

Welcome to Kindergarten in Hamilton-Wenham

Buker School
Cutler School
Winthrop School

March 10, 2022



Our goal:

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



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Considerations for School Assignments

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

Elementary Schedule



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

Wednesday
8:25am – 12:45pm



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Transportation

- Students living more than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from school will be assigned to a bus route
- Bus routes are set up after school assignments and the Learning/Transportation Survey.



Important Dates

starting March 14	Complete Registration Packet Submit to Central Office 5 School Street, Wenham
April 25,26,28	Screening appointments
by mid-August	Notification of School
August 31	School Visits
September 1	Notification of Classroom Teacher
September 6	Classroom Visits (30 minutes)
September 7	First Day of School for Kindergarten



Registration:

Use the checklist on page 2 to identify the required documents and ensure that you have a completed packet before submitting.

Evidence of Residency and Occupancy must be dated within 45 days of submission.

Students currently enrolled in the HW Integrated Preschool Program at Winthrop School do not have to re-register.

Students who are six years old by September 1st should register for First Grade.

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Kindergarten Screening:

When: April 25,26,28


Where: HW Public Library

- **Why do we screen?**
- **What areas do we screen?**
- **What to expect the day of screening.**
- **How/when are results communicated?**

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learners



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*How can I help my child
be ready for kindergarten
this year?*

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Independence is important...

- ✓ Taking care of clothes
- ✓ Tying shoes
- ✓ Eating (opening) snacks and meals
- ✓ Using restrooms
- ✓ Getting in/out of car (seatbelts)

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



Winthrop Kindergarten Team

Meghan Kropilak, Teacher

Sarah Mattera, Teacher



Welcome to kindergarten!



Winthrop School



Mrs. Mattera



Mrs. Kropilak



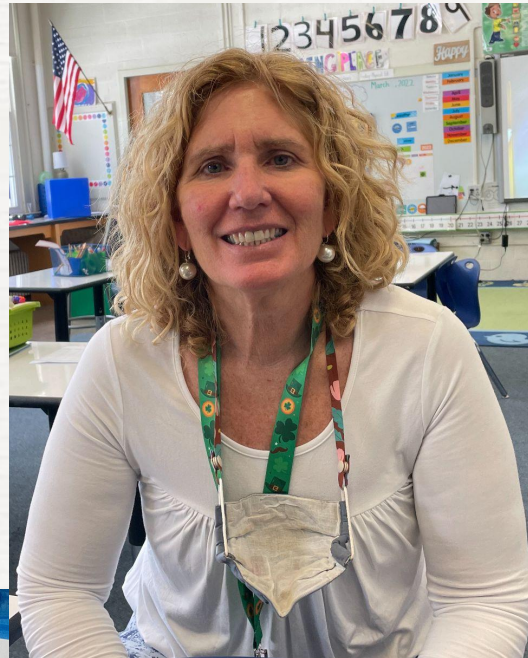
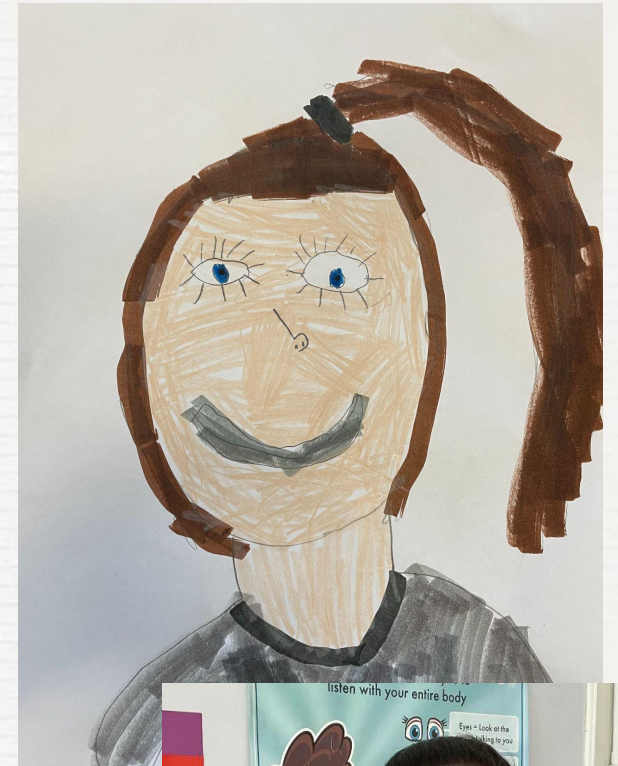
Buker School



Mrs. McMahon



Miss Watson



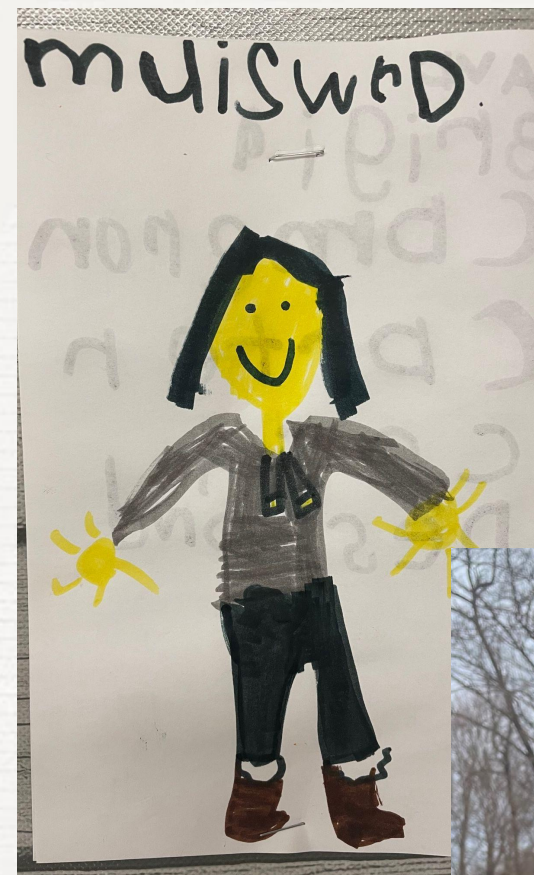
Ms. O'Shea



Cutler School



Mrs. Goodchild



Mrs.

Drinkwater





Welcome to SCHOOL!

**Morning arrival
includes:
staff greetings from
drop off points,
supervised recess,
and transition into
the school building**

Morning Responsibilities

Kindergarteners' morning responsibilities include:

- Unpacking their snack
- Unpacking their school folder
- Hanging up their backpack and jacket



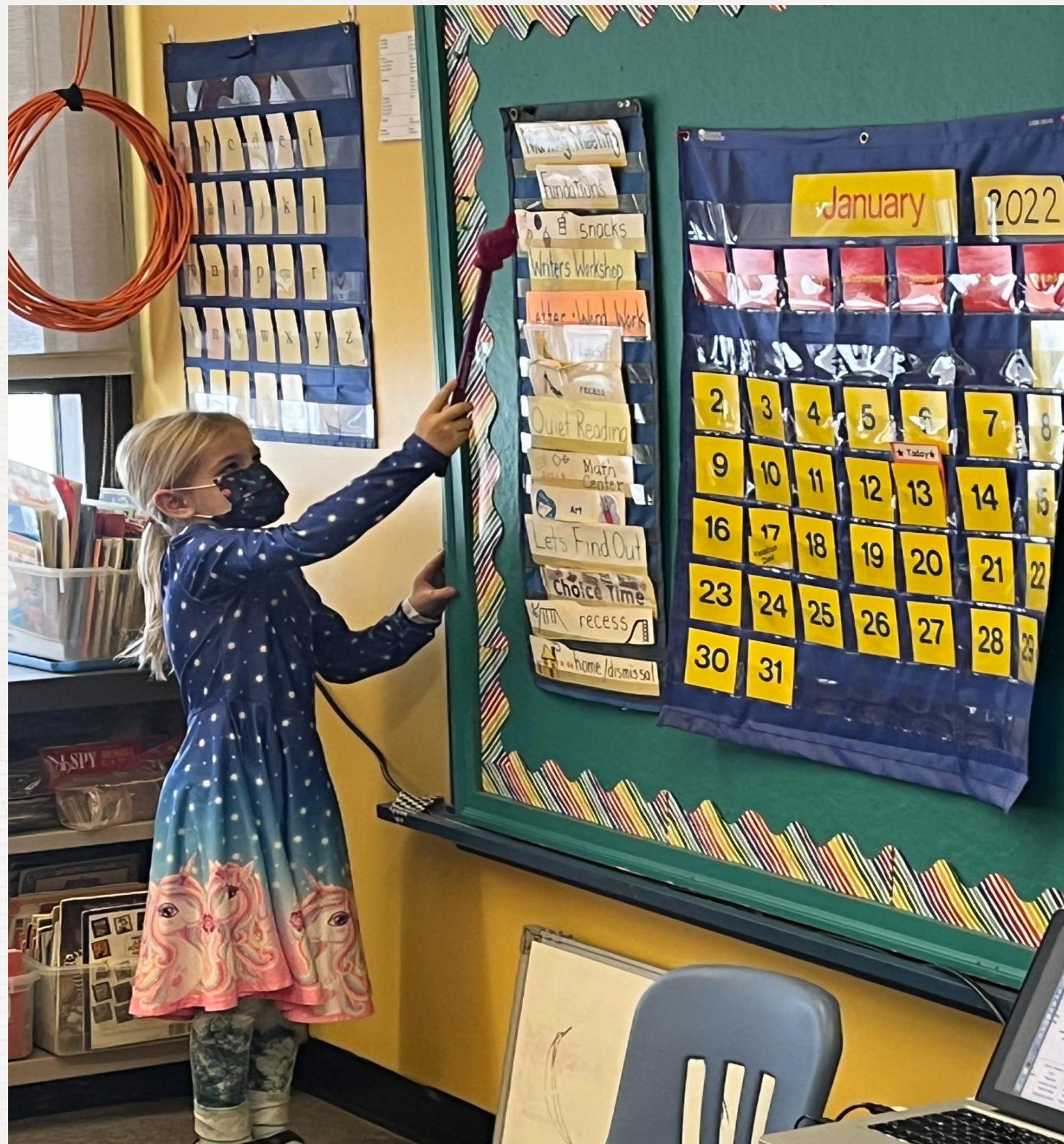
Morning Meeting

Our Morning Meeting follows a format designed by the Responsive Classroom Approach.

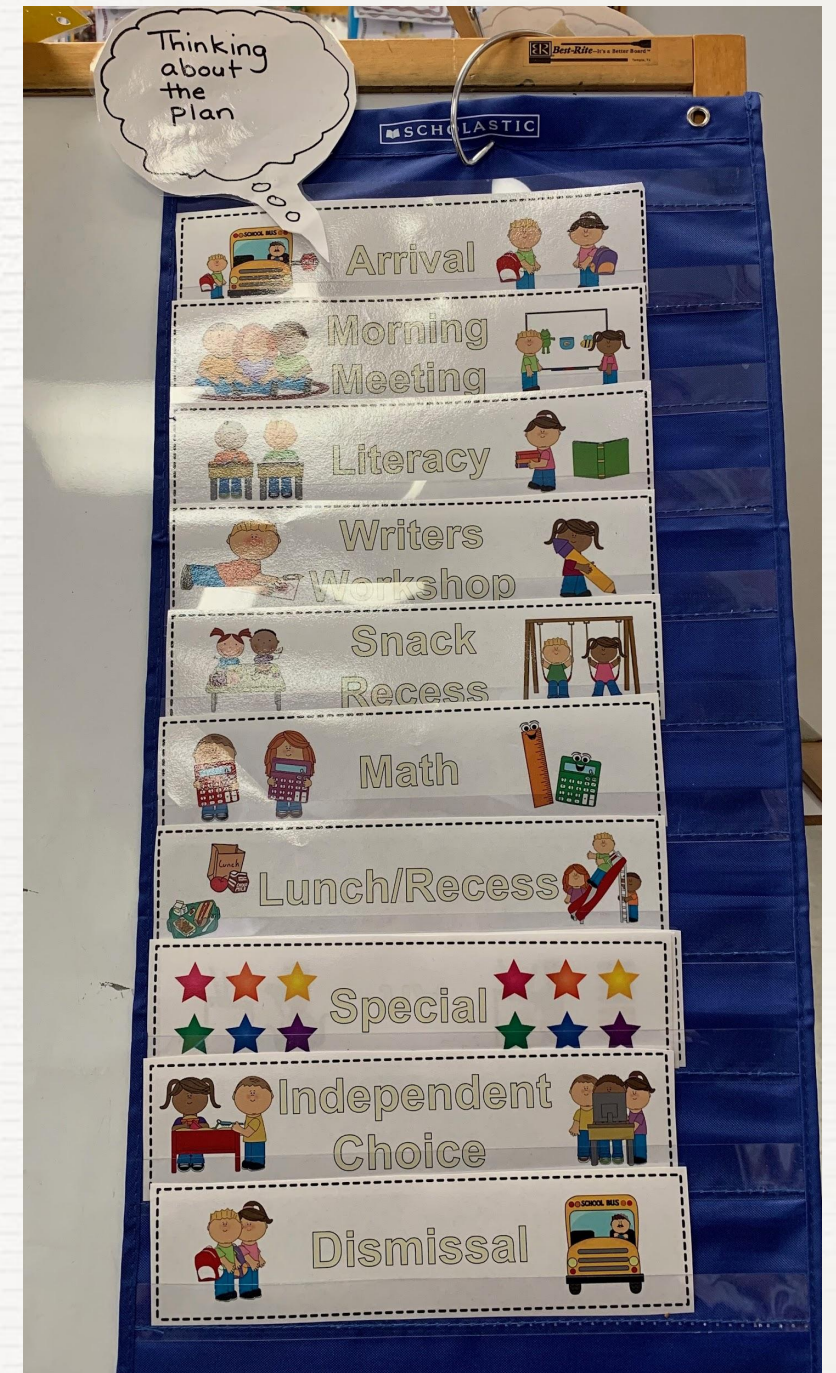
The routine includes:

- A greeting
- Share
- Song / movement / game
- Message





Calendar / Helper Jobs



Daily Schedule



There are many components to our literacy instruction in kindergarten

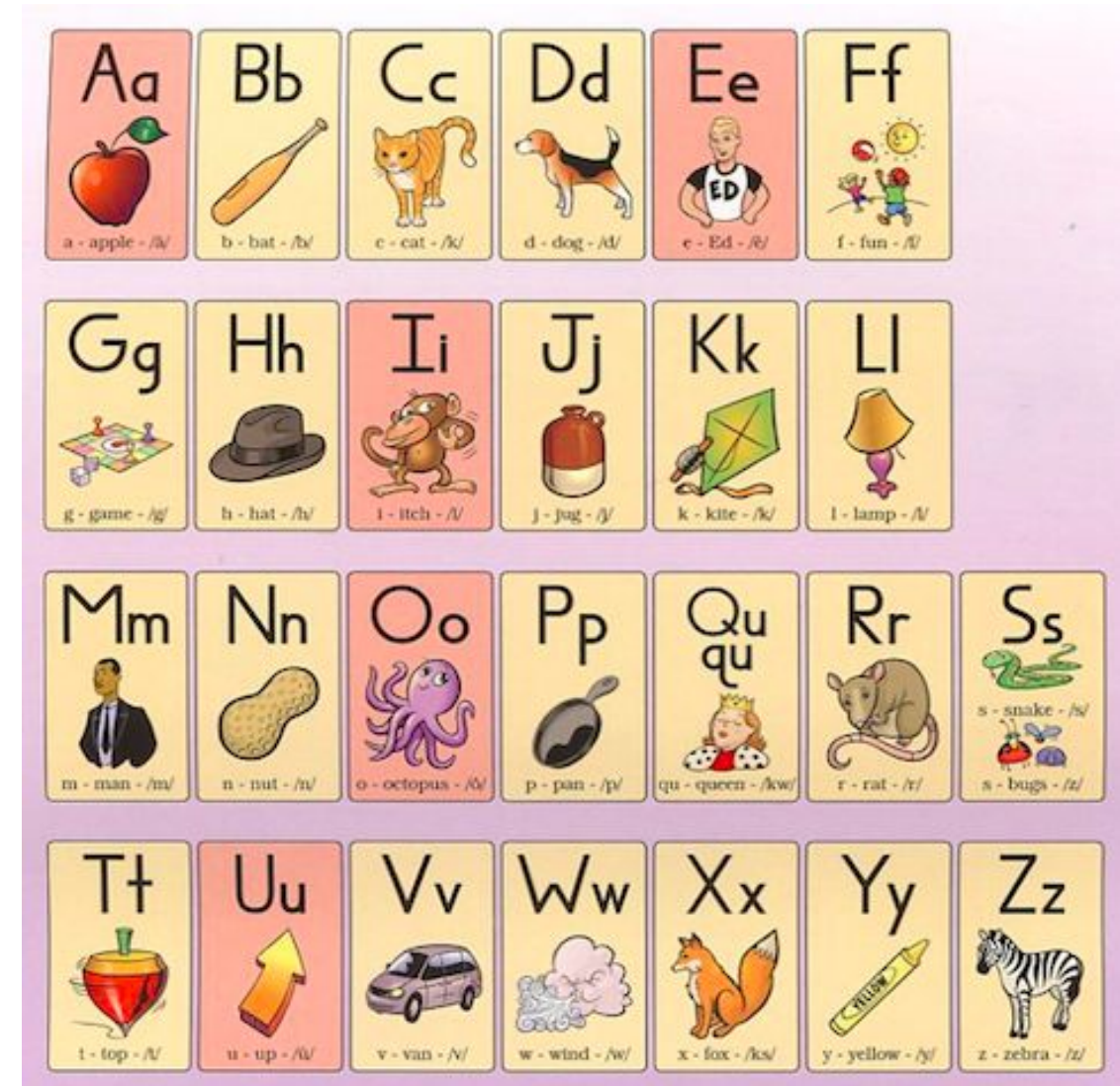


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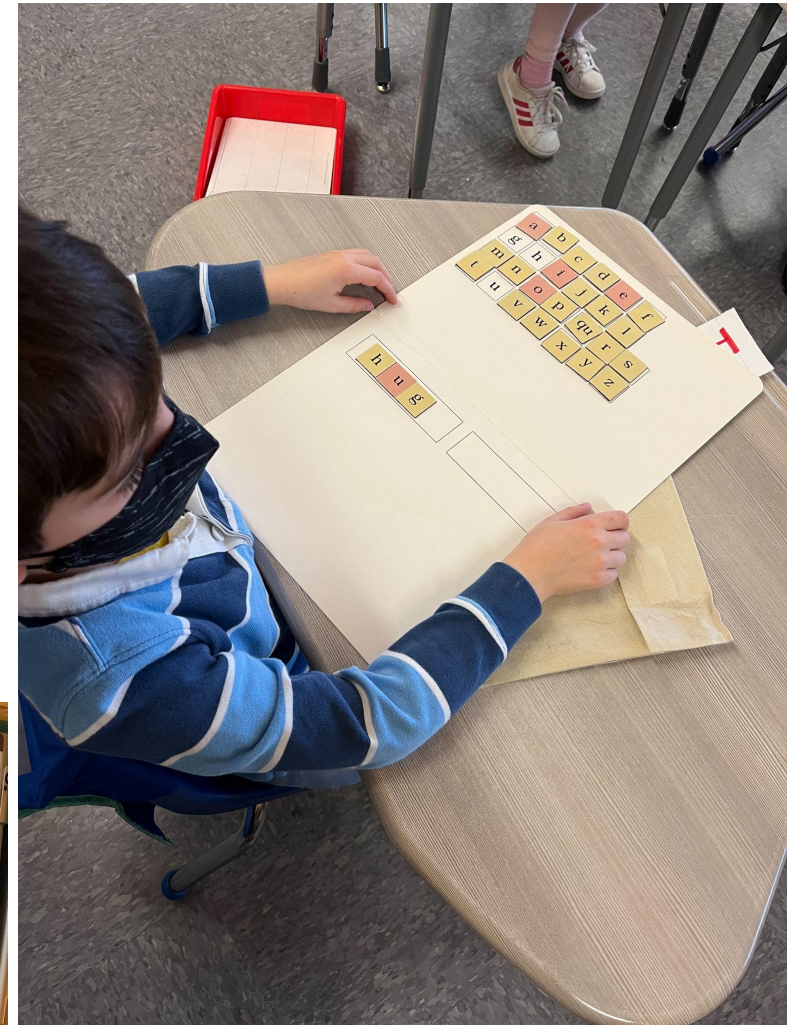
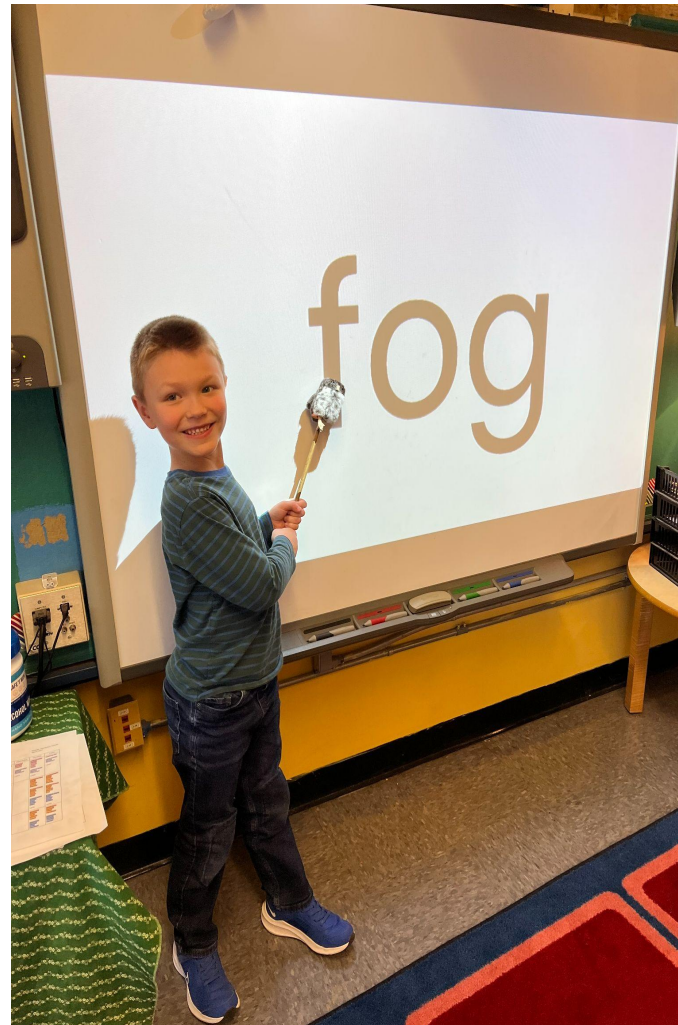


Focus areas include:

- Letter Identification
- Developing letter-sound connections
- Letter formation
- Word awareness
- Working with CVC words
- Building a sight word vocabulary



Fundations Activities



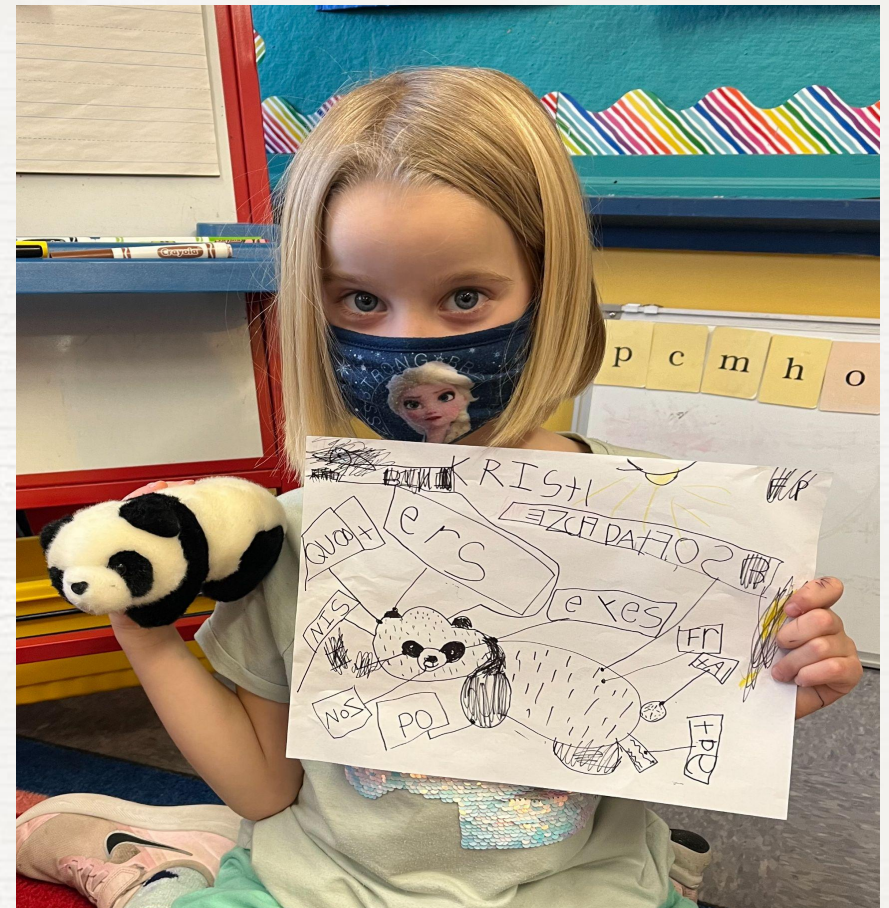
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Daily Phonemic Awareness Lessons focusing on:

- Rhyming and onset fluency
- Isolating final or medial sounds
- Blending and segmenting words, syllables, and phonemes
- Adding and deleting phonemes
- Substituting phonemes

Literacy Centers



Snack



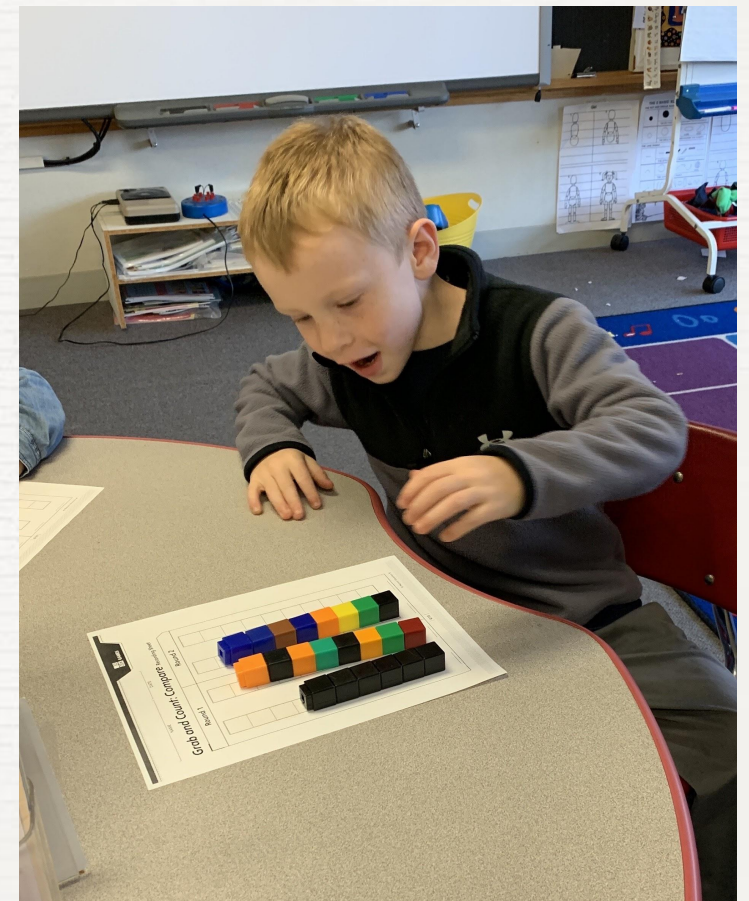
Math Curriculum – Investigations

Focus areas we will cover include:

- **Counting** – both rote counting and developing 1:1 correspondence
- **Geometry** – 2D 3D shapes
- **Addition and subtraction** within 5, and exposure to adding and subtracting within 10
- **Collecting and interpreting data**
- **Measurement**



Mathematics



Lunch



Students can bring lunch from home or have lunch from the school cafeteria.





Recess

Science



Units Include:

- Earth and Space Science:
- Seasons and Weather
- Life Science
- Physical Science

Science Discoveries



Outdoor Learning Experiences



Specials:

- Art
- Physical Education
- Library/ Media
- Music



Why Is Play Important?



- ✧ Enables children to explore their world
- ✧ Develops social and cultural understandings
- ✧ Helps children express their thoughts and feelings
- ✧ Provides opportunities to meet and solve problems
- ✧ Develops language and literacy skills and concepts.



Choice Time...
A time to create,
explore,
experiment,
and build
problem
solving &
social skills



Parent Volunteers



A time of growth and building friendships





Another great day in Kindergarten!

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. Visit school playgrounds over the 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



Thank you

Additional questions?

