



Family Conversation Resource

Move Up Week

THE WIN

Caregivers and kids engaging in a conversation about Move Up Week.

PREPARE FOR THE CONVERSATION(S)

Move Up Week is when Mountain Kids and Students promote kids into their new room or age bracket. During the week of May 18-22 kids will be promoted into their new rooms. It is important to begin to communicate this change with your kid early and often. If we communicate regularly to our kids, he or she will have a smooth transition into their new room.

FAQs

- Why do we Move Up in the spring?
 - The goal is to help transition kids as early as possible so they will be well adjusted to their new room by fall. In addition, we hope our current 5th graders will begin to interact with Students Groups throughout the summer.
- What room will my child move into?
 - The labels printed at the kiosk area will automatically adjust to the new room your child will enter. At some campuses, the room remains the same because of how Mountain Kids is set up.
- What if we are holding our child back in school?
 - Your Kids Pastor would love to have a conversation with you about the best room for your child to attend.
- Where does my current 5th grader go after Move Up Week?
 - Your 5th grader, now 6th grader, will go into service with you. This is a great opportunity for you to share in a worship experience with him or her. Students also have a “BIG” Church Milestone Box available to help your Student stay engaged during service. Grab this box near the Kids Check-In from a member of the Students Team.

DISCUSSION

Families, when kids are questioning and wondering about Move Up Week, one of the best things we can do is to continue the conversation. **YOU** are the best resource for your kids! Below are some discussion questions to use as you continue or start the conversation. Remember, you are the best person to invest spiritually into your child. Keep the conversation going, and know we are here for you!

- What excited you about moving into a new room? What makes you nervous about moving into a new room?
- Share a time when you had a change in your life, whether going to a new school or starting a new job.
- Ask your child any questions they might have about their new room.

TOP DIFFERENCE FOR EACH AGE/ROOM

Moving into the 2's Room

- While in the 2's room kids begin to engage more with activities, crafts, and Bible story time. While most of their time is play, kids are given the chance to worship, hear a Bible story, and complete an activity.

Moving into the 3's, 4's, 5's Room

- While in the 3's, 4's, or 5's rooms kids will participate in large group, small group, and free time. Kids will have more opportunities to engage in activities and crafts.

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Moving into the Elementary Room

- During Elementary programming, kids will begin to be offered communion. Mountain Kids has a Family Conversation Guide available to help walk your child through communion.
- While in the elementary room, kids will have full programming including small group and large group. Mountain Kids uses Orange curriculum in all of our environments.

Moving into Students

- Rising 6th graders will attend service with YOU. This is a great opportunity for you to worship together. Students are encouraged and invited to Students Groups after Move Up Week.
- The Crossing is a milestone moment for current 5th graders to attend with their parents/guardians. Check out all the information on Mountain's website.

ENGAGE TOGETHER

As you are dropping your child off in Mountain Kids, walk past the room your child will be promoted to during Move Up Week.

- Be excited as you point out the room!
- Look for things that might catch your eye that might excite your child about moving into the new room (example: different toys).
- Share what excited you about your child entering the new room.
- If your child has questions about their new room.

PRAY

It's always important to pray over any transition. Spend time praying with your child about the upcoming transition into a new room. Specifically pray over the following:

- Pray your child will feel comfortable and safe in the environment.
- Pray your child will feel welcomed in their new environment.
- Pray your child makes friends in their new environment.
- Pray over the leaders of the new environment.

NEXT STEPS

- Reach out to your Kids Pastor with any questions about Move Up Week.
- Keep communicating about the transition to your child.



For more information, visit MountainCC.org/Kids