

WELCOME

To Mrs. McNeal's First Grade
Classroom



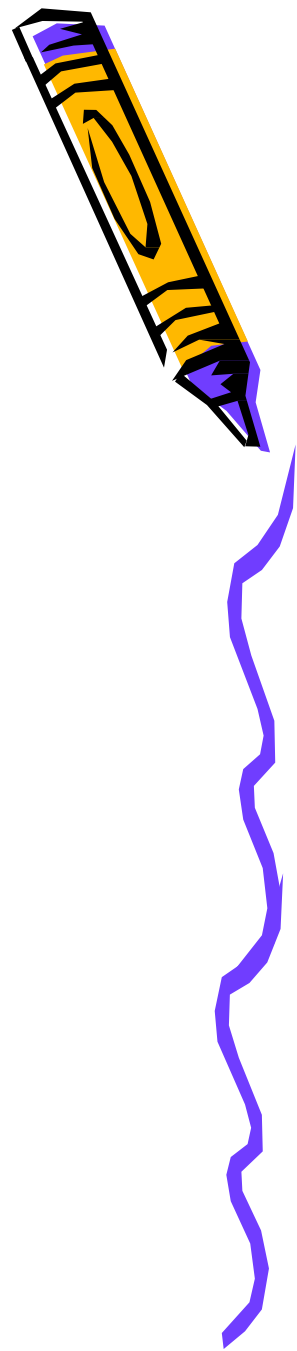
Experience



- Bachelors Degree in Education: Rhode Island College
- Masters Degree in Reading: Rhode Island College
- 23 years teaching First Grade
- I have also taught Kindergarten and Second Grade



People Who Work in our Classroom

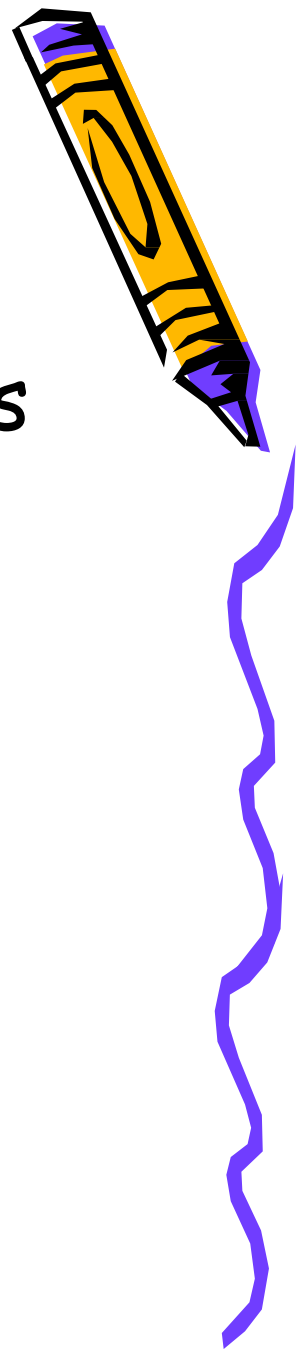


- Mrs. Bullock Inclusion Teacher
- Mrs. Byrne Paraprofessional
- Mrs. Brown Paraprofessional
- Mrs. Ellis Math Resource
- Mrs. Kim Paraprofessional
- Ms Wasdo volunteer



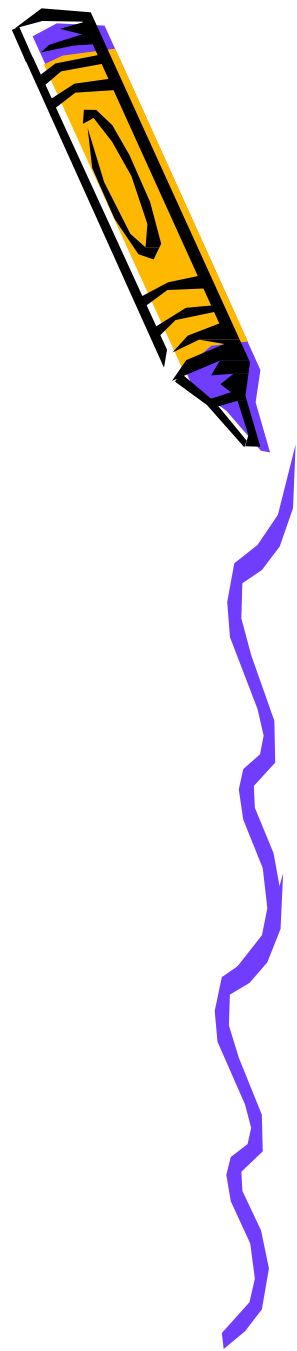
Schedule

- Calendar/Morning Meeting
- ELA Reading Workshop, Foundations
- Snack
- Math/Writer's Workshop
- Special
- Lunch
- Writer's Workshop/Math
- Science/Social Studies/Centers



Expectations

- Children follow the school and classroom rules.
- Children are Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn
- Children return homework daily





Snack and Lunch



- The children eat lunch at 12:15

Lunch cost \$2.50 Milk only is 50 cents.

Choices include: salad, bagel, chicken patty sandwich or the main choice of the day.

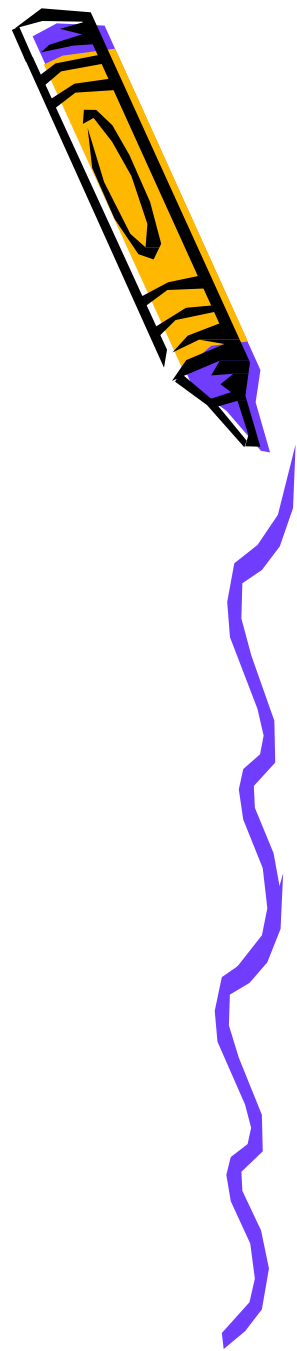
Snack time is around 10:00. Please try to send in a healthy snack and drink each day.

Snack last for 10-15 minutes



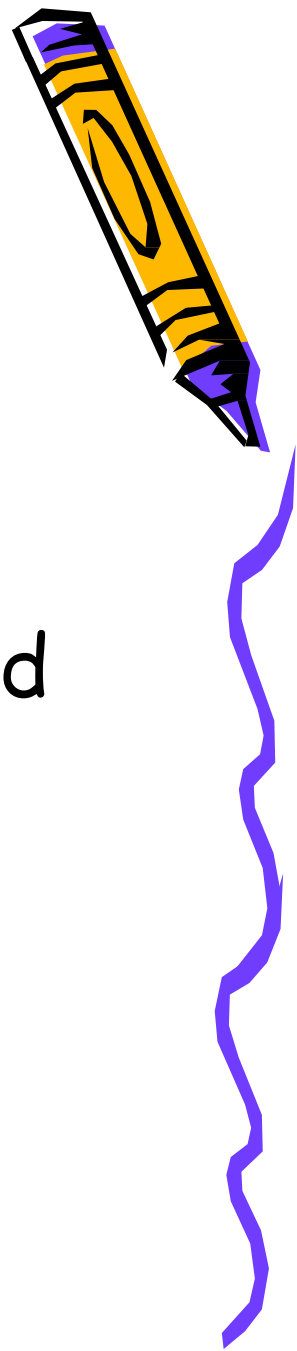
Language Arts

- Foundations (Phonemic and Phonological Awareness)
- Reader's Workshop
- Writer's Workshop
- Spelling
- Read Aloud Time

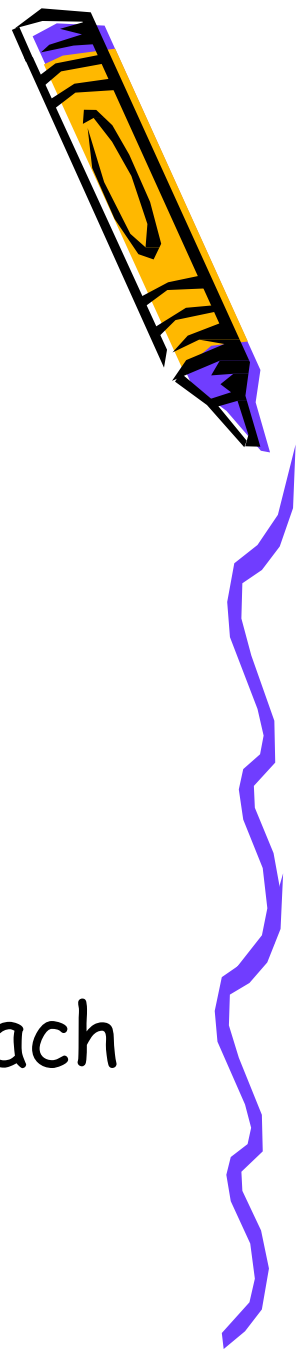


Fundations

- Systematic and Sequential Instruction of Skills
- Instruction is through modeling and active participation
- Spelling words will come from foundations



Spelling

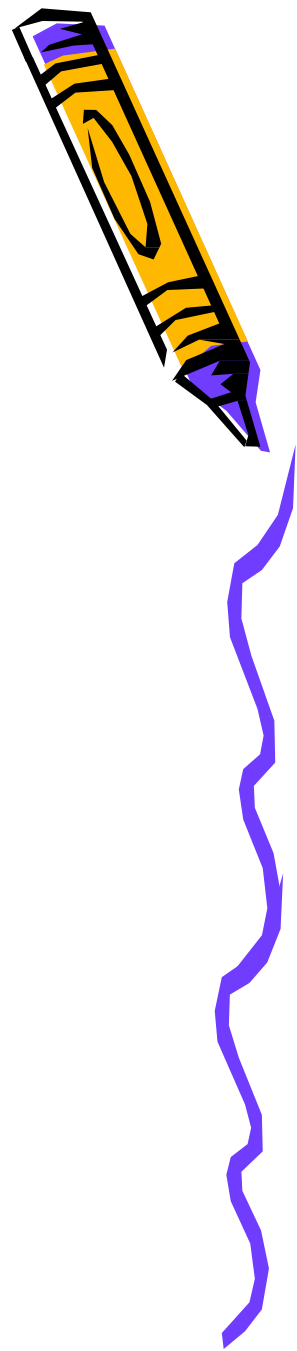


- Follows the Foundations Program
- Words that follow the phonic pattern being taught that week
- Tests will be given at the end of each unit. (typically every two to three weeks)

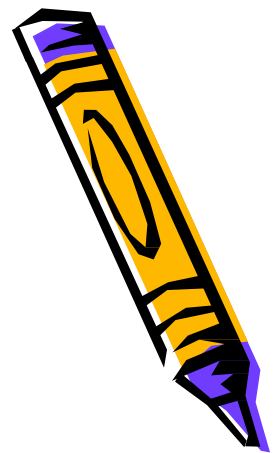


Readers' Workshop

- Start each workshop with a mini lesson
- Children read independently
- Children read with a partner
- Children work in groups with a teacher



Reading Includes



- **Comprehension** -I understand what I read
- **Accuracy**- I can read the words
- **Fluency**- I can read accurately, with expression, and understand what I read
- **Expand Vocabulary**- I know, find, and use interesting words

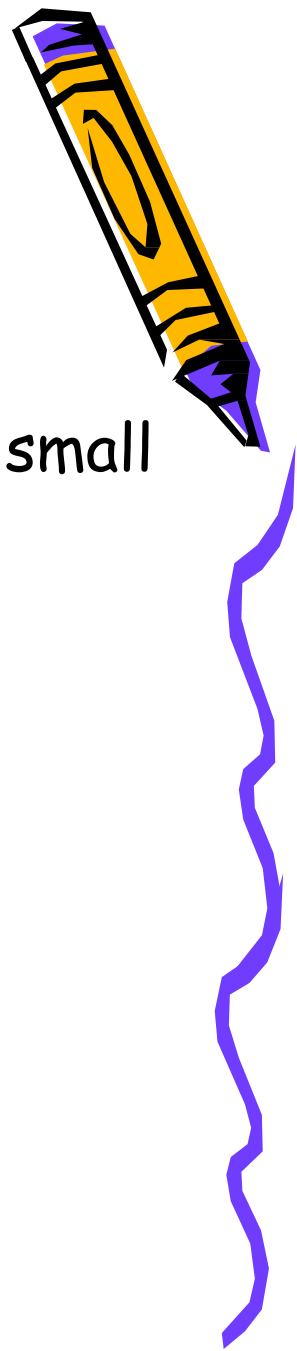


Writers' Workshop

- Start with a mini-lesson
- Children write
- Teacher conferences with children and work with small groups of children.
- End with time to share their work

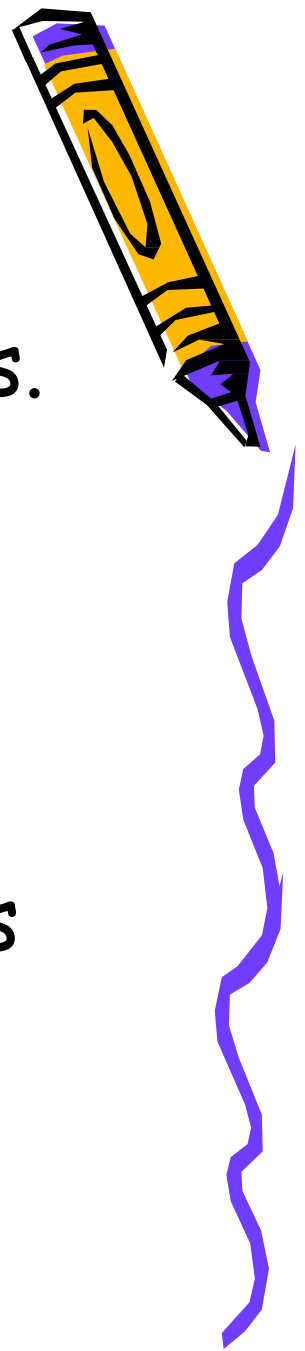
Children are introduced to :

- Narrative Writing: Small Moment Stories
- How to Writing
- Informational Writing
- Opinion Writing

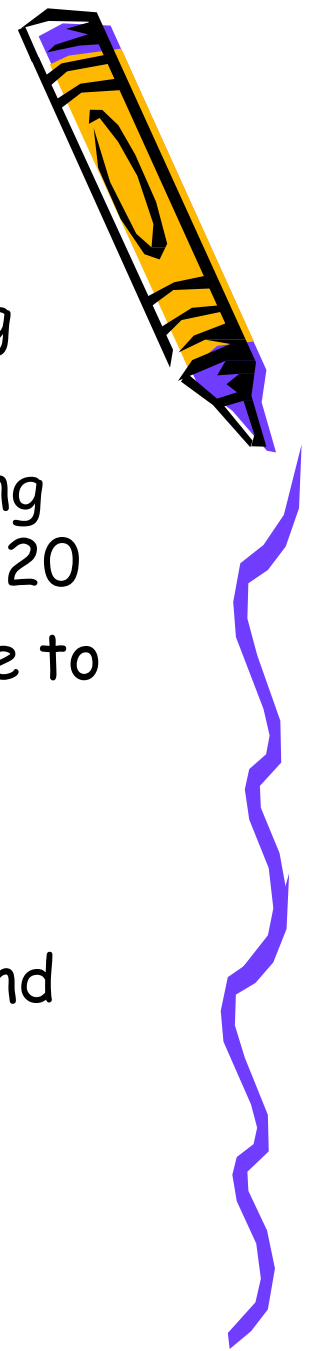


Math

- Harcourt Math and other Resources.
- Use a hands on approach many concepts taught with manipulatives before moving to pencil and paper
- Children are expected to learn the basic addition and subtraction facts to 20
- Fluency of facts through 10



Math Common Core



- 1. Operations and Algebraic Thinking, including addition and subtraction up to 20
- 2. Number and Operations in Base Ten including place-value up to hundreds place, counting to 120
- 3. Measurement and Data including telling time to the hour and half hour, money, graphing and sorting, comparing lengths using nonstandard measurement.
- 4. Geometry including reasoning with shapes and their attributes.



Science

- We are starting to incorporate the new Common Core Standards. This year we will be working on the Life Science strand.

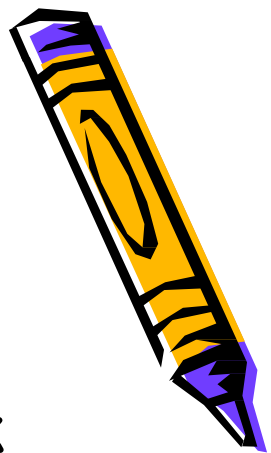




Social Studies

In first grade, children listen to and read folk tales and true stories from America and from around the world.

They learn about major historical events, figures and symbols related to the United States of America.

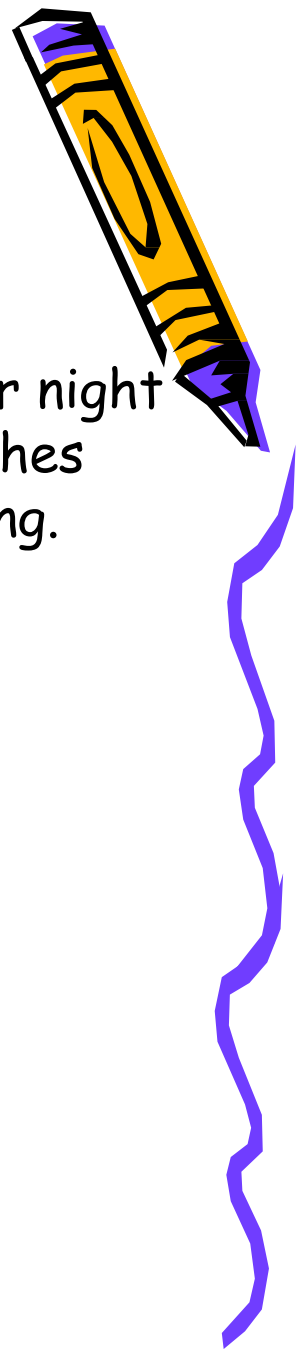


Book Clubs

- The books in the book club orders are geared for various ability levels. They offer books at cheaper prices than you can usually find at a store. If you plan on purchasing books you may do so online or please send in the order with a check made out to the Scholastic Book Club. It usually takes about two weeks for the books to come in once the order is placed. I will send home Book Club forms in September, November and March.



Homework



- School Policy is that homework should be 10-15 minutes per night for First Grade. I believe homework informs parents, teaches children responsibility and provides time to practice reading. Children receive a homework grade on their report card.
- Book Bag Books (Just Right Books) M-Th
- Monday - Math sheet
- Tuesday - Foundations sheet
- Wednesday - Math problem solving sheet



Home Book Log for Reading

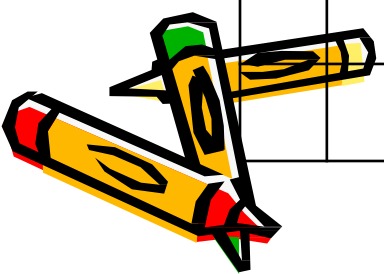
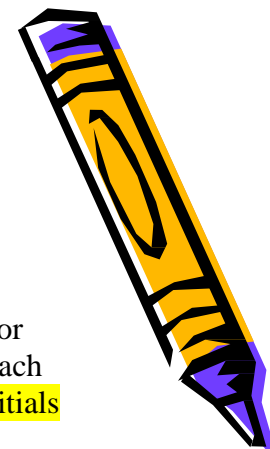
First Grade

Student Name: _____

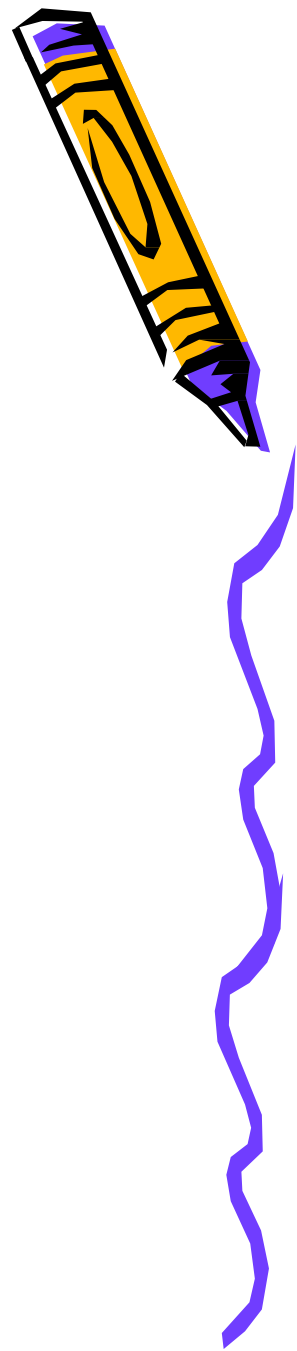
Parents... Please write the date and book title on the form below after your child has read the book to you or with you. Remember, your child will be more successful in their listening and reading comprehension if each book is read several times. Keep this log inside the book bag with your child's book. **Finally print your initials in the column marked "Parent's initials," and check off the book level and difficulty.**

E – easy JR – just right CH - challenging

Home Use								
Date	Book Title	Parents Initials			Book Level	Difficulty		
		Read to child	Shared the reading	Child read independently		E	JR	CH



Handwriting Rubric

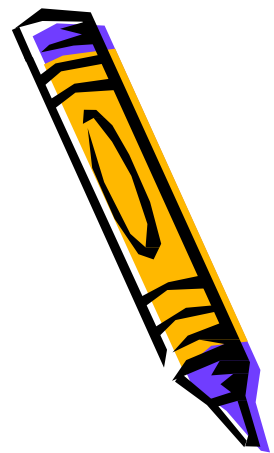


	Progressing	Meets Expectations	Strong Performance
Spacing			
Letter formation			
Size (touch lines)			





Nurse



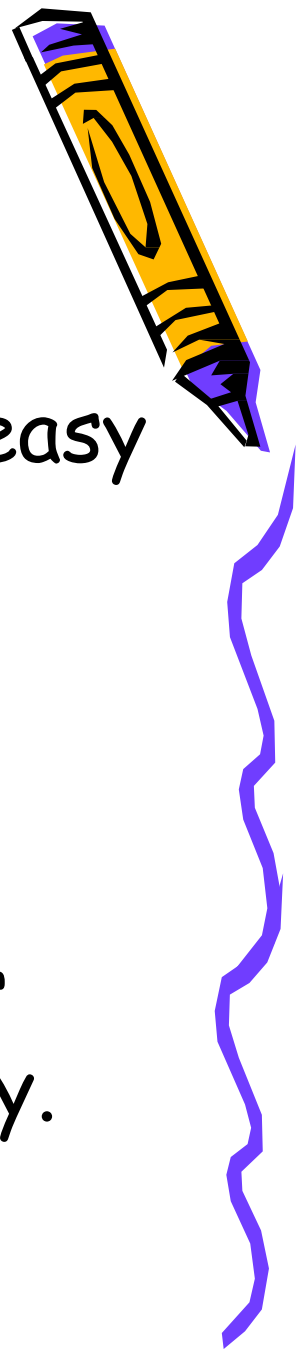
- Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Cashman
- are our school nurses.

- Send a note in with all medication.



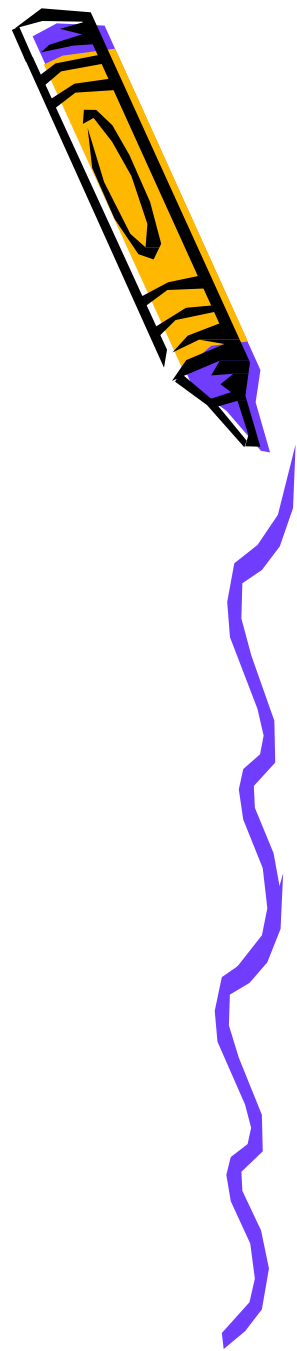
Clothing

- Please label all clothing.
- Dress your child in clothes that are easy for them to manage.
- Send your child with layers, the classroom tends to be warm even in winter
- Remember sneakers every Friday for P.E. and Mondays starting in February.



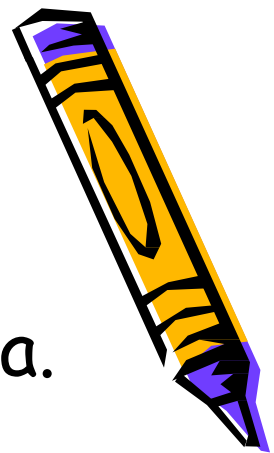
Birthdays

- Birthdays are important in First Grade
- We sing to each child
- The class receives an extra recess in honor of the child
- They receive a pencil from Mrs. Wagstaff and visit the birthday basket.
- No Homework Pass

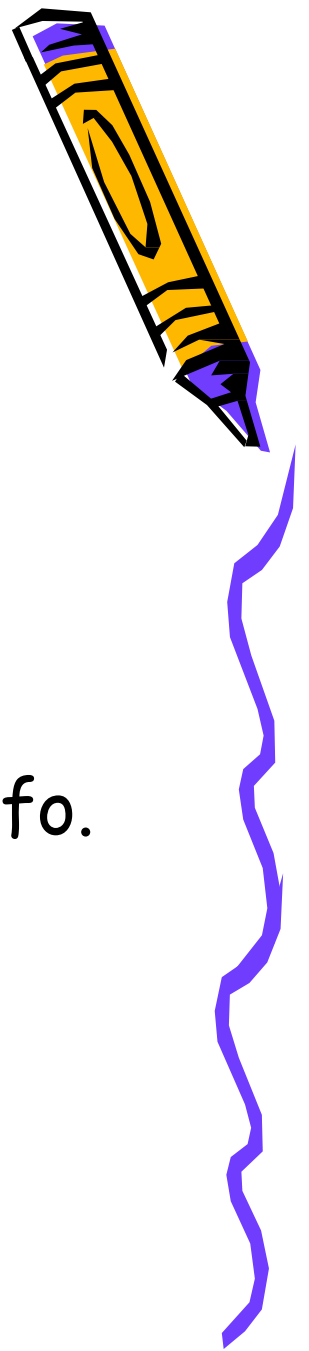


Dismissal Procedures

- Children are dismissed from the cafeteria.
- Parents need to come in and sign their children out.
- Please remember to send a note if there is any change in your child's regular dismissal. Include date and name of person picking child up.

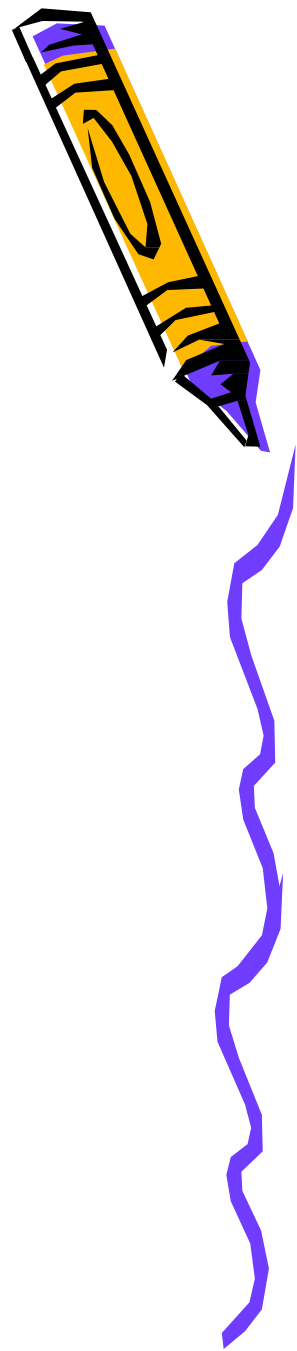


How to Contact Me



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- send in a note
- Phone ext. 1270
- Please do not leave any time sensitive info. on my phone or e-mail





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