Many early childhood educators have found it helpful to use the resources in this toolkit to create an “Early Learning Passport” for each child. The Early Learning Passport is a folder that you create containing checklists, documents and work samples that can be passed on to the child’s kindergarten teacher. There is no “right” way to put an Early Learning Passport together. The important thing is that information about a child’s skills and development is passed on to the kindergarten teacher in a useful and organized way.

To create an Early Learning Passport:

Make a folder for each child. You can have each child decorate the front of his or her folder. Make sure that the folder clearly states the child’s name and date of birth.

Include the following resources from this toolkit:

From the School Readiness section
- Kindergarten Readiness Indicators Checklist, or whatever readiness checklist your program uses. Include information from three times during the school year to show which skills the child has mastered as he or she moved through the pre-kindergarten year.
- Drawing and Writing Sample Templates from three or four times during the school year.

From the Get Ready to Read! section
- What I Learned About This Child From the Get Ready to Read! Screening Tool

From the Parent Resources section
- Getting to Know My Child: A Guide for My Child’s Kindergarten Teacher. You can give this resource to each parent and ask them to fill it out and return it to you. You can also fill it out with each parent during a one-to-one meeting.