

Remember that even if you only lived in a home a few years, to a young child it is nearly their entire lifetime!

Show the children the new home and their new room prior to moving. If this is not possible, pictures or videos will help them visualize their new home.

- ☺ Assure children that you won't forget their friends.
- ☺ Make a scrapbook of the old home and neighborhood.
- ☺ Throw a good-bye party. At the party, have their friends sign a tee shirt.
- ☺ Have your children write good-bye letters and enclose their new address. You may wish to call the other children's parents so they will encourage return letters.
- ☺ When packing, give them their own box. They can decorate it so they know which one it is.
- ☺ If you move far away, buy postcards when you stop so they can remember the trip.
- ☺ When unpacking, allow them to unpack their treasures, then have them play with the boxes while you unpack.
- ☺ Start a scrapbook for their new home. Include a diary of my first ...
- ☺ Visit their new school, park, church, etc. Take a camera.
- ☺ Help your children invite new friends to the house.
- ☺ Let them choose a new favorite restaurant. This will help them feel in control of their new world.
- ☺ Encourage them to send letters to their friends about their new home.