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Dear Parents,

What is Transitional-Kindergarten (TK), and why is it different?

This is a question that many people ask when they hear that we have a Transitional-Kindergarten (TK) class. In the TK class, we set our curriculum goals based on both the California Dept. of Education and Early Edge California (formerly Preschool California). Created by the 2010 California law called the Kindergarten Readiness Act and offered across the state, TK is an exciting educational opportunity to prepare children for kindergarten. TK bridges the path between preschool and kindergarten and gives students the opportunity to build a strong foundation for future school success. It blends social and emotional experience with academic learning so that students learn essential pre-literacy, pre-math, and other cognitive skills and develop social and self-regulation skills needed to succeed in school and life.

We also partner with the Lucia Mar School District's SNIPS program for children with special needs. This relationship is fundamental in helping young children make a successful transition from early care and education settings to kindergarten. We adopted two programs into our curriculum, keeping in mind the California Department of Education and Early Edge California guidelines.

- The first program is **Zoo-phonics**. This program is used in several kindergarten classes and is also very exciting for the children. We also focus on developing early literacy skills for reading.
- The second program is **Everyday Math in TK**. This math program uses the calendar, patterning, number recognition, shapes, colors, prediction, simple addition, and subtraction.

The TK program is based on the TK California Department of Education and Early Edge California Guidelines. The children enrolled in our TK program will receive an additional \$25.00 TK Curriculum Fee on their account. According to the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), TK programs are critical to children's long-term success. Experts at NIEER have documented that children enrolled in high-quality TK programs enter kindergarten with better vocabularies and more advanced pre-reading and math skills than children who don't have access to these programs. Keep in mind, however, that children enrolled in TK programs aren't just learning how to recognize letters and numbers; they are also learning critical social skills, problem-solving skills, and the importance of working independently and collectively in the classroom.

We are blessed that you have chosen AGUMCC for your child's TK experience. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and development.

Thank you for choosing our program.

Maddy Quaglino, AGUMCC Director



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TK Curriculum Payment Form

\$25.00

Child's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Parent / Guardian's Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Date received _____ Method of Payment _____ Total Paid _____