

Hidden curriculum

- The unofficial and unintended lessons that students learn in school.

Communication:

- Plays a critical role in social interactions, conversations, and academic behaviour
- Requires the child to pay attention to the person who is speaking and responding to what is asked
- Only type of verbal behaviour that directly benefits the child by giving him things he wants

Play:

- Important for teaching a child to stay on task and provides basis for social behaviour
- Allows child to have productive free time

Social:

- Involves answering peer questions and listening to peers talk
- Seek adult attention and interaction

Classroom Routines:

- Can help establish many important skills, like imitating peers, following group instructions, self help skills and promotes independence
- Helps the child function more independently

To have a successful transition...

Build familiarity:

- Slowly introduce things your child will need and use at school
- Take walks or drive by the school
- Create a social story of a typical school day

Practice:

- Set up a pretend school environment

Organize:

- Create a visual schedule of the morning routine when child goes to school
- Make a plan! How would you like the morning routine to look?

- Visit the school before the first day (if possible)

Preparing for the bus:

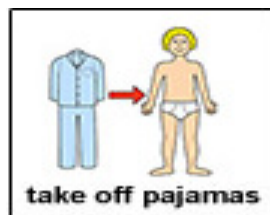
- Create school bus social story or find one online
- If the school offers a trial run, it's a good opportunity to meet the bus driver and take a ride
- Let your child bring a comforting item the first few days
- Create a visual schedule

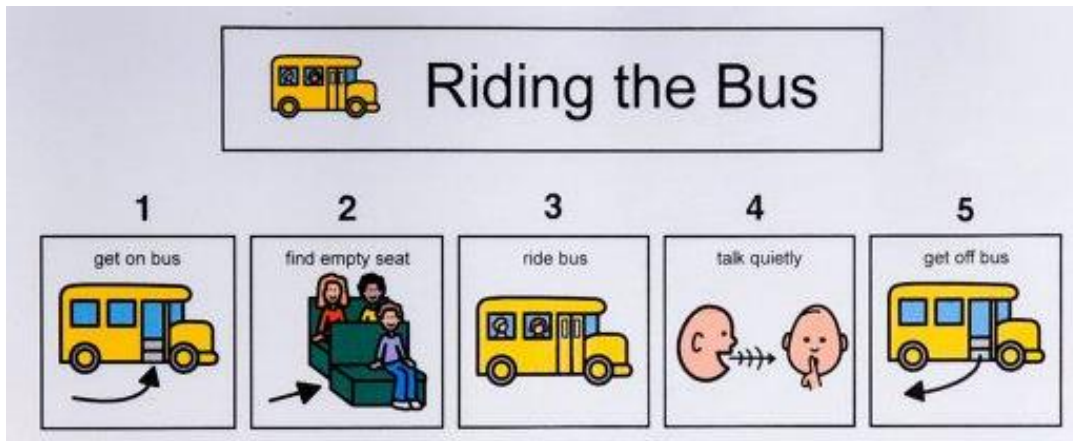
Resources:

How to write social stories <https://www.andnextcomesl.com/2017/03/how-to-write-social-stories.html>

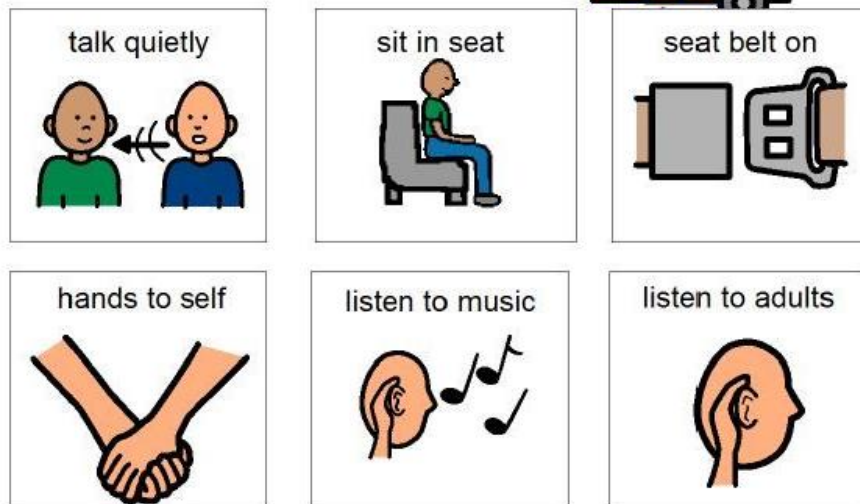
Social story template <https://www.andnextcomesl.com/2018/03/free-social-story-template.html>

Riding the school bus social story [youtube.com/watch?v=CYdPwuW5ddU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CYdPwuW5ddU)





Bus Reminders



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