



## Your Child's First Week of School

On the first days of school your child may be tearful and have some misgivings about going to school. This is natural, especially if this is your child's first introduction to a structured learning environment. Our teachers and team have been doing this with many children for many years so trust that we will guide you through this process to make it easy for you and for them. This is an excellent environment for your child to learn and prosper but getting through the first few weeks will certainly be a challenge.

**Day 1:** We encourage you to walk your child to class. When you reach the door, smile, tell your child that you love them and will pick them up later, smile, say good-bye and leave quickly. Lingering creates an uneasy feeling for the child. If you wish to see how they are doing, go back to the lobby where you are able to watch from the TV monitor.

The school's staff will help your child to adjust. Your child will become accustomed to the school so long as he or she does not get a worried reaction from you. All of our caregivers teach children that when mommy and daddy leave, they always come back and you will certainly see a happy child when you pick them up at the end of a fun-filled day.

Feel free to call the school office to find out how your child is doing or you can send an email to check on your child's progress.

**Week 1 - 2:** During the orientation period, (the first few weeks of school), your child will gradually be introduced to the classroom environment. They will be shown where to store work, the bathroom procedure, how to get snack, get a drink and general classroom procedures and rules. They will be making new acquaintances and getting to know the teachers and their friends. It is normal if your child seems unusually tired during this adjustment period, they stay very busy throughout the day.

As the days and weeks progress we trust you will find your child adjusts easily and is eager to see his or her friends as they enter school. If you have any questions or concerns about how they may be adapting, we encourage you to speak with your child's caregivers or the office team as we are here to ensure you and your child feel comfortable and safe at Elements.

We view each of our children as special, unique individuals. We are so glad to have the opportunity to share in your child's growth and development.

Thank you!