

# Christine's Chronicles: First Day of Kindergarten



Christine and Luke

I dropped Luke off at school this morning for his first day of kindergarten. Thinking back over the last six months preparing for this, all in all I feel pretty good. We've got a phase-in schedule in place. Luke was able to visit the classroom and meet his teachers and a few of his new classmates. His new IEP team found the transition profile his preschool team and I wrote very helpful. His new teachers made a social story book for him with pictures of his new school and it quickly turned into his new favorite book as we prepared him for today. I spent almost four hours training the new team on how Luke's communication device works and how to encourage Luke to use it in the classroom. The team and I already have a great relationship and I'm happy to report that we've started off working great together.

So with that I'm wrapping up my chronicles on my family's experience with inclusion in early childhood. But expect to hear more from me. I'll discuss other topics like Assistive Technology – why in the world should it take four hours to train educators on my son's device, and at the end of it they still aren't anywhere near proficient. Can we simplify things here? But I'll leave that to another day.

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## Luke's First day

Thank you for sharing this. I will be showing this, as well as discussing this, with a class of undergraduate students who are working toward a career in early childhood education and my class focuses on the child with special needs. This was so timely as we just did a short case study in class

about transitional issues for children and parents of children with special needs and this appeared! As you make more entries we can follow along the progress and challenges both you and Luke may face. Your real life story brings the material from our text alive for the students. My hope is when they are out in the field they will welcome such challenges and work with parents closely to ensure the best possible success.

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## **Luke**

Christine,

Thanks for sharing your family's story with us through the CONNECT module! I appreciate it each time I train and use one of the assets, which is often! Best wishes to Luke for his school career.

Caroline

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Hi Christine,

Your blog made me smile. Thanks for sharing the update.

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Nice post!

It really make me smile lol:

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