

COLABORATION WITH THE KINDERGARTEN

In Slovenia **pre-school institutions are public or private** but they are not obligatory. Therefore not all children that enter first grade have been to kindergarten.

In order to make the transition from kindergarten to the first grade easier for the children, our school **collaborates** with the local kindergarten and organises several **socializing meetings**.

First graders and the pre-school children meet on several occasions.

They attend gym classes, visit the school library, where they listen to stories and they get the first taste of classroom life.

The aim of this collaboration is to **help pre-school** children to a more **smooth and stressless** transition to the first grade.

In these occasions the school teacher gets to know the children before entering primary school and also the pre-school teacher may present some children with special educational needs and advise us (the school teachers). It is always good to know what kind of special educational needs children have. *(c. with mental disability, blind, deaf, children with emotional and behavioural disturbances, long term illnesses...).*

Therefore the collaboration between the kindergarten and the school is very useful and important.

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