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When go to Kindergarten

Welcome Book

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Dear Educators,

This was a book created for educators to give to families in order to help promote the connection between home and school. Educators should replace the photos with pictures of their own classroom and their own children. It is recommended to go in and replace the photos and add parts to this book that relate to your classroom structure and parts of the day that could be different than what is mentioned in the book below. These books are to be given out to families in the first week of kindergarten once photos of all children are acquired to encourage a home/school connection.

For example:

If the children are three and above, a page saying, "If you want to take a break or are feeling sad, you can... (show image of a peaceful relaxation corner where child can sit and read or take a moment)

For children who can use the toilet, it could be important to

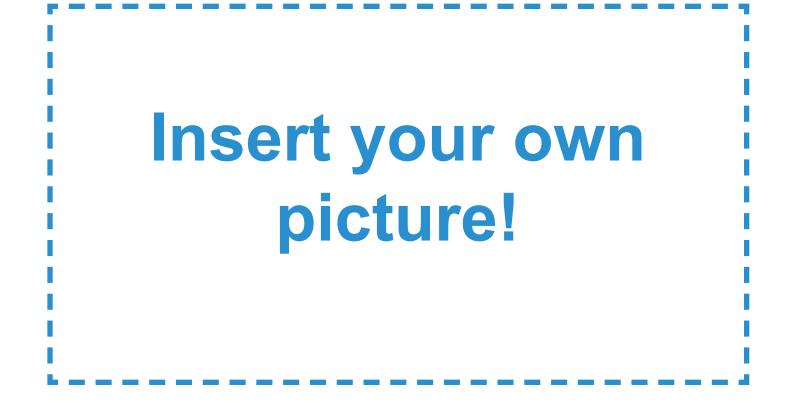
include that they can go to the bathroom and have a photo of the proper place they will use.

If you feel it would be helpful to include a page on being dropped off or being picked up at the end of the day, these are also options to personalize the book for your classroom/kindergarten.

This book can be a huge help for children new to the classroom, and gives them something to be excited about as they read it at home. Reading this with families can encourage positive discussion and language around entering into this new environment. To receive pictures before the children begin, invite families to email them before the school year begins or it also helps to take photos during home visits.

When go to kindergarten!

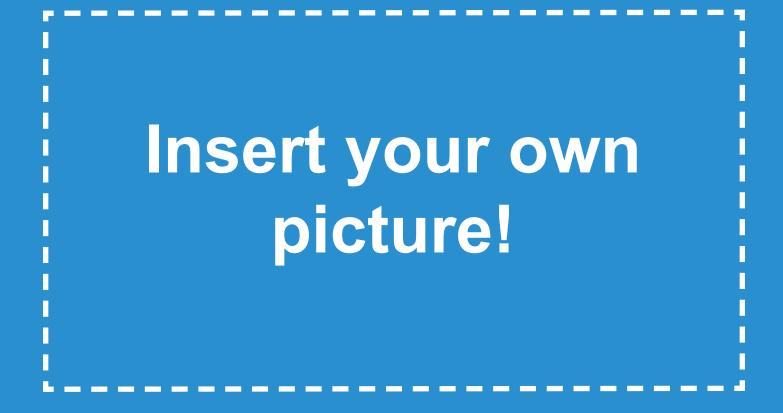
Insert your own picture!



Hey! You're anow! This is your group room!

Tomorrow, you are going to kindergarten to visit your group.

Insert your own picture!



You will get to play with your teachers

You get to see all the children in your class!

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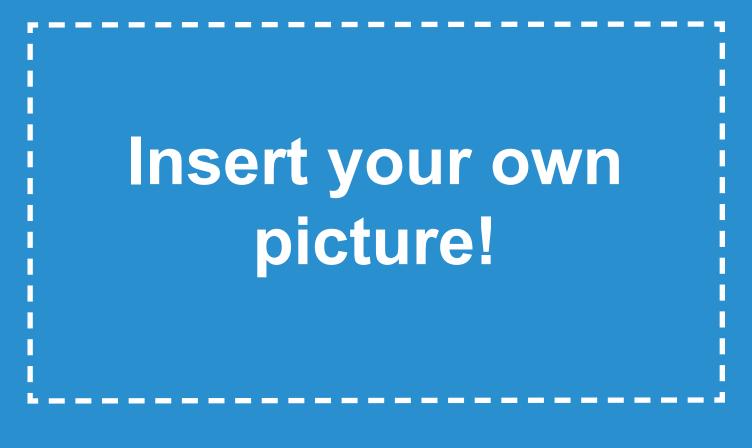


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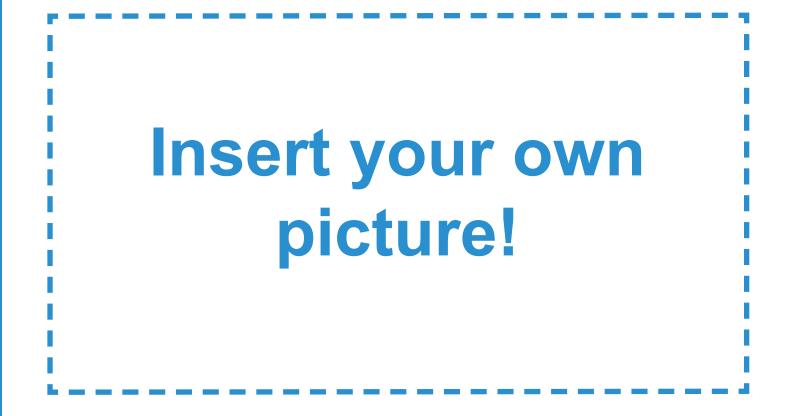
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When you come to kindergarten, and say goodbye to your grown-up, you will play in different areas!

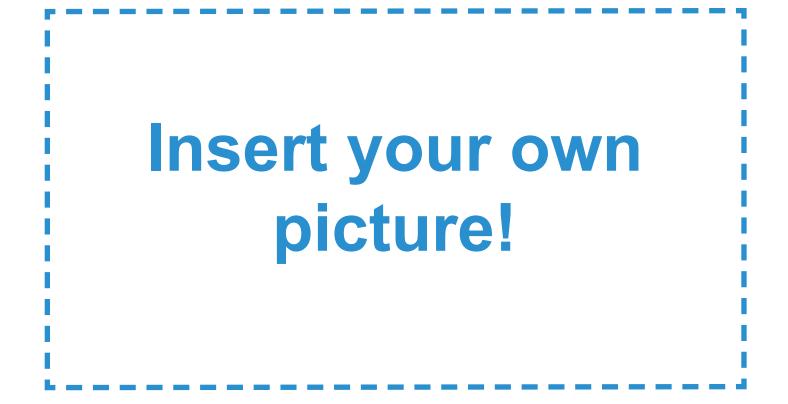


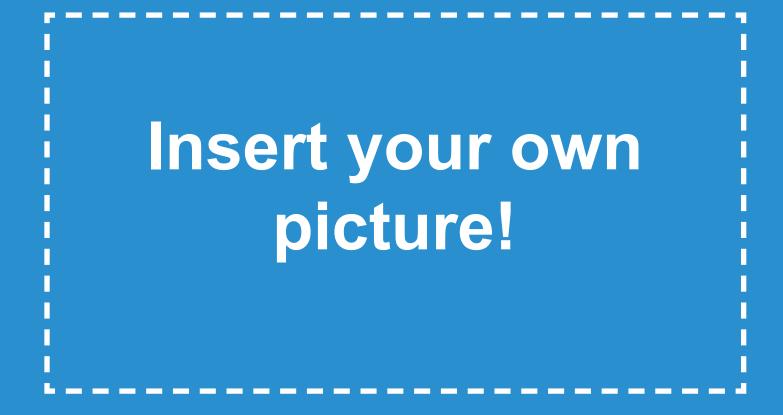
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You can read with others in the library!

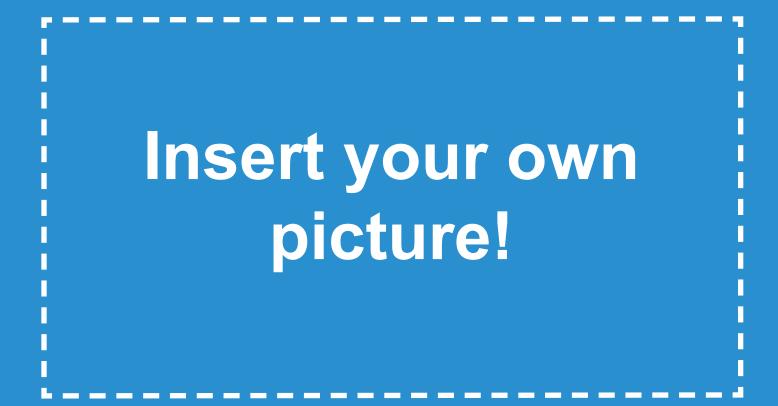
There are always fun art activities at the art table!

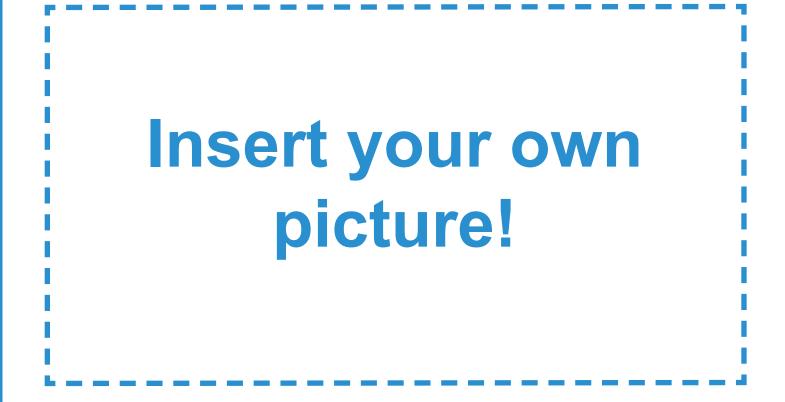




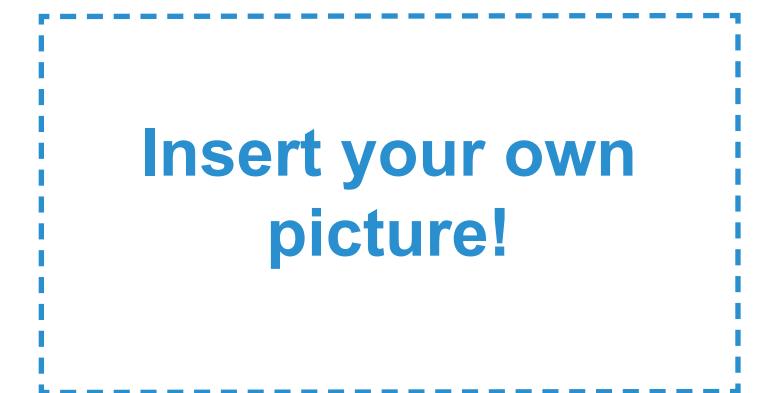
We can pretend to make food in the kitchen!

Or play with toys on the circle rug!





We also get to have snack, lunch and naptime in kindergarten and play games together. At the end of the day, we will sing goodbye and have a dance party while our grown-ups come to pick us up and take us home!



See you next time!



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Children need healthy environments in which to grow, develop, play and learn. Their environments are complex and ever-changing.

The adult can be a role model, providing children with appropriate, healthy options and behaviour in all aspects of life.

This way, educators and families are helping children develop into confident, independent people who have a strong sense of self-efficacy, empathy and are internationally minded.

