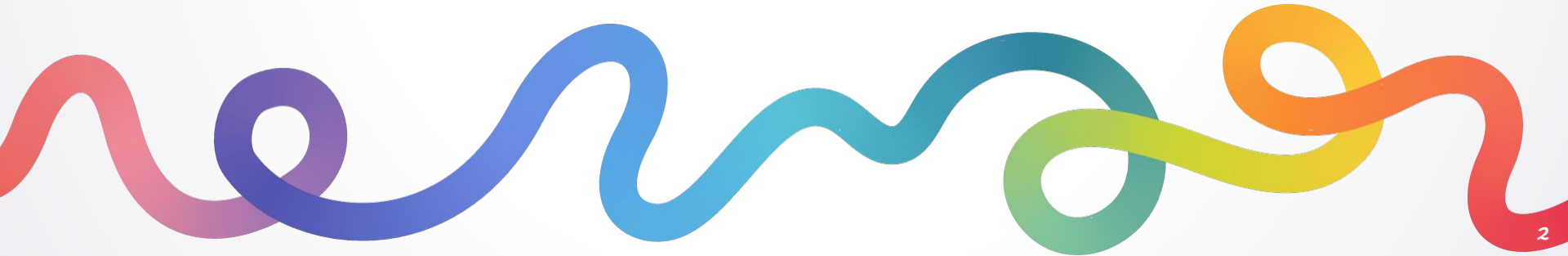




**Welcome to
Kindergarten
at
Hunting Ridge**

What you will learn

- Fun facts about our school
- Who is on our team?
- Program overviews
- Preparing your student for kindergarten this fall
- Medical documents needed to complete registration
- Information about riding the bus
- Important references
- Important numbers
- Important times and dates



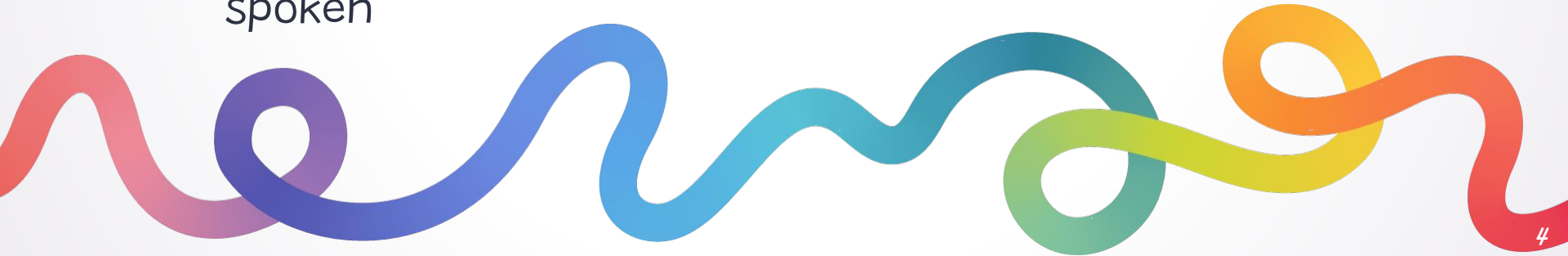


HUNTING RIDGE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We are the Hunting Ridge Hawks!

Fun Facts About Hunting Ridge

- We are a kindergarten through sixth-grade building
- Approximately 740 students
- Over 40 languages spoken
- Site for the D15 Academically Talented and Gifted Program
- Site for the D15 Transitional Kindergarten program



BEHIND EVERY YOUNG CHILD
WHO BELIEVES IN HIMSELF
IS A **PARENT** WHO
BELIEVED **FIRST.**



- Matthew Jacobson

@BigLifeJournal

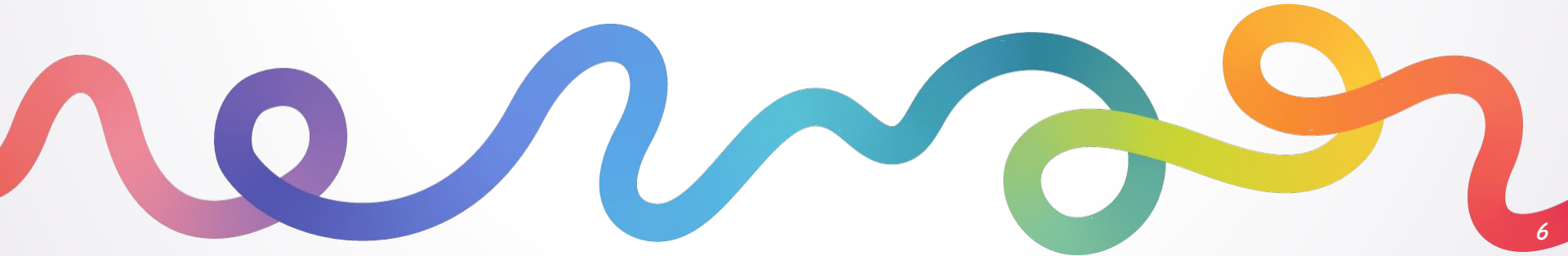
A Little Bit About Us:

Mrs. Ortlund

This is Mrs. Ortlund's tenth year at Hunting Ridge. This will be her seventh year as principal.

Mrs. Friedman

Mrs. Friedman is in her fourth year in the district and second year at Hunting Ridge as the Assistant Principal.



Overview of Half-Day Program

Two Morning Sections:

Monday – Thursday:

8:25 – 11:00 AM

Friday: 8:25 – 10:35 AM

PE/Music/ Library – 1 time
per week

Two Afternoon Sections:

Monday – Thursday:

12:25 – 3:05 PM

Friday: 12:00 – 2:15 PM

PE/Music/ Library – 1 time
per week





Hello!

I am Mrs. Rauch. I am one of the half-day kindergarten teachers. This will be my third year at Hunting Ridge.





Hello!



I am Mrs. Schwarz. I am one of the half-day kindergarten teachers.

Overview of Transitional Kindergarten Program

Monday – Thursday:

8:25 – 3:05 PM; Friday: 8:25 – 2:15 PM

Recess and lunch

PE – 2 times per week

Music – 2 times per week Library – 1 time per week

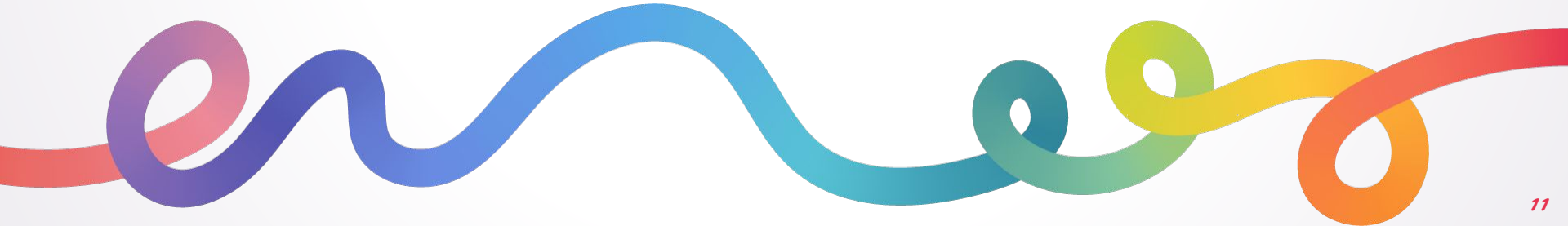


Transitional Kindergarten Model

Half of the day students join the general education classroom for a large group experience. This is co-taught with one general education teacher and one special education teacher.

Half of the day students stay in a smaller instructional setting with a special education teacher

Two special education program assistants are assigned to these sections to support students.



Hello!

I am Mrs. Owsley. I am one of the full-day Transitional Kindergarten, (TK) teachers.





Hello!

I am Mrs. Szafranski. I am one of the full-day Transitional Kindergarten, (TK) teachers.



Our Kindergarten Team

Mrs. Schiferl

Speech-Language Therapist

Mrs. Whitman

School Psychologist

Ms. Marks

Social Worker

Ms. Thompson

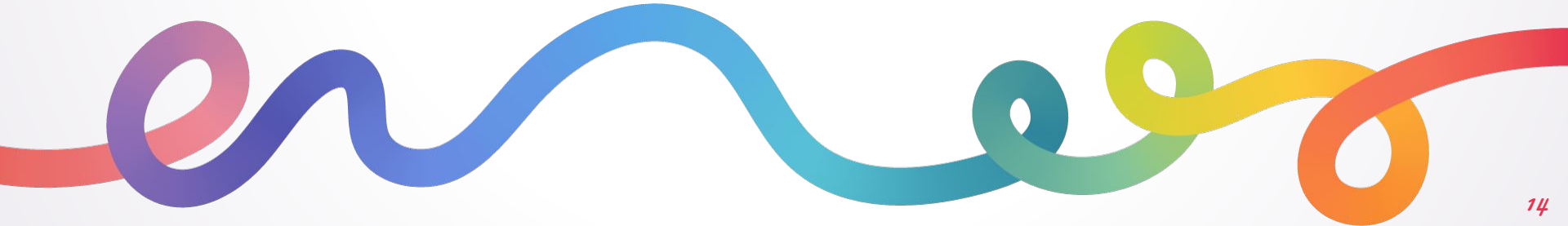
Occupational Therapist

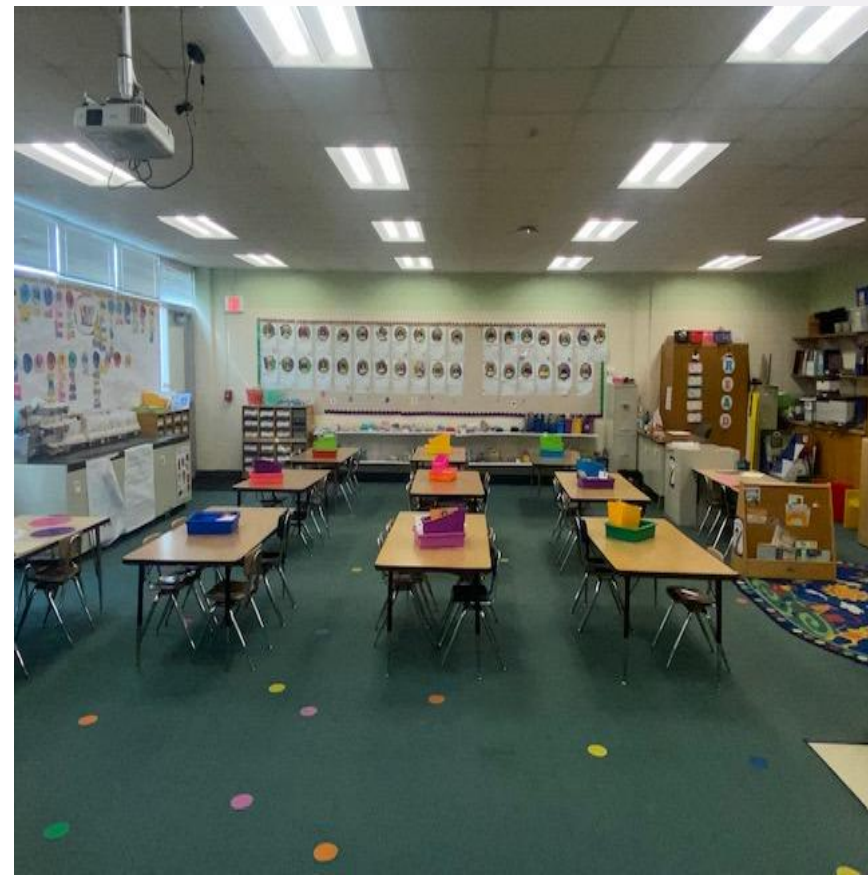
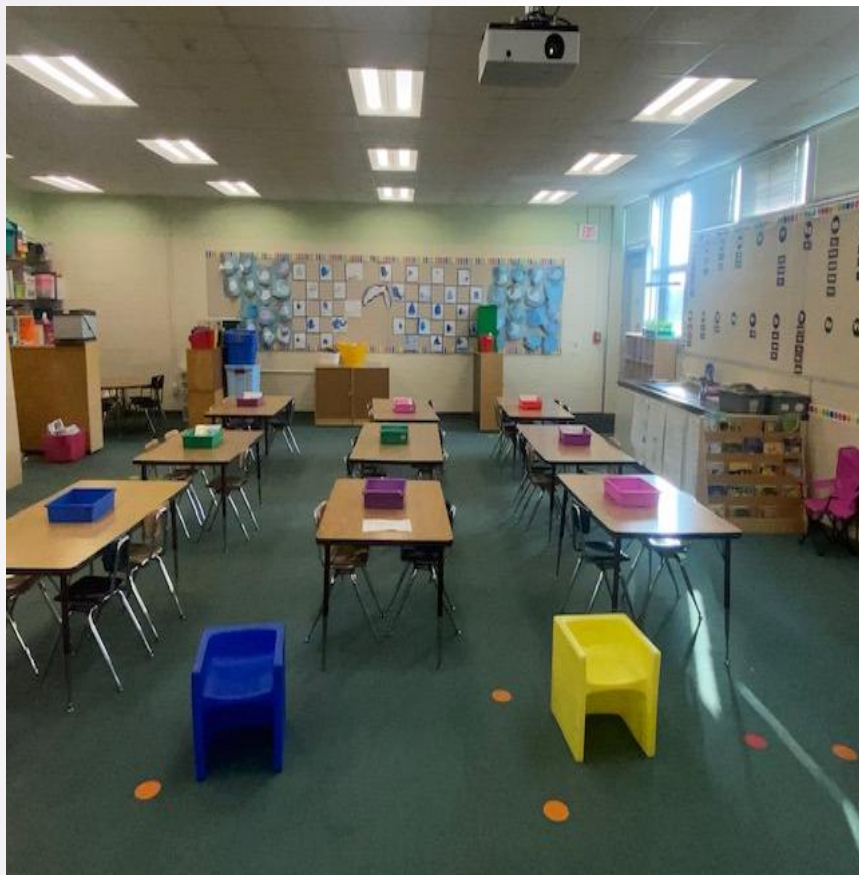
Mrs. Downs

Reading Specialist

Ms. Byambadorj

English Language Learner
Teacher





Classroom Spaces

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**Look, Listen, and
Learn**

VIDEO #2

VIDEO #3

VIDEO #4



From the School Nurse:

● Health Requirements:

- MUST have a **physical** done within one year prior to school start
- MUST have proof of immunizations
- MUST have a dental exam
- MUST have an eye exam

● Food Allergies

● Wellness Policy

Signed forms and physician ordered medications can be dropped off at the school office. Please help us to collect these on or before the first day of school.

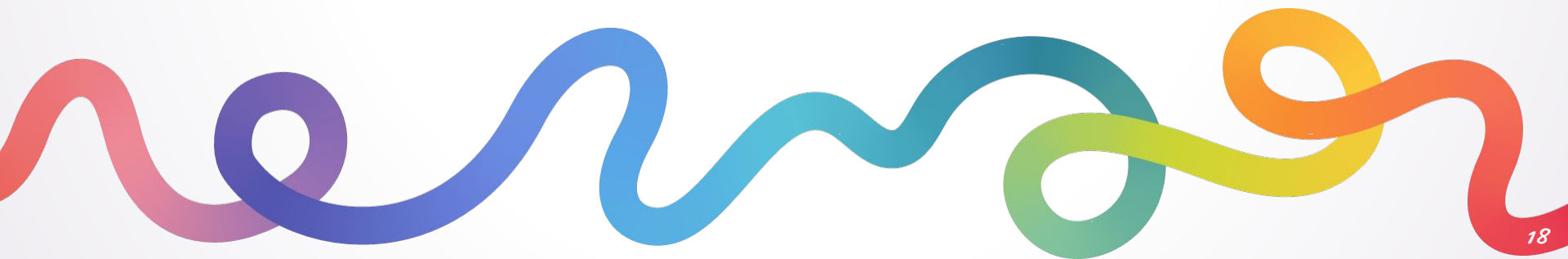


Schedule your
appointments
soon!

Please Keep Us Up To Date!

Please notify the school office, 847-963-5300, if you need to update your information.

- Emergency Form
- Phone Numbers
- Change of Address
- Health Conditions
- Allergies
- Medications



Taking the Bus:

- Students must be eligible to take the bus.
- Arrive to the stop 5 minutes before pick-up.
- An adult must be at the stop for bus drop-off
- Bus tags are provided to help staff and drivers direct students to correct buses and stops.
- We are **Respectful**, **Responsible**, and **Safe** when we ride.



Chromebooks

- Kindergarten students use Touch-Screen Chromebooks
- Clever Badges used for login
- Students will receive these during the first week of school.



Consistent Dismissal Plans:

- Please help keep the dismissal plan consistent for your child.
- Please notify the school if plans should change.
- Please notify the school if your child will be picked up by a care provider i.e. Kindercare, Learning Loft etc.



How are sections determined?

The school does it's best to honor requests for morning or afternoon sections. On many occasions, first choices cannot be granted and the schools uses order of applications received to prioritize.



What if my child is sick?

Our [Wellness Policy](#) can be used to help parents determine if students should stay home. If a student is sick, please call the attendance line so that we may record the absence properly. Please leave a description of the symptoms and reason for the absence. A nurse may call with follow-up questions.



When Your Child is Absent...



- Please call 847-963-5301
- 24 hours a day. Please call in absences by 8:45 am.
- Please leave your
 - Child's name
 - Teacher's name
 - Reason for the absence
 - Duration of the absence

If you do not call, the office will call you. The absence will be truant if we do not connect during the day.

What should my child bring to school?

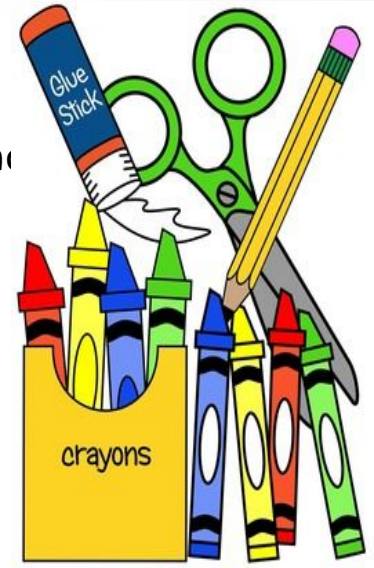
- Students can bring school supplies the first week of school. Consider:
 - Backpacks
 - Water bottle
 - Wear comfortable clothing and shoes
 - Extra outfit (optional)



School Supplies

District 15 has partnered with TeacherLists to make supply ordering convenient and customizable. Order when you want – no deadlines to worry about; select which retailer to use – you can even mix and match; add items you want more of; remove items you don't need; choose pick-up or delivery (options vary by retailer); and more! It's all up to you!

School Supply Lists



What if I have a question?

The teachers will share their phone numbers and emails with families. Teachers will send information to families through newsletters to help keep parents connected to the classroom. Parents can contact the teacher by email or phone. Teachers will reply when the school day is complete or within 24 hours. The office can be contacted if a message is urgent.



School Communication

School Newsletters

- Monthly newsletters emailed and posted on D15 [website](#)
- Email and text message updates from Blackboard

Classroom Newsletters

- Weekly newsletters emailed to families.



How can parents get involved?

Parents are an important part of our school community. Consider becoming a member of our [PTA](#). This group will offer access to a family directory and events to bring students and families together. Teachers may also offer opportunities for parents to support the classroom.



Important References

- District Website – www.ccsd15.net
- District 15 [Parent Handbook](#)
- District 15 [School Year Calendar](#)
- PTA Website - www.HuntingRidgePTA.org



Key Telephone Numbers to Know

- School Phone Number 847-963-5300
- Attendance Line 847-963-5301
- Nurse's Phone Number 847-963-5302
- School Fax Number 847-963-5306



Important Dates:

August:

8/18/22- First day of kindergarten

Full day for TK

August:

8/23/22- 6:30-7:15 PM

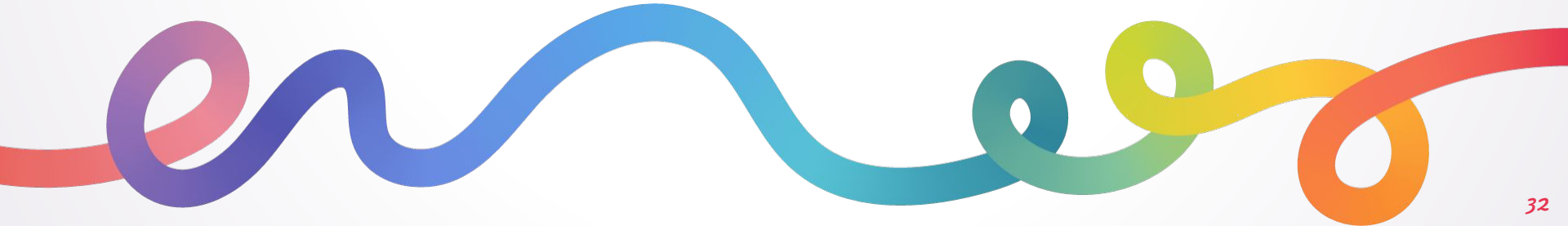
KDG Parent
Orientation

8/24/22- Picture Day

November:

11/18, 21, 22- Parent
Conferences

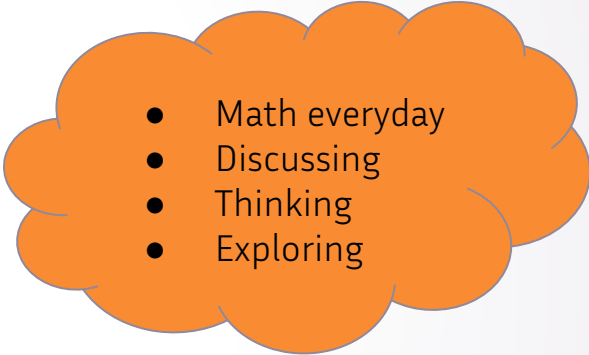
11/21-11/26 - No
School



What does kindergarten math look like in D15 with Illustrative Math?

M A T H

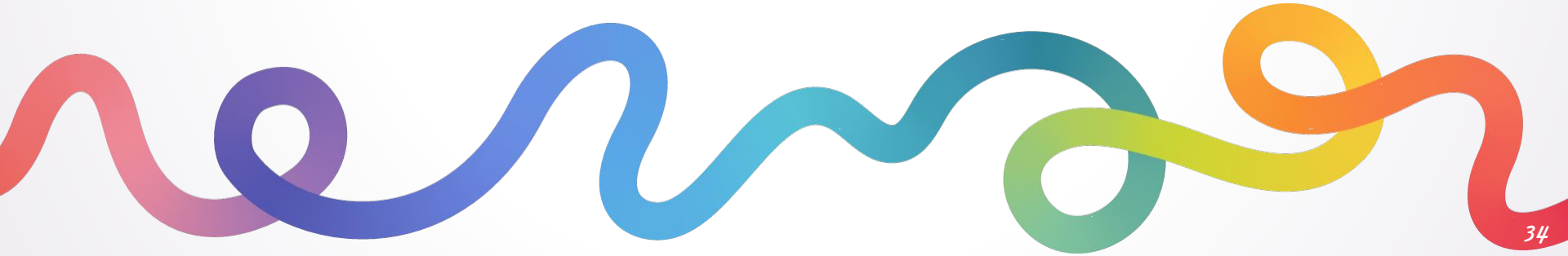
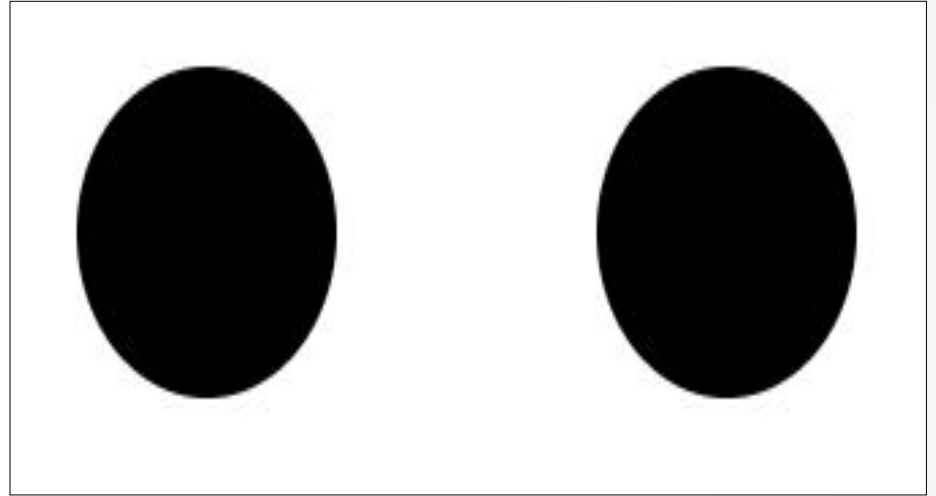
- Warm-up: (10 minutes)
- Activity: (10 minutes)
 - (MLR8 Discussion Supports)
- Activity: (10 minutes)
 - (Engagement)
- Activity: Centers: Choice Time (25 minutes)
- Lesson Synthesis - Back together as a whole group
- Cool-down: Checkpoint for understanding

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- Math everyday
 - Discussing
 - Thinking
 - Exploring

Warm-Up Example:

How many do you see?

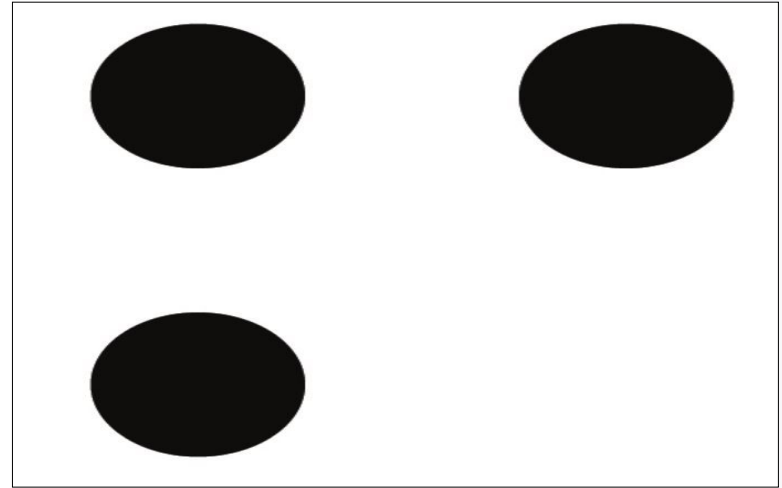
How do you see them?



Warm -Up Example:

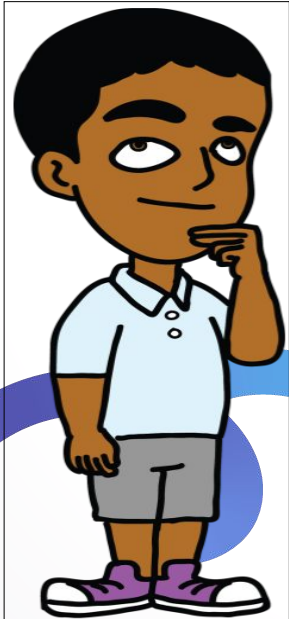
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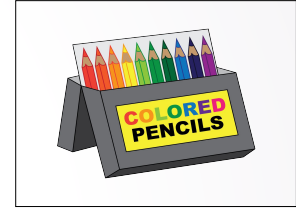
Let's Talk About It:

Did anyone see the dots the same way but would explain it differently?

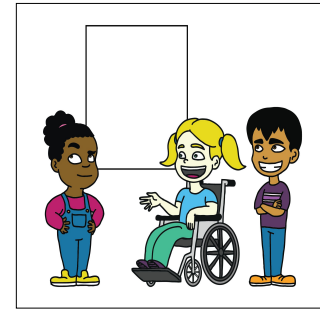


Let's See If There Are Enough

1. First, you will look at the items at your table.



2. Next, you'll share your ideas.



3. Finally, some students will share with the class.

Task:

Are there enough pencils at your table for each student to get one?

Share your ideas for how you can figure out if there are enough pencils. Then, find out if there are enough pencils.



What does kindergarten literacy look like in D15?

L I T E R A C Y

- Interactive Read Aloud
- Shared Reading
- Mini-Lesson
- Phonics, Spelling, and Word Study
- Guided Reading
- Independent Reading
- Book Clubs

Name Puzzle Activity



Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Read to me - talk to me
about stories, pictures, new
words

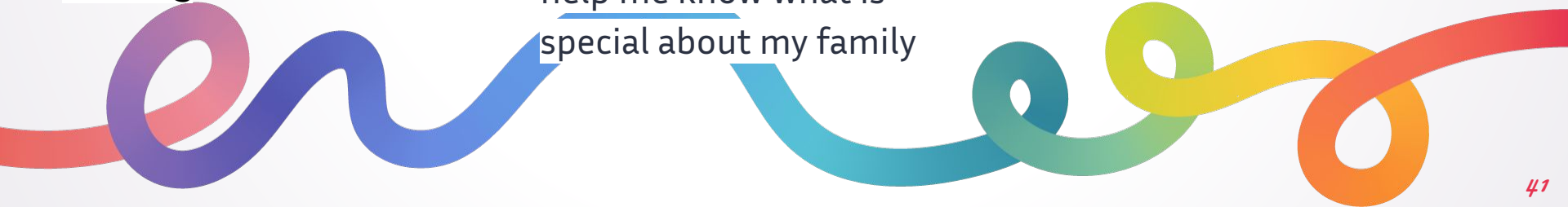
**Practice taking turns with
me** - Playing games,
sharing, winning and losing


Self-care - washing
hands, getting dressed,
zipping, buttoning,
putting on my shoes

**Help make my hands
strong for writing** -
cutting, Legos, Play-doh,
beads and blocks,
coloring

**Talk to me about stories,
friends and my favorite
things.** - ask me questions,
teach me new words, and
help me know what is
special about my family

Independence - putting
things in my backpack,
picking out my clothes,
eating by myself





**We are so
excited to
meet you!**

Please let us know what
we can do to make
kindergarten special for
you and your child!

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Summer Hours:

Monday-Thursday

7:45 – 4:15 PM

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