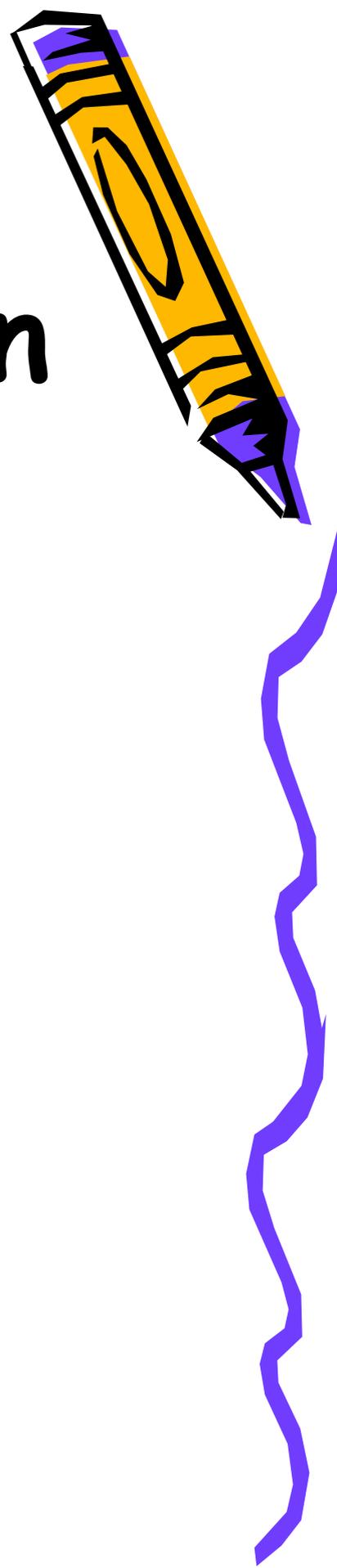


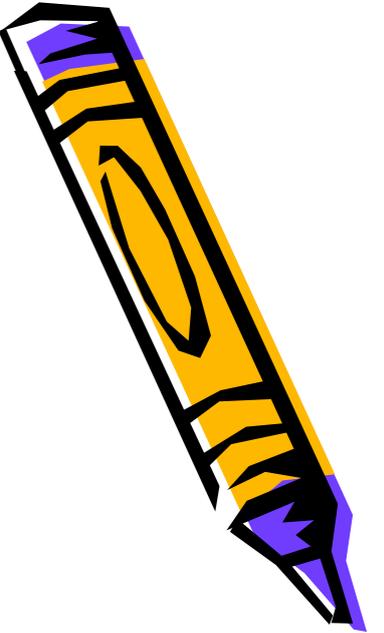
Welcome to Kindergarten

Hamilton-Wenham
Regional School District

March 20, 2018

Buker School
Cutler School
Winthrop School



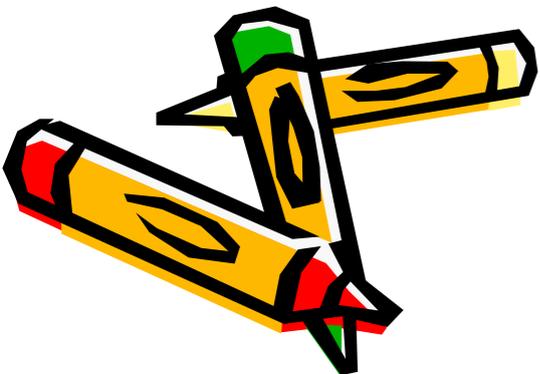
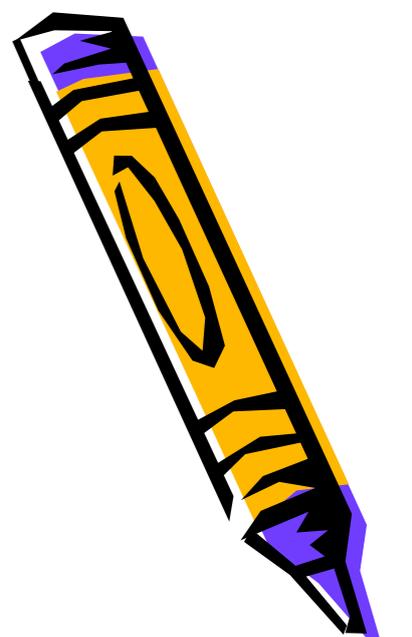


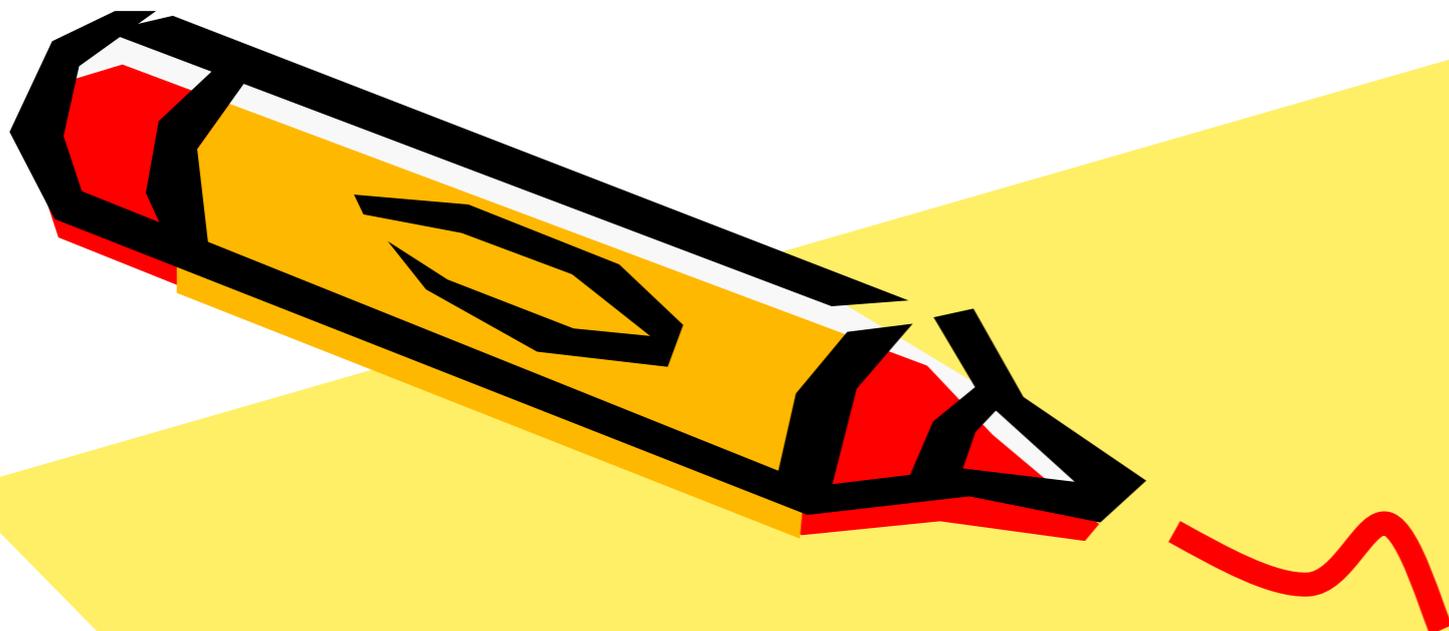
Our goal:

We will work together to nurture confident, cooperative, and independent kindergarten learners.



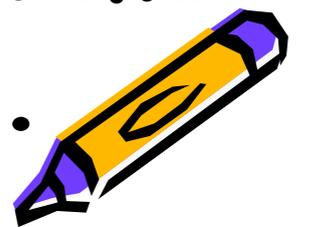
How can I help my child be ready for kindergarten socially and academically?





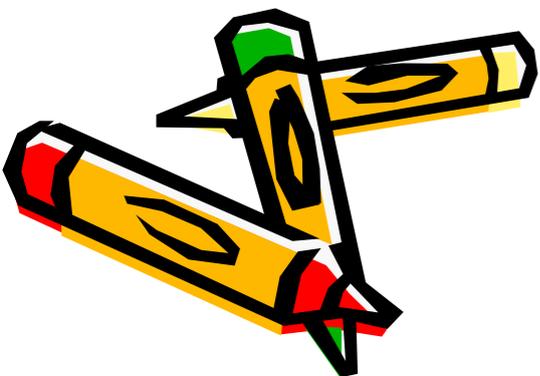
Reading aloud enriches vocabulary, comprehension and the skills required for independent reading.

Mathematics surround our children...take time to count, sort, and estimate together.



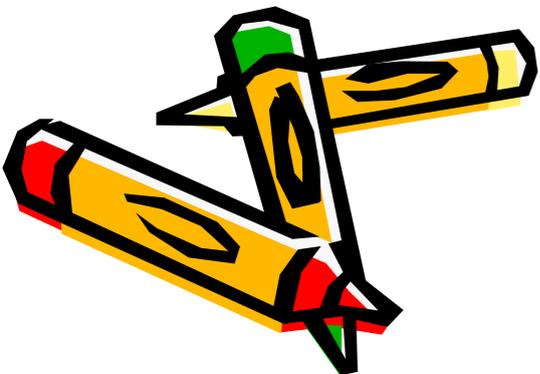
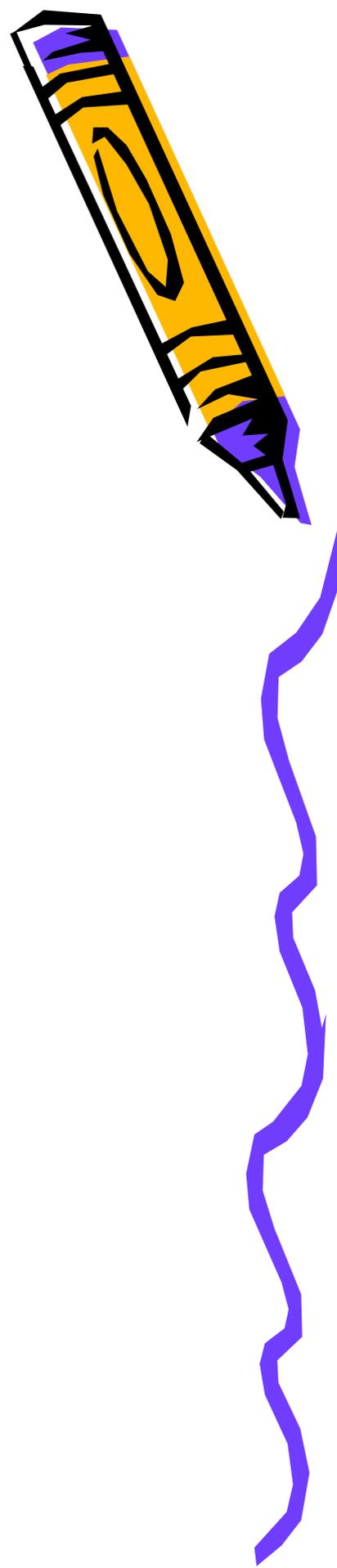
Build your child's social vocabulary.

It is helpful for your child to be equipped with 'feelings' words so that they are able to effectively express their wants and needs.



Consistency is KEY

- Bedtime routines
- Time to rise each morning
- Expectations of behavior
- Eating meals independently
- Helping with family chores



School Assignment

- Families with siblings already attending the school
- Class size
- Geography



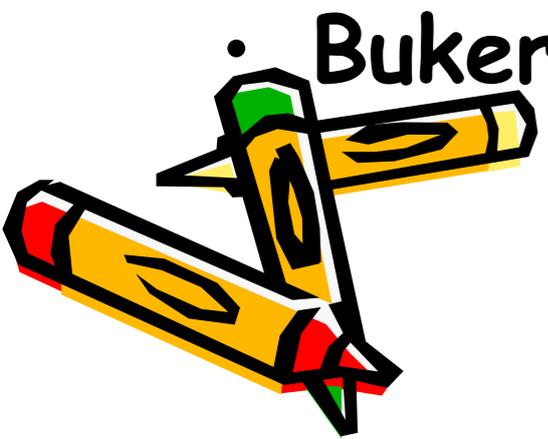
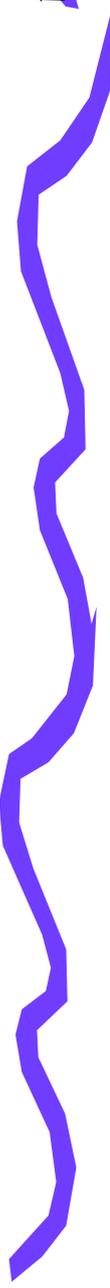
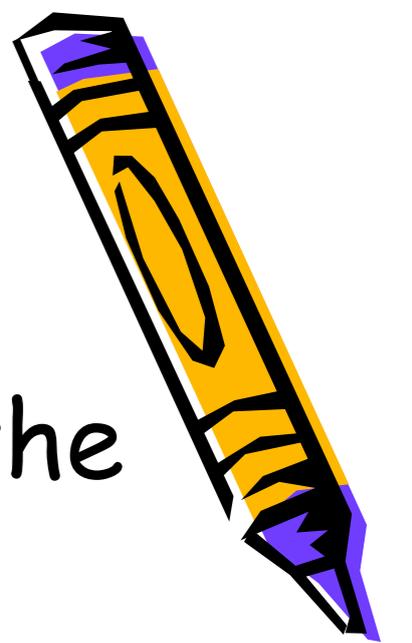
• **Booker**



Cutler



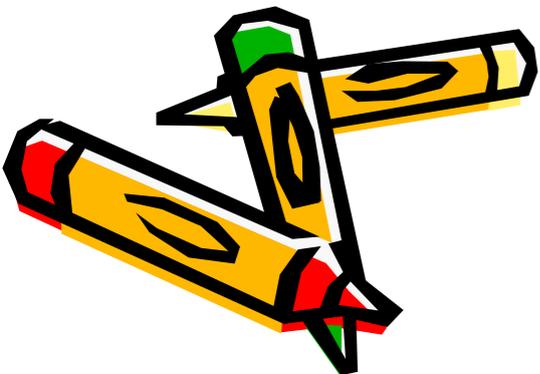
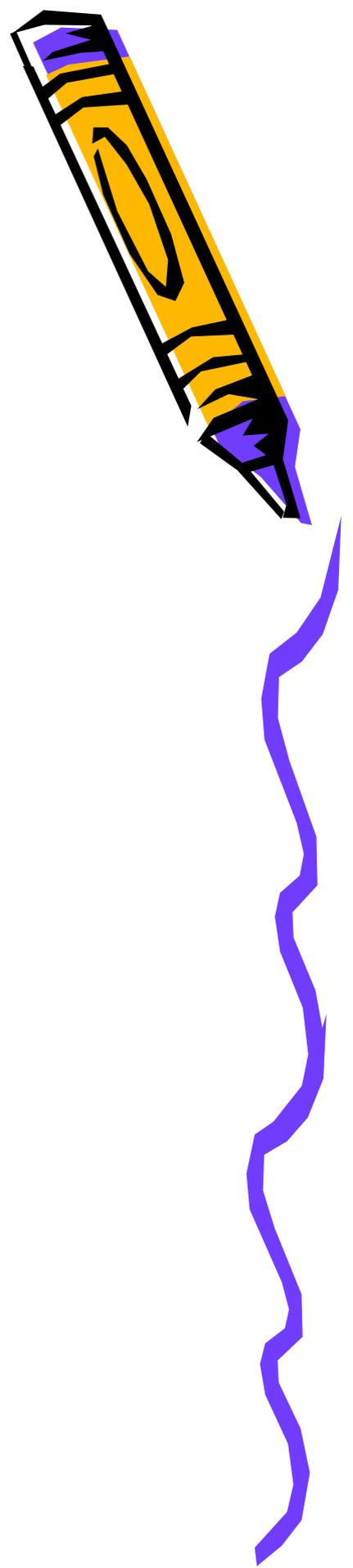
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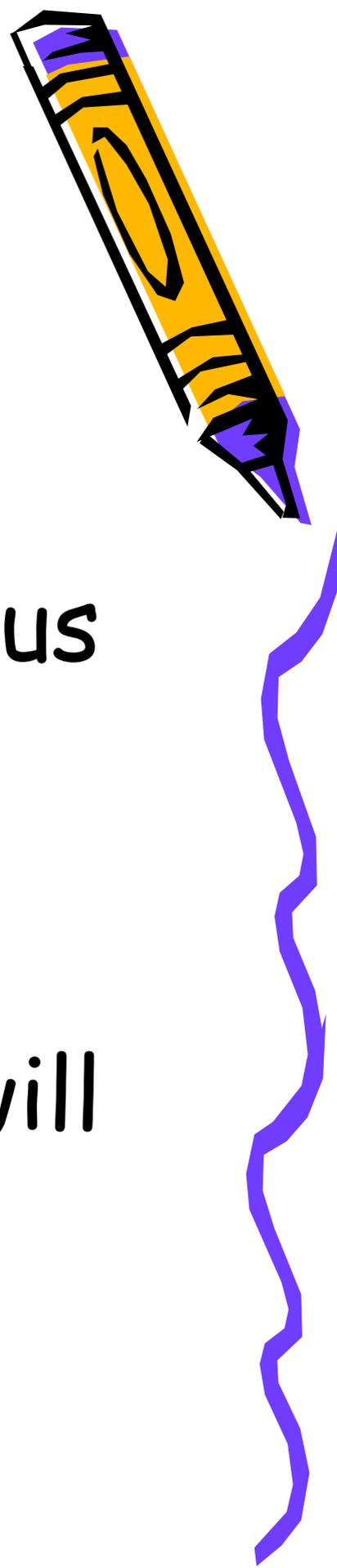
Kindergarten Schedule

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- 8:25am - 2:57pm

- Wednesday
- 8:25am - 12:45pm



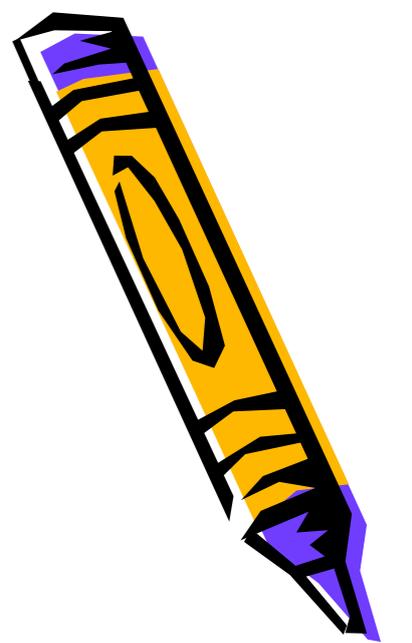
Transportation



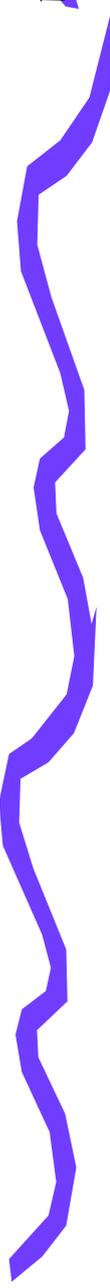
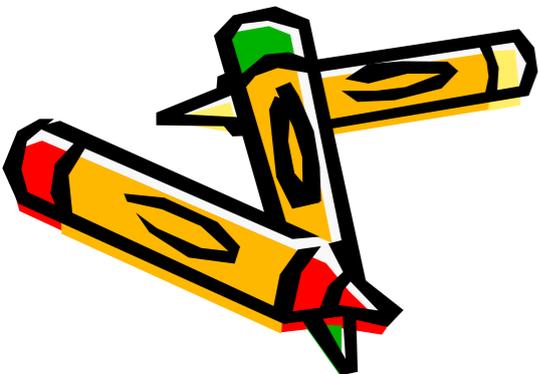
- Students living more than .5 miles from school will be assigned to a bus route.
- Bus routes are set up after school assignments have been made and will be posted by late August.



Bus Guidelines

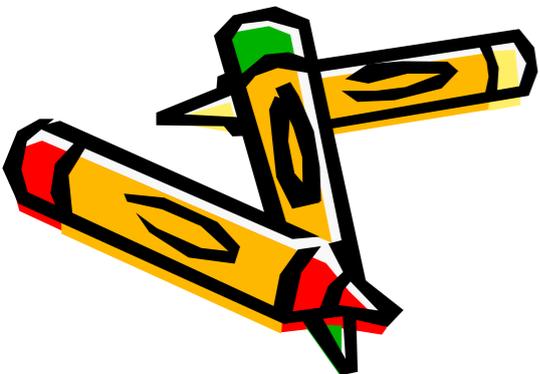


- The bus driver will not release a Kindergarten student off the bus if an approved adult is not at the bus stop. The child will be returned to his or her school and a parent will be contacted for pick up.
- Kindergarten students are assigned to the front seats of the bus.



Transfer Bus

- Students may require transportation provided by our transfer bus system.
- A student riding a transfer bus will stop at one of the other schools and switch buses to complete his/her route to or from school.

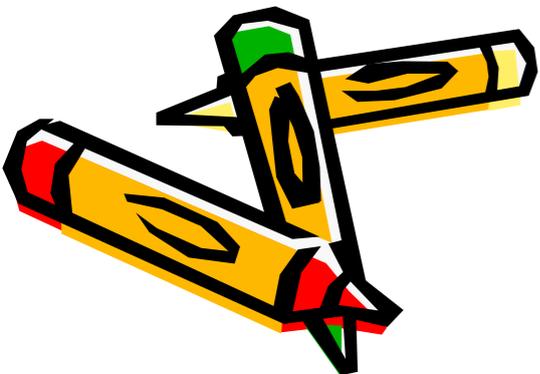
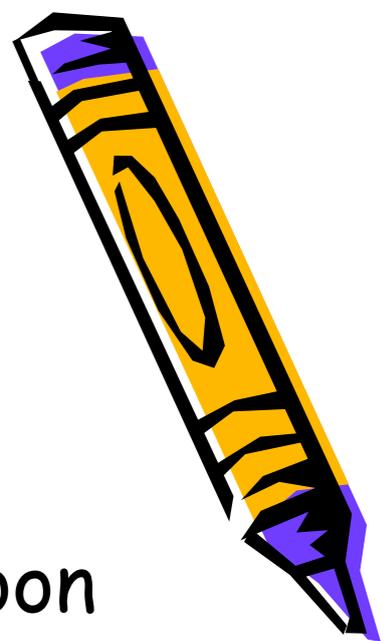


Registration

Monday, March 19th - Friday, March 23rd 9:00am -12:00 noon

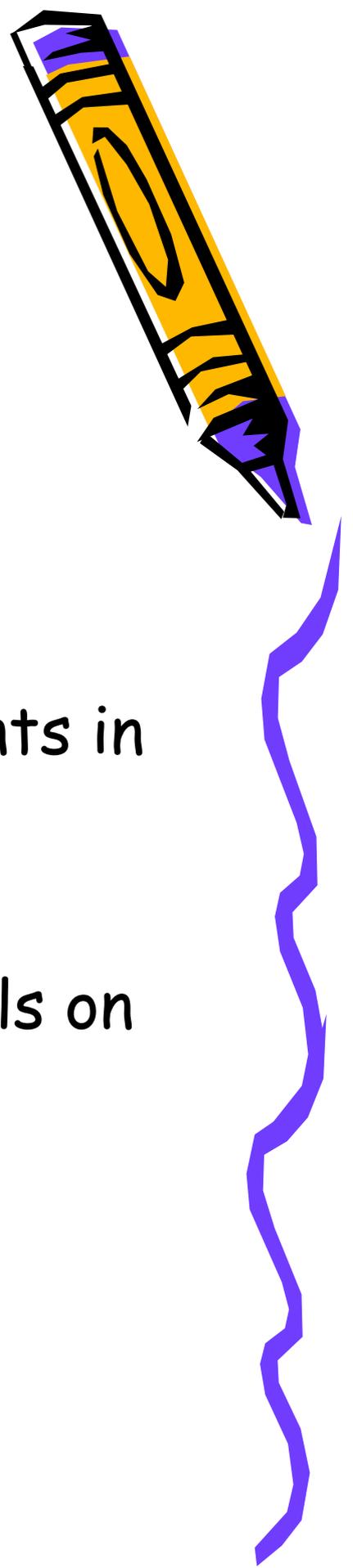
Wednesday, March 21st 9:00am -12:00 noon & 2:00pm - 6:00pm

- In addition, registrations will be accepted on an ongoing basis after these assigned dates.
- You may complete your registration packets, and return to Donna Bunk, Registrar @ 5 School Street, Wenham, MA with your required documentation.
- Registration packets are also available to download online at www.hwschools.net.



Next Steps...

- When registering your child, sign up for a screening appointment in late May/early June.
- All families will be notified of their school assignments in mid August.
- Students will be invited to visit their assigned schools on August 30.





Kindergarten Screening

All kindergarten students will participate in a developmental screening during a 15-minute appointment on

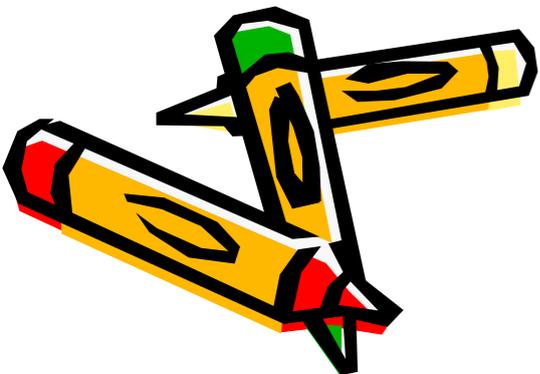
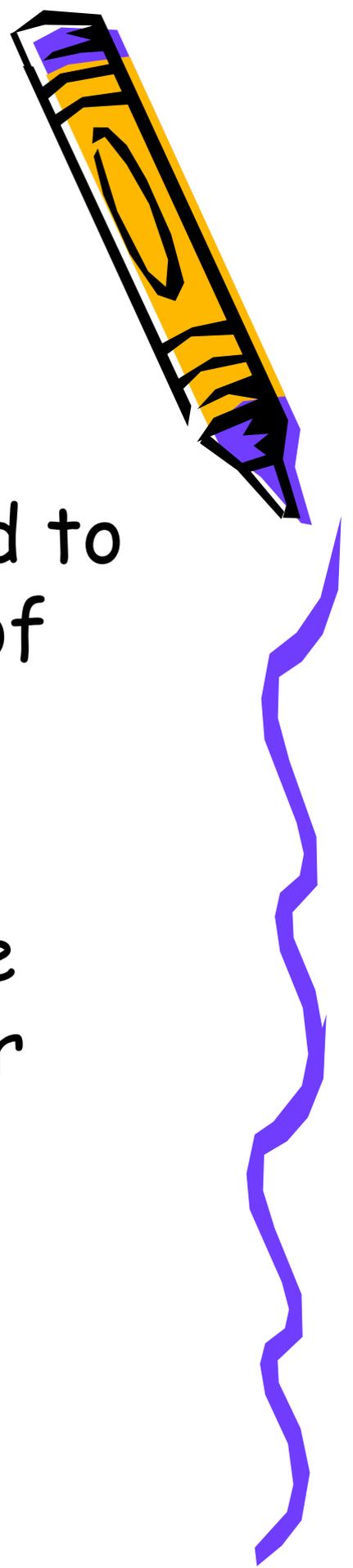
May 29, June 5, or June 12.

Please sign up for a 15 minute individual appointment time when dropping off your registration packet. During this screening, students will work with kindergarten personnel while parents meet with school counselors. This screening is a tool used to learn more about the development of each child and will assist us as we get to know each student. Areas addressed include letter and number recognition, gross and fine motor skills, problem solving and general observations of behavior and school readiness.



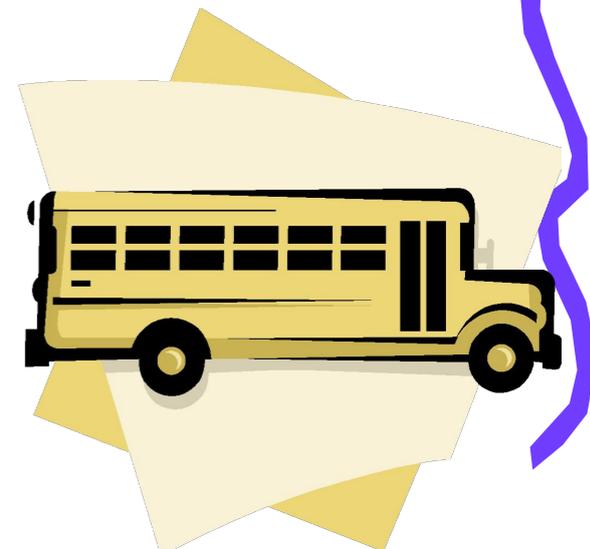
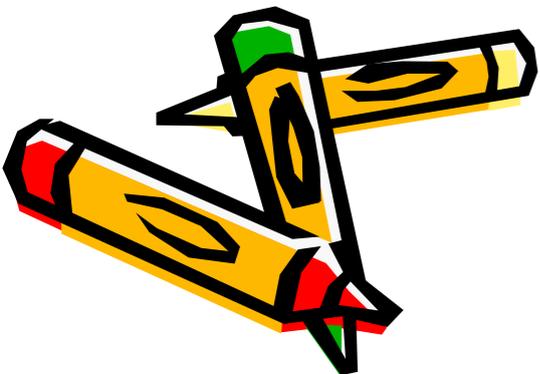
School Visits August 30th

- All new kindergarten students will be invited to visit their assigned schools on the morning of Thursday, August 30.
- Class placement will be finalized after these visits and parents will be notified of teacher assignments by the afternoon of August 30.



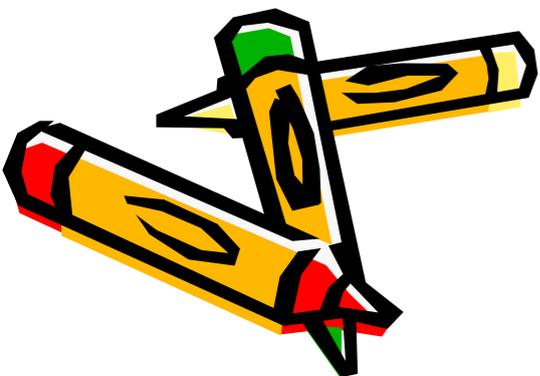
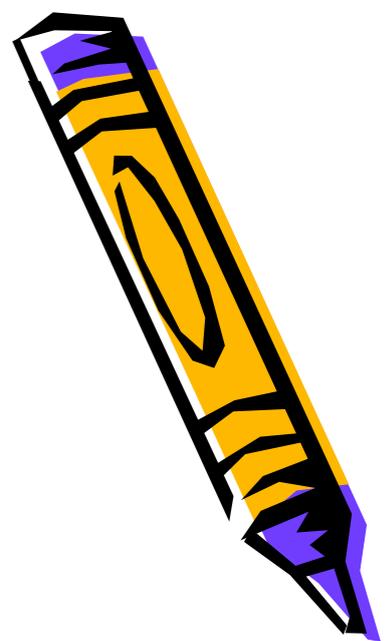
Tuesday, September 4th, your child is invited to a Kindergarten visit.

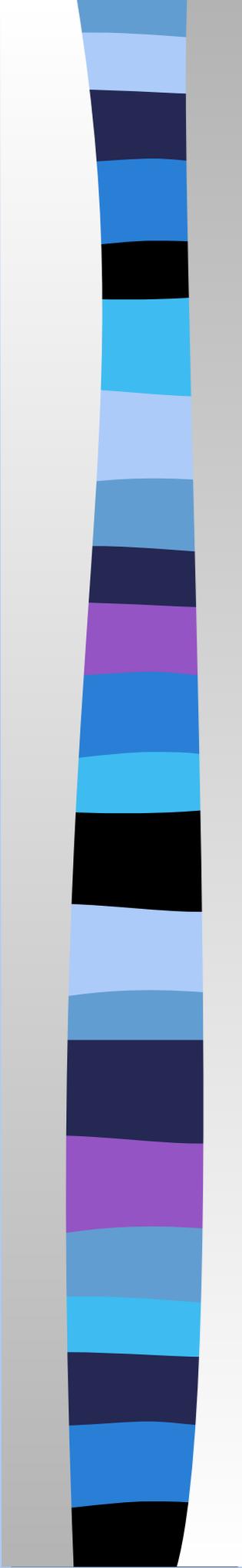
- During the one hour orientation, students and their parents will visit their new classroom. The students will also embark on a short bus ride to learn how to ride the bus safely and independently.
- **Your child's first full day of school will be on Wednesday, September 5, 2018.** Playground supervision begins at 8:15am. All students gather on the playground between 8:15 and 8:25, and kindergarten students line up with their teachers. Wednesday dismissal for all students is 12:45pm.
- Bus routes will be published in the Hamilton-Wenham Chronicle the week before school begins. In addition, routes will be posted on the district website www.hwschools.net at the end of August.



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Confident, considerate, and
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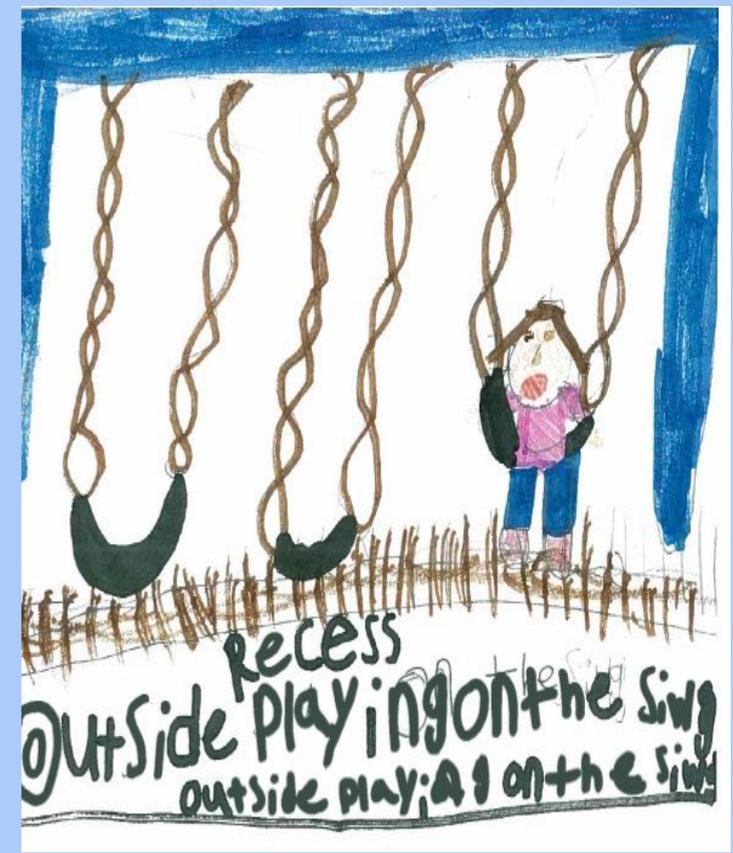
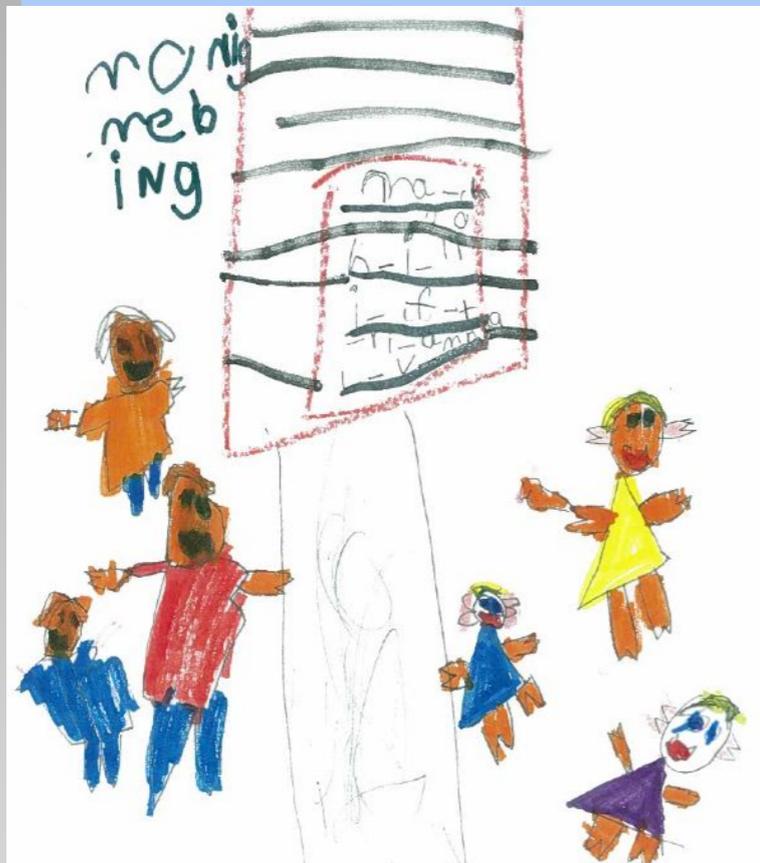


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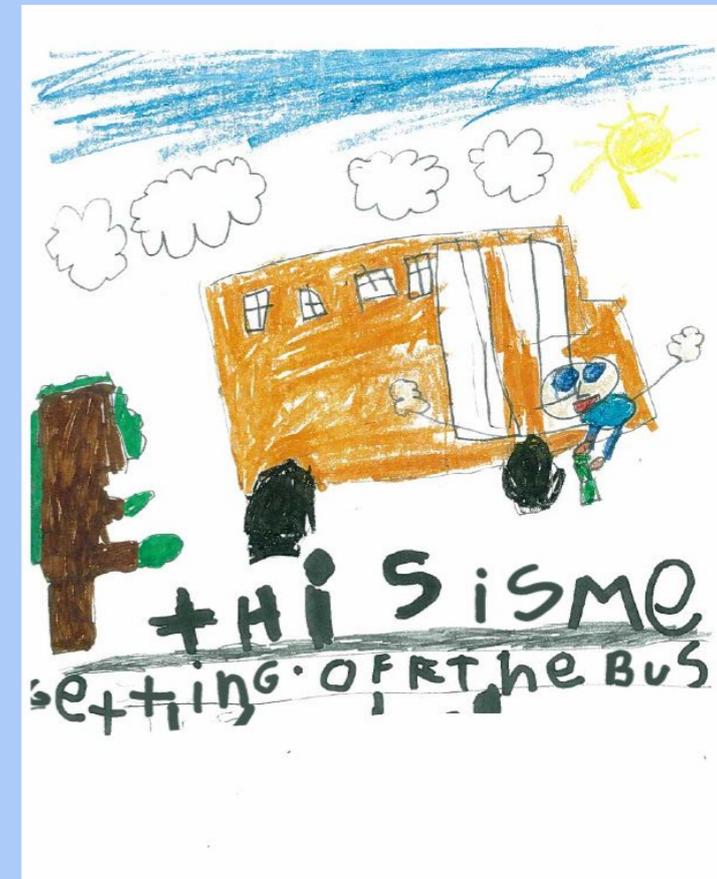
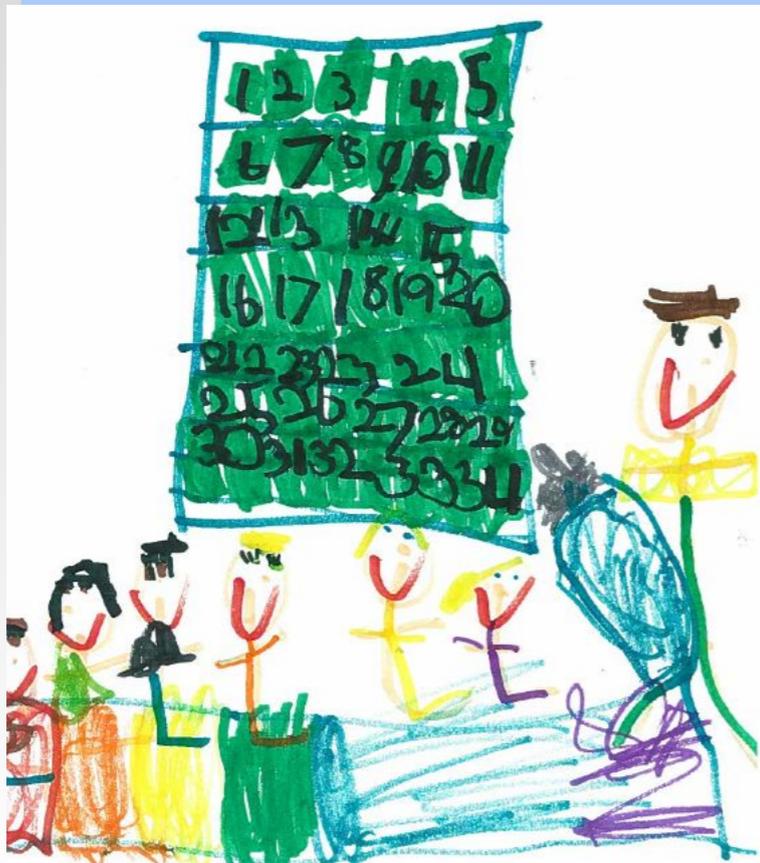
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A Day in the Life of a Kindergarten Student



Buker School



Mrs. McMahon



Mrs. Twiss

Cutler School



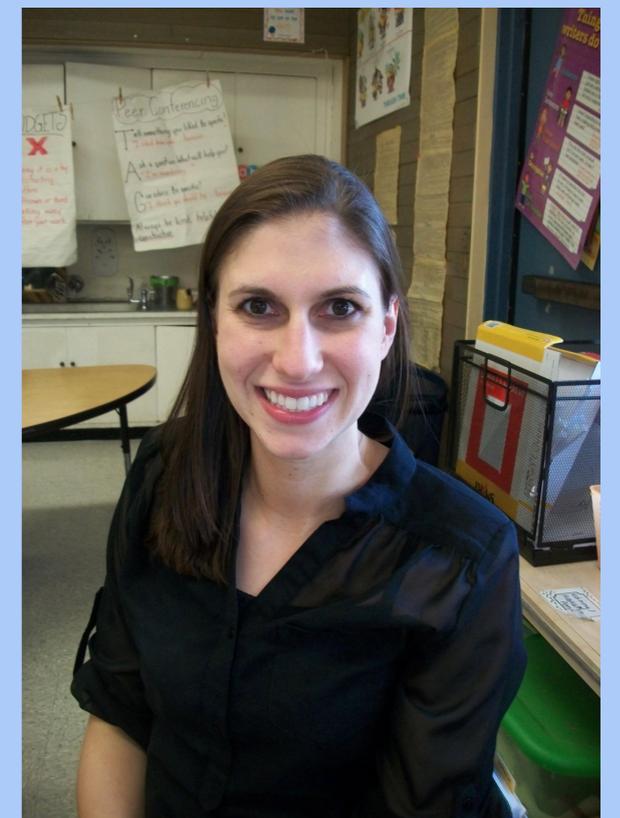
Mrs. Goodchild



Ms. Stueve



Mrs. Leary



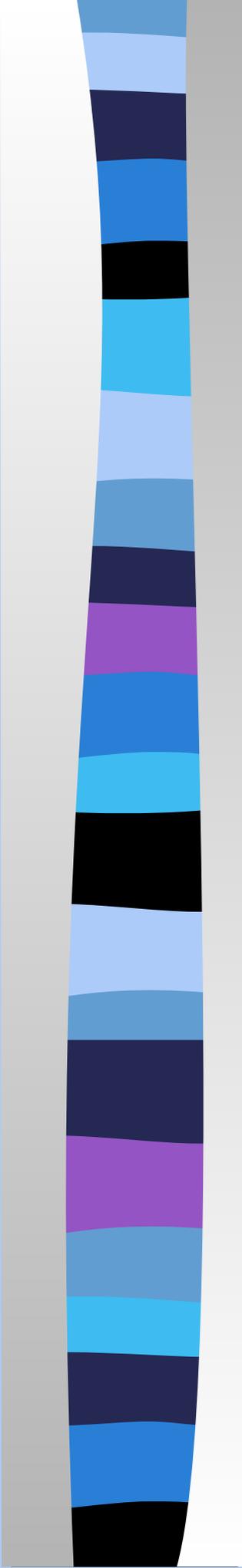
Winthrop School



Ms. Pasmore



Mrs. Kropilak



**Welcome to
a day in the
life of a
kindergartner!**



**Morning
Recess**



**Lining up to enter the
building**

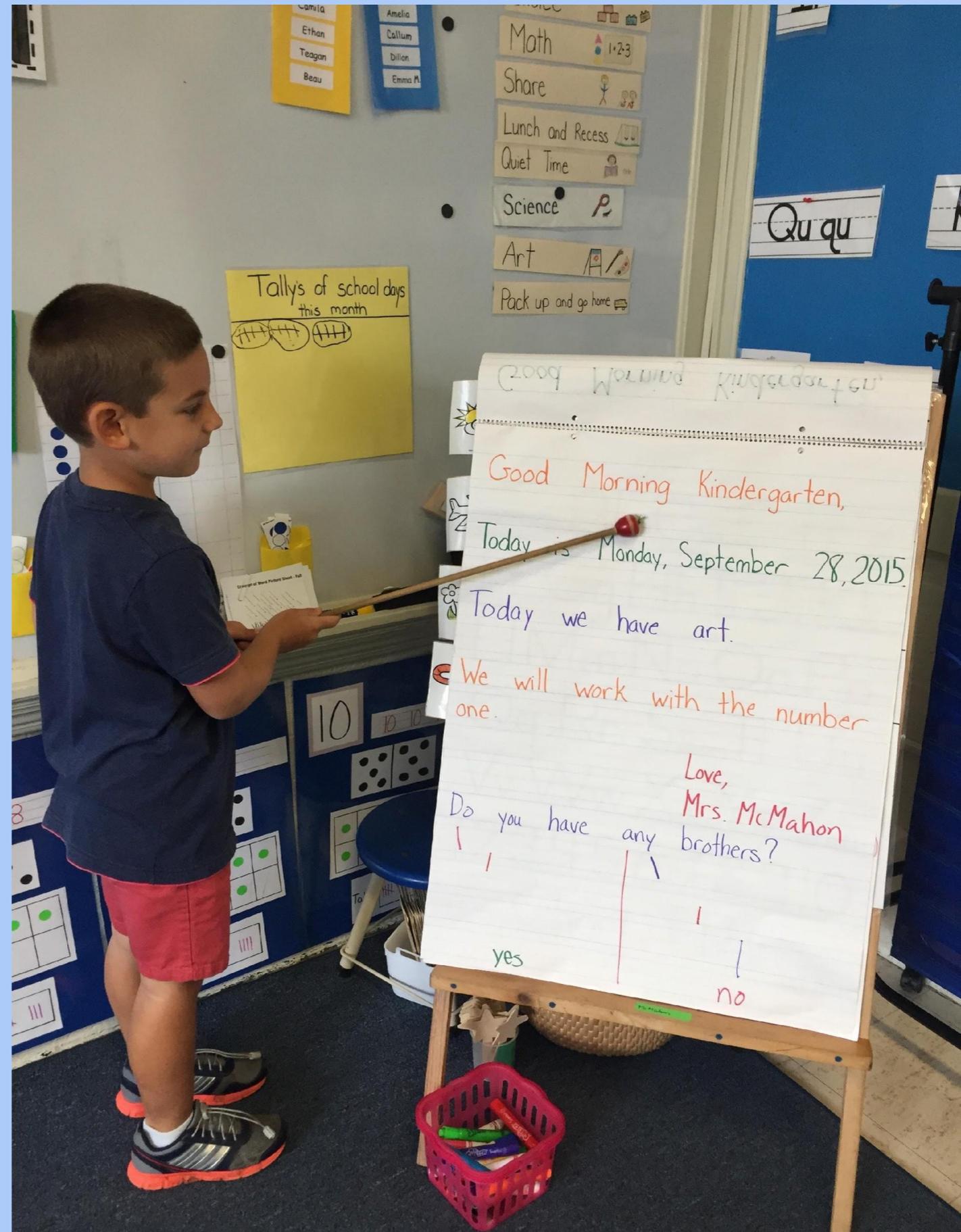
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Morning Meeting

Morning Message





Calendar / Helper Jobs



Daily Schedule



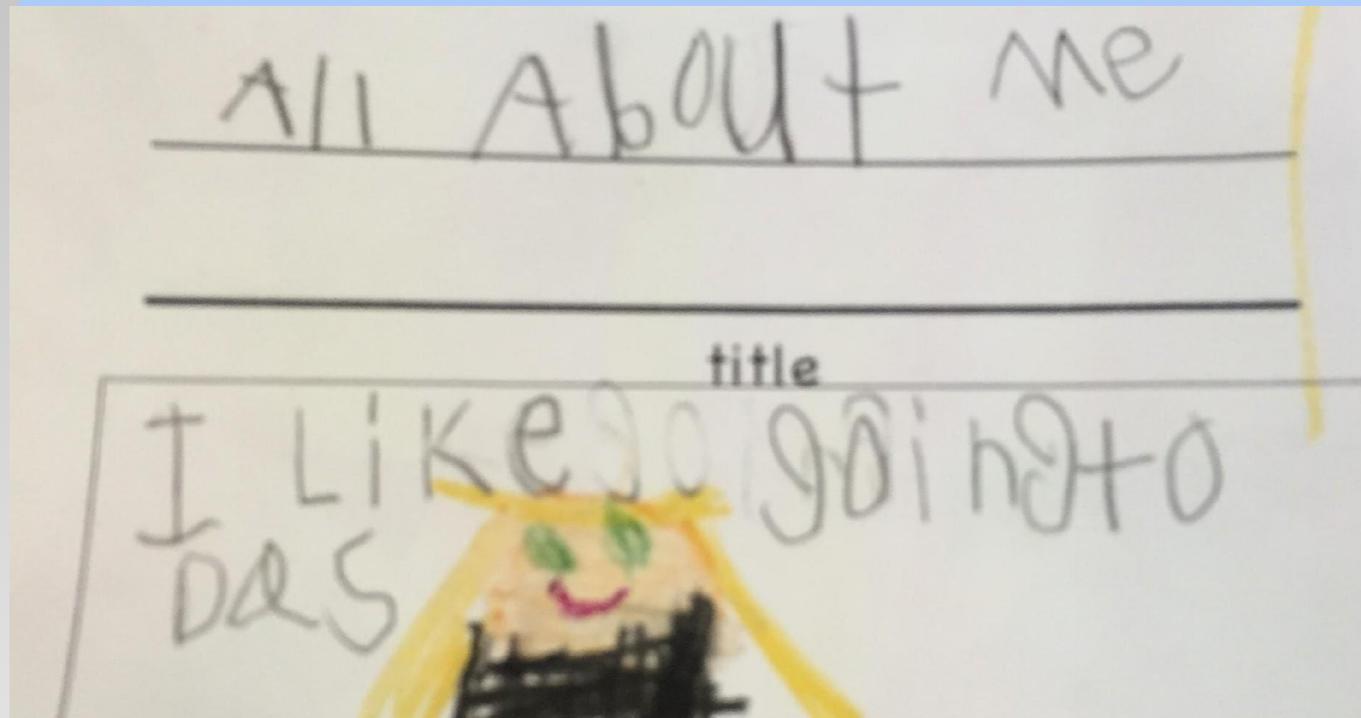
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Literacy



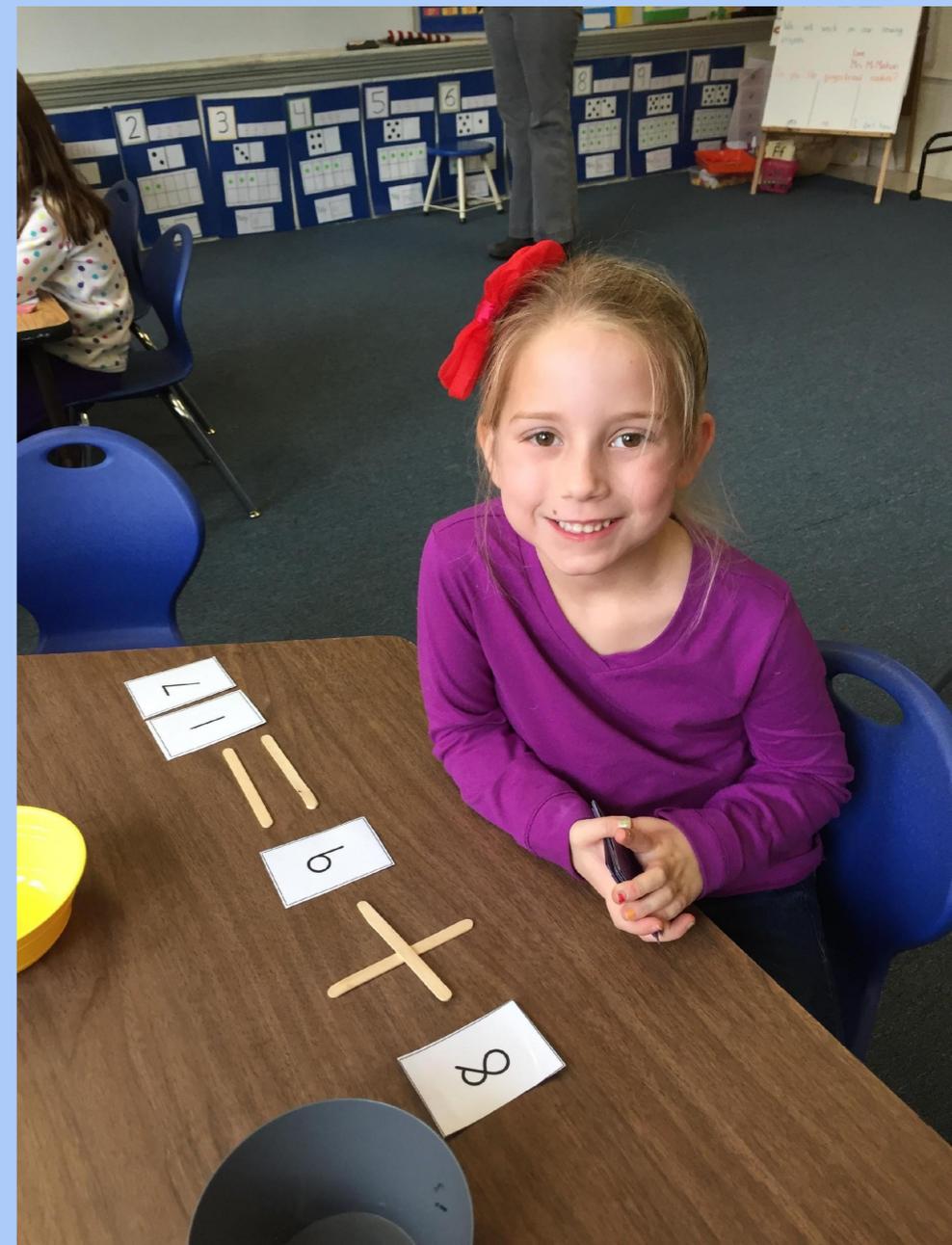
Literacy



Mathematics



Math is hands on



Science- STEMscopes



Science



Science is hands on and based on exploration and discovery

Social Studies



Community

Music





Art

Physical Education



Media / Library



Free Choice Time



Snack



Lunch

Buying School Lunch





Lunch recess

Field Trips



Parent Volunteers





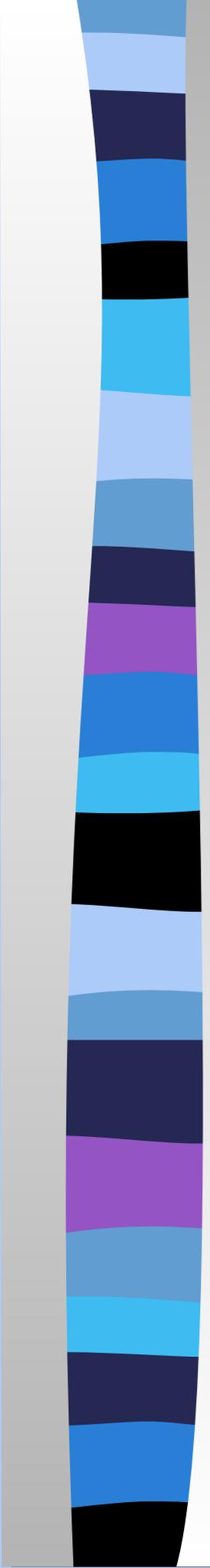
Another great day in Kindergarten!

Kindergarten Friends



A time of growth and building friendships





Ways To Support Your Child's Transition to Kindergarten

- ✓ Treat going to Kindergarten as a normal occurrence. Don't be overly anxious or build it up as a huge event.
- ✓ Make sure your child knows how they will get to and from school each day. Be sure to visit your school playground this summer!
- ✓ Explain to your child that going to Kindergarten is his/her "job". Have conversations about the importance of her/his "job" as being a responsible and respectful kindergartner.
- ✓ Tell your child that all children will be looking for new friends. Remind your child that a smile is a great way to make friends.
- ✓ Read books about school and kindergarten.

some suggestions from:

How to Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten by Karnofsky and Weiss