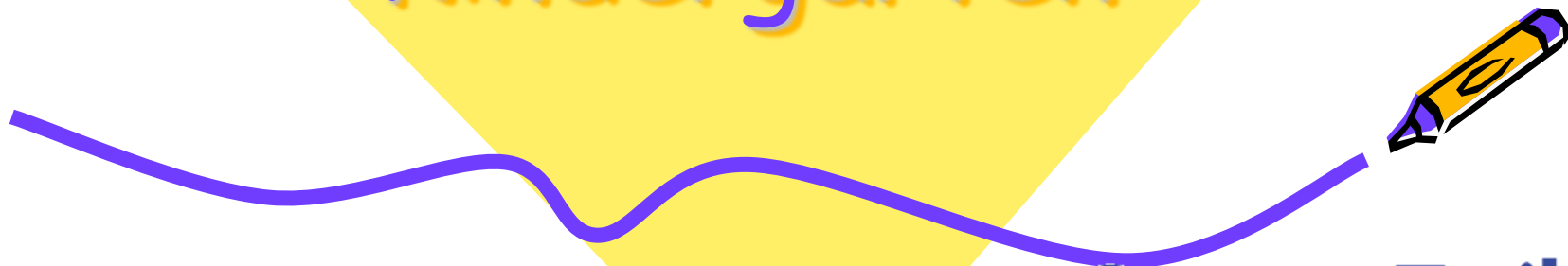




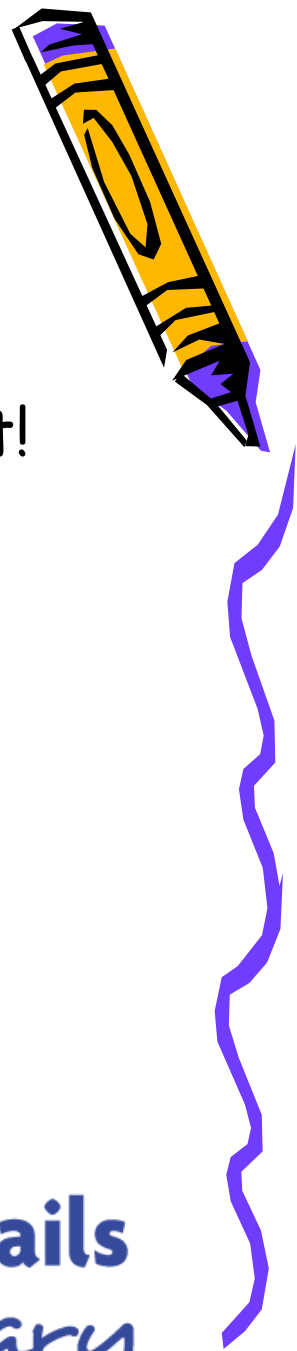
The Wonderful World of Kindergarten



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Our Learning Community

- Motto: Work Hard, Aim High, Do What's Right!
- Character Values
 - Respect
 - Responsibility
 - Kindness
 - Integrity
 - Perseverance



Arrival



- School day 9:05-4:00.
- Students may arrive at school starting at 8:45
- Car drop off occurs at the North end of the building. Pull in the main entrance and drive straight to the small turn around. Pull alongside the sidewalk and as far up as possible towards the stop sign. Students may exit onto the sidewalk and enter the building at door 26.
- Parents are also welcome to park their car in the main parking lot and walk their students into the building.
- Please do not pull into the bus lane.
- For the safety of students, please do not pull into the main parking lot and drop students off.



Dismissal



- School ends at 4:00
- Car pick up occurs at the North end of the building. Pull in the main entrance and drive straight to the small turn around. Pull alongside the sidewalk and as far up as possible towards the stop sign. Students will exit the building at door 26 with teacher escorts and be walked to the appropriate vehicle.
- Parents are also welcome to park their car in the main parking lot and walk inside the building to meet their student. Please wait in front of the main office and do not walk directly to the classroom.
- Please do not pull into the bus lane.
- For the safety of all students, please do not pull into the South lot and collect your student from the bus line.



Breakfast and Lunch



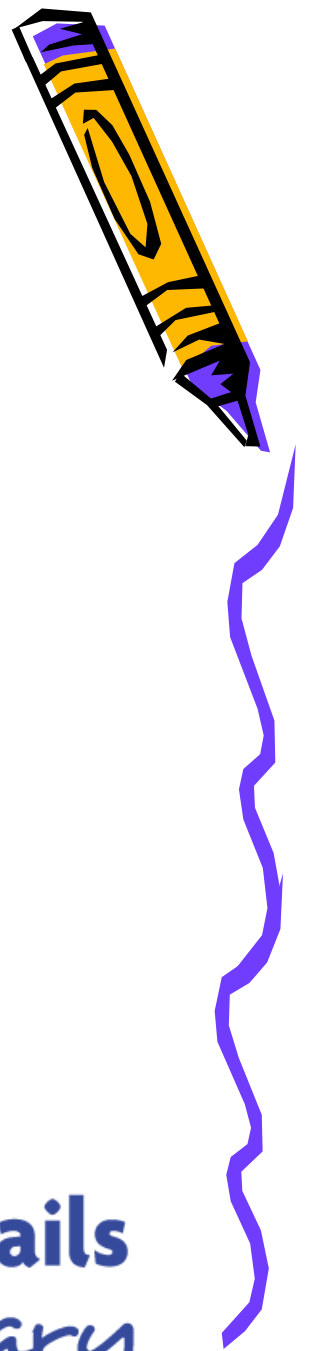
- Breakfast begins at 8:45am.
- Students may buy lunch or bring lunch.
- Visit the Parkway Food Services Website at <http://tinyurl.com/z75gdke>.
- For payment information and menus.



What do they do all day?



Sample Kindergarten Daily Schedule 2015-2016



9:05 - 9:25 Class Meeting

9:25 - 10:35 Reading

10:35 - 10:50 Bathroom & Snack

10:50 - 11:45 Specials:

M - Art/PE

T - Music/PE

W - Art/PE

TR - Music/PE

F - Rotating schedule: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs

11:45 - 12:10 Social Studies/Science

(Mondays - Library at 11:45 - 12:15)

12:10 - 1:05 Writing

1:05 - 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 2:00 Rest & Refuel/ Ac. Lab

2:00 - 2:50 Math

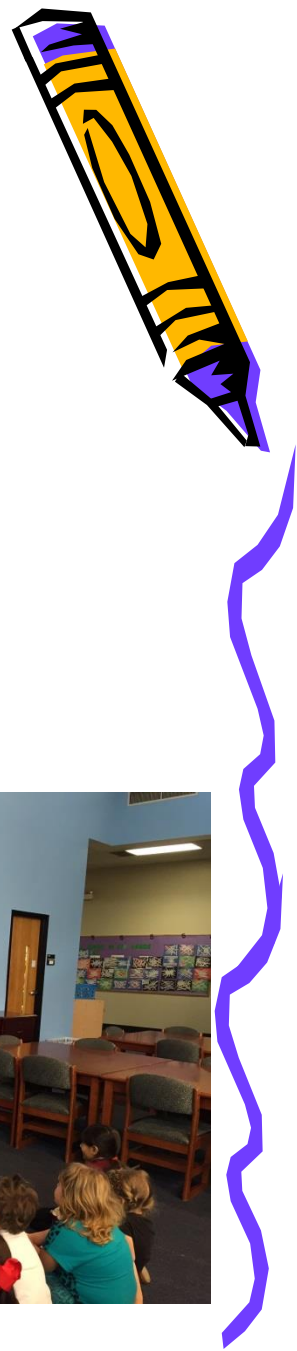
2:50 - 3:20 Recess

3:20 - 3:45 Learning Centers

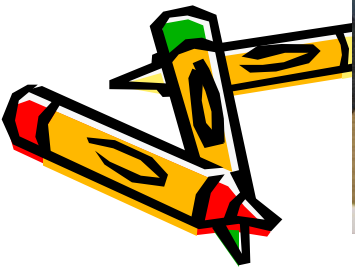
3:45 - 4:00 Pack-Up & Dismissal



Your child will be exposed to PE, Art, Music & Library during kindergarten to help with various skills!



Kindergarten Curriculum Reader's Workshop



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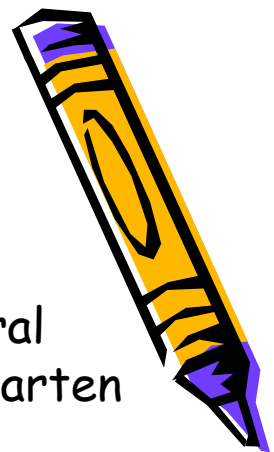
Kindergarten Curriculum Reader's Workshop

The development of the Language Arts (reading, writing, and oral communication) curriculum is specifically designed with Kindergarten in mind and centers on the following elements of reading and writing: Read Aloud, Guided Reading, Shared Reading, Independent Reading, Reading Partnerships, Shared Writing, Interactive Writing, Writer's Workshop, and Independent writing.

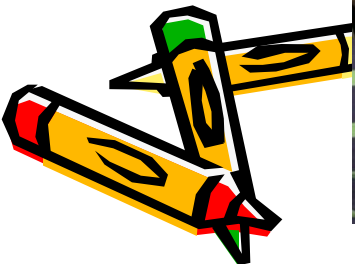
Kindergarten students enjoy a variety of stories, including fiction, nonfiction, songs, poetry, classics and contemporary works.

Stories are recreated through drama, illustrations and retellings.

Students also begin to read simple text by developing a bank of known words, an understanding of letters and sounds, and an understanding of book language.

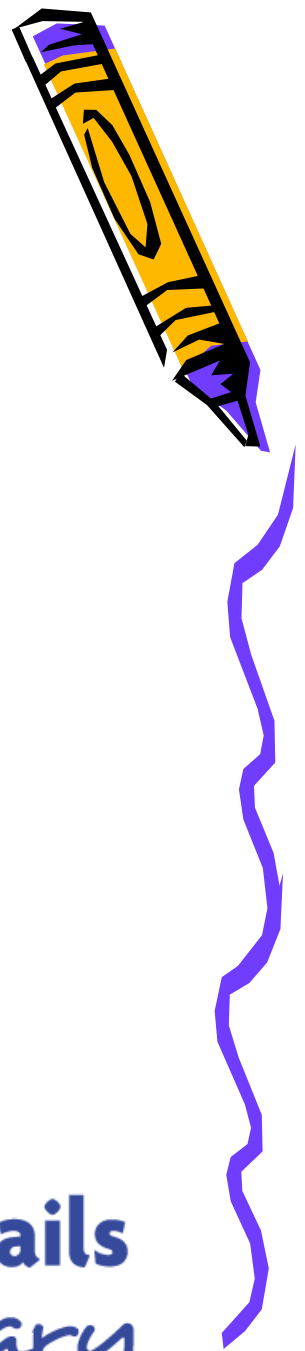


Kindergarten Curriculum Writer's Workshop



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Kindergarten Curriculum Writer's Workshop



Writing is the process of discovering and recording one's own thoughts.

In kindergarten, students publish books about topics that interest them.

Students also use illustrations to tell personal stories, share information and explain an opinion.

Through daily writing, students compose ideas and develop the mechanics of handwriting, spelling and sentence structure.



Kindergarten Curriculum Math Workshop



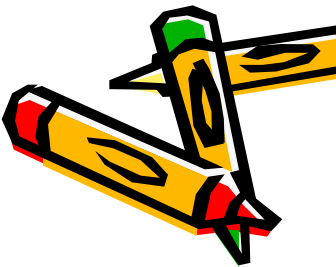
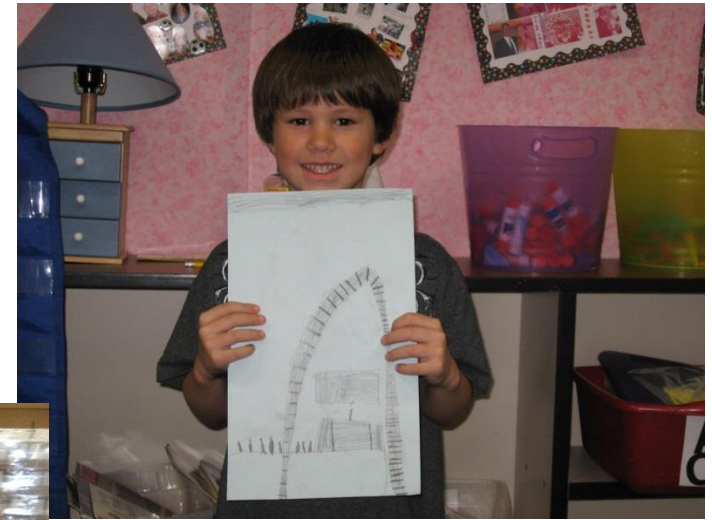
Kindergarten Curriculum Math Workshop



- The Kindergarten math curriculum focuses on allowing students to develop a common understanding of how math concepts relate to their world through authentic instruction. Our goal is to build confident, capable, and curious learners. Mathematics is more than facts and computation. In kindergarten, students build a "hands-on" and "concrete" sense of number, value and mathematical thinking.
- The kindergarten mathematics curriculum is designed to help children gain an increased awareness of mathematics in their world and its uses in their daily lives. This is achieved as children explore the concepts of patterns; number sense; data and probability; geometric and spatial relationships; and measurement.



Kindergarten Curriculum Science/Social Studies



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Kindergarten Curriculum Science/Social Studies



Science Curriculum is facilitated through a combination of factual knowledge acquisition, ongoing inquiry, and hands-on explorations. Science is extended through learning centers.

The foundation of science understanding occurs in the kindergarten classroom, where students are encouraged to pose questions, conduct simple investigations, record data, support explanations and communicate outcomes. Students explore topics of living things, five senses, weather and seasons and movement of objects.



Kindergarten Curriculum Science/Social Studies



Social studies for kindergarten students is focused on a child's place in time and space. They learn about rules, responsibility, and decision making as they are introduced to the cultural heritage of the United States. They also learn about other cultures in and beyond their classroom and community. Kindergarten students also learn about past, present, and future by developing their own timelines.

The kindergarten social studies curriculum is designed to help children gain an increased awareness of themselves and the world around them. Students explore maps, their personal history, and other topics including the United States, children from other lands and service to others.



What can I do to help my child be ready?



- Jumpstart to Kindergarten
- Play Based Screening
- Routines & Sleep
- Read together everyday
- Practice basic self help skills
- Practice academic skills
- Play dates
- School Supply List



What can I do to help my child be ready?



Jumpstart - At Hannah Woods. Dates: June 6-24 from 8:00 - 12:00. Great way to meet teachers and students who will be at Carman Trails!

Play Based Screening - Please sign your child up for the July 29th screening! Call our office! If your child is going to attend Jumpstart, no need to sign your child up as he/she will be screened in summer school. If you cannot make the July 29th date, please also call our front office and we can make accommodations.



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- Routines/Sleep - 5-6 year olds need between 10-12 hours of sleep each night. Please start getting into a good nightly routine 3 weeks before your child comes to kindergarten so they are ready and prepared for the full, long day.
- Please read with your child every day!
- Practice self-help skills at home like tying shoes, buttoning buttons, getting coats on/off, putting back packs on and taking them off, etc. We do not teach the kids how to tie their shoes at school.



What can I do to help my child be ready?



- Academic Skills - Please find natural ways to practice finding letters and numbers in your surroundings. Help your child write his/her name at home. Have your child cook with you so you can talk about measurements, etc.
- The school supply list will be mailed to you over the summer. The list will also be in the stores in the area. You can drop off the supplies at the Kindergarten Kickoff!



How will my child get to and from school?



Transportation

Above all else we want your kids to be safe and going home the right way.

This summer you will be getting information from the transportation department and they will be informing you of your child's bus number, pick up and drop off times.

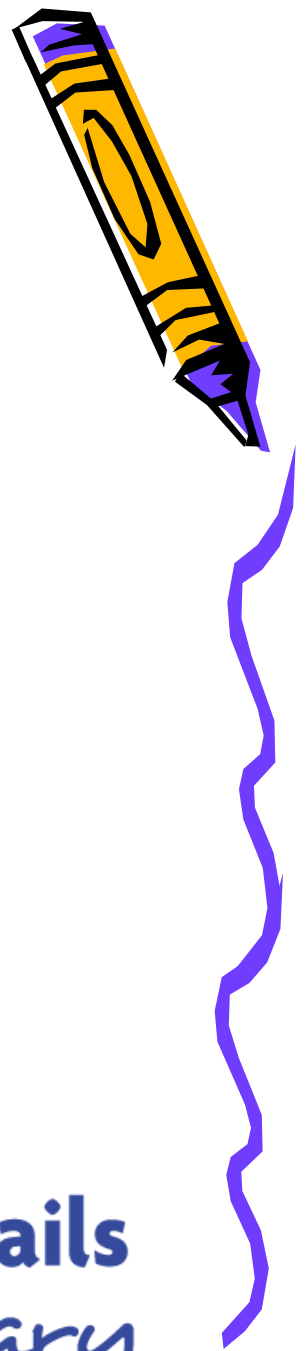
Transportation will provide you with a website and a link to print off a transportation tag. We will also have these tags ready for you at the kindergarten kickoff on August 4th. For the first week of school students will wear a transportation tag on their shirt that says how they will be going home, bus #, address, parent contact. We ask that you please pin this tag to their shirt for at least the first week of school. These tags are for us so we know how each child is getting home after school.



Transportation

At The Kindergarten Kickoff be sure to let us know how your child will be going home. We will have a transportation sheet for you to fill out. How your child goes home on the first day of school will be how we send them home every day unless we hear otherwise.

If you ever have a change in dismissal for your child please send a note in your child's folder in the morning or call the office if something changes during the day. We don't always have the opportunity to check our voicemail and email during the school day. Also there could be a substitute that day.



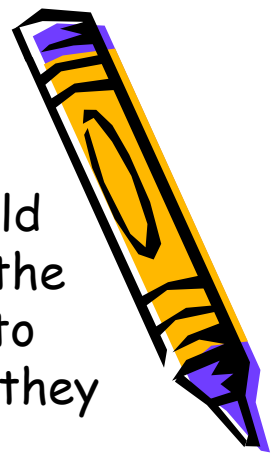
Transportation

A note about transportation on first day of school: If your child will be a bus rider next year and they want to ride the bus on the first day of school, parents in the past have followed the bus to school and walked their child into their classroom so that way they could still take pictures. Do whatever is best for your family.

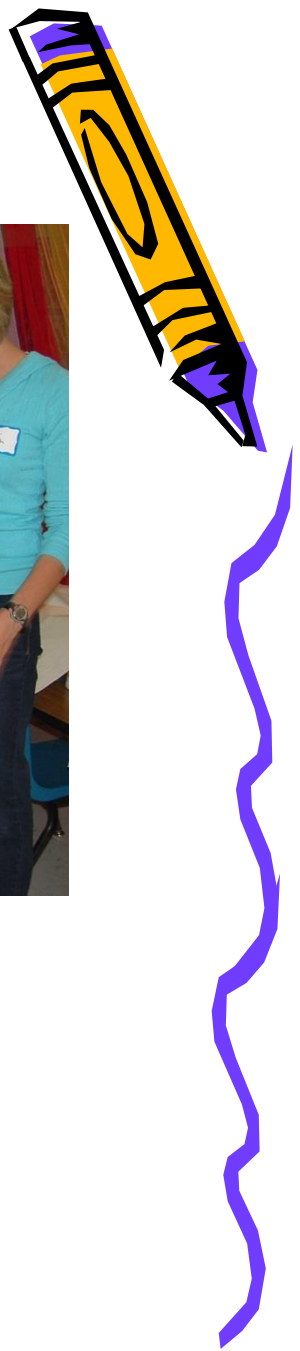
At dismissal we walk our students out and put them on the buses ourselves. Kindergarteners sit in the front of the bus by the bus driver. Kindergarteners are not allowed to get off the bus unless there is an adult there for them at the bus stop.

The buses are almost always late the first few weeks of school. Don't panic if your child isn't dropped off exactly at their scheduled drop of time.

At the kindergarten kickoff there will be a bus safety presentation for the kids and parents. (August 4th 3:30-4:00)



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You can get involved by going on field trips with us! We have three through the year: Pumpkin Patch, St. Louis Food Bank & The Botanical Gardens.

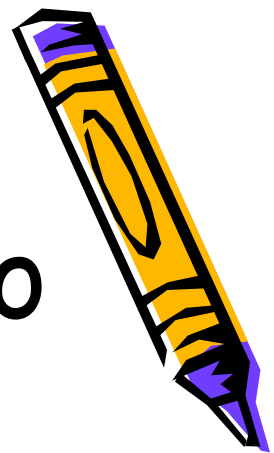
You can also get involved with PTO - great way to meet people and help our school! Visit the PTO website at

http://www.edline.net/pages/Carman_Trails_Elementary/PTO_Website

Teachers will be looking for volunteers to help at home through the year.



What other questions do
you have for us?



Thank you for coming tonight!
Best wishes for a great Kindergarten
year!

