander on their first day in our classrooms; they are unaware of expectations and classroom rules. This is common and we have learned that this is a time the child becomes most comfortable with the classroom. With that said, sometimes a parent becoming involved in the classroom activity can motivate a child to join the class. Please feel free to sit with us in circle time and join in during our lesson and art project!

### Observation Day Breakdown:

- Arrive 5 minutes early to class
- Follow your child's pace from a distance. New students don't always follow the routine of the class and we allow for them to be comfortable first and will then set the pace for the day. Once they are comfortable, most students will follow the routine and structure of the class.
- Feel free to ask as many questions to the teachers.
- Understand that some students are new and are still transitioning, some children cry and this is a normal and healthy process and we encourage it!
- Say goodbye to your new friends, exit the classroom and discuss enrollment with front desk staff.

We Look forward to meeting you and your child!