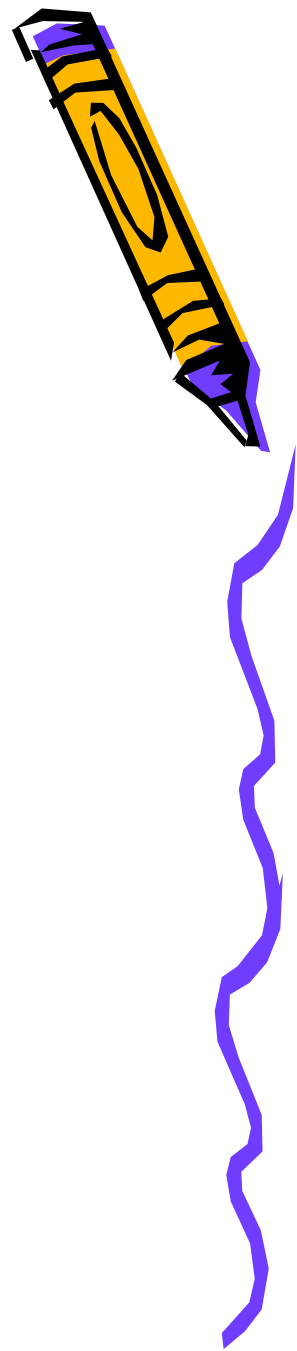


Welcome Parents!!!

Kindergarten Kickoff

Mills Park Elementary School

- Mike Regan: Principal
- Joe Nixon: Assistant Principal
- Rachel Krauza: Counselor (Primarily K - 2)
- Nancy Stavrakakis: Counselor (Primarily 3 - 5)
 - Susan Sweney: School Social Worker
 - Amy Hawkins: School Psychologist
 - Pricilla Williams: Nurse



These next days and weeks
will be filled with a lot of
emotions...



How are you feeling???

You're not alone!



It is natural for children to experience some FEARS ABOUT SCHOOL...



- Who's going to help me?
- Will I miss home?
- Will the other kids like me?
- Will the teacher like me?
- What happens when I have to go to the bathroom?
- Who's going to meet me after school?



Ease those fears by sharing in the EXCITEMENT!!!



- Arrive on time & leave cheerfully.
- Be consistent with modes of transportation & communicate changes.
- Show your interest by regularly asking about school activities, & attending school events.
- Listen to what your child has to say.
- Give positive messages by assuring him/her that everything will be ok.
- Ask open-ended questions that encourage dialogue.
- If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please make an appointment. Please do not pop into the classroom unexpectedly.
- Check your child's backpack daily! Important information can be sent home any day, although most information will be sent in TUESDAY folders.
- Visit your child's classroom (after being cleared as a volunteer)



You can register as a volunteer on any WCPSS computer!
Please register EARLY in the year! The teachers will let you know when the students are ready for visitors.

Stay Healthy



- ~Make sure your child knows proper hand washing.
- ~Teach them independent bathroom routines.
- ~Send them in well rested. Children in Kindergarten usually need 10-12 hours of sleep each night. Bedtime routines are very helpful!!!
- ~Eat together as a family, limit fats & sweets, provide healthy meals & snacks.
- ~Children should not come to school with a fever and will need to be "fever free" without medication for at least 24 hours before returning to school.



**Please let your child's teacher know if your child is out sick.





Plan Ahead!

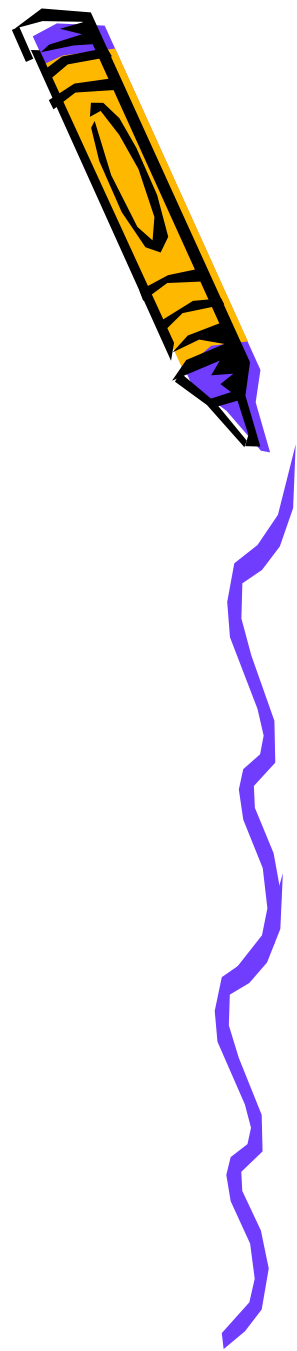


- Dress in layers (for air conditioning, heat, & outside weather).
- Label all hats, coats, sweaters, mittens/gloves, lunchboxes, extra set of clothes, etc...
- Send money in a baggie or envelope, label with your child's name & how the money is to be used.
- Send a healthy snack with your child each day.



What is a Typical Kindergarten Day Like?

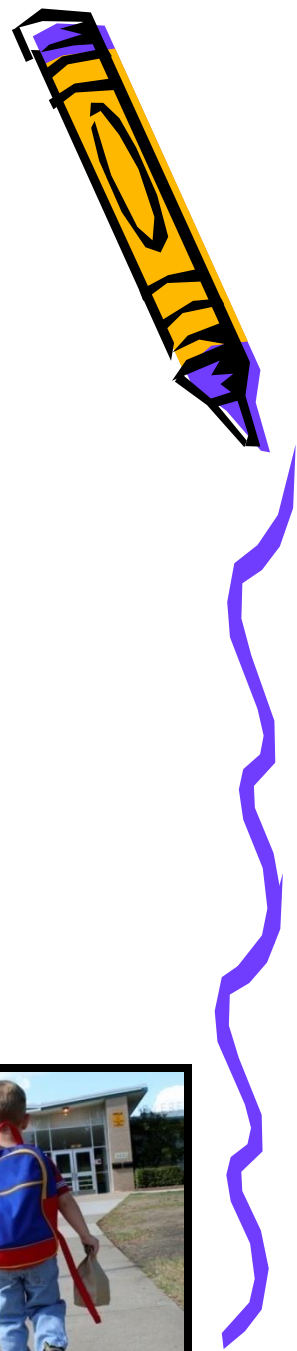
- Morning work
- Math
- Literacy Time
- Specials- Art, Music, P.E., Media, Computers
- Lunch
- Recess
- Writing
- Social Studies/Science



Fostering Independence

- Finding the Classroom
- Entering the Classroom by him/herself
- Zippers, shoes, and coats, oh my!
- Cleanliness & Caring for Self
- Following multi-step directions
- Important Information:

Name, Address, Phone #, Bus or
Carpool #



Parent/Teacher Communication



It's essential and should happen on a regular basis!

- Notes & newsletters
- E-mail & phone calls
 - Conferences
 - Report cards



Lunch Visits

- Lunch Time

- You are welcome to come have lunch with your child. Make sure to sign into the office and wear your visitor's badge!
- Please follow same rules as the children-lead by example.
- Wait to have lunch until about the 4th week of school. The teachers will let you know when the students are ready.
- Say your good-byes from the cafeteria



We'll believe half of what
they say about you...



...if you believe half of what
they say about us!!

