

Junior Infants/Term 1/Lesson 8

What we're doing

- **Story:** Mam and Me, Harry's Home
- **Poem:** Our School
- **Song:** Off To School, At Home In School, I Have a Name
- **Conversation:** The relationship between children and their families; leaving home for the first time; starting school
- **Worksheet:** Welcome!
- **Activity:** Welcome Invitation, My Family and Me painting, Getting to know you
- **Quiet time**



At school

1. Listen attentively to the stories.
2. Chatting with teacher and class about their experience of school so far and how it feels to be away from home.
3. Thinking about school as a place to make friends, learn, have fun and be happy.
4. Singing about starting school and the name they were given.

At home

- Talk to your child about their experience of school so far and about school as a place in which they are valued and loved.
- For parents of a faith tradition, talk/pray with your child about schools as a place that reflects human and divine love and care for them.



Why?

To offer an opportunity to celebrate the significant life transition being made by children and parents when children begin school.

Where appropriate and with the help of the family, to appreciate the divine presence in human experience.



When we are away from home we can close our eyes and think of what or who is waiting for us there.

When it is quiet time we sit quiet and still....