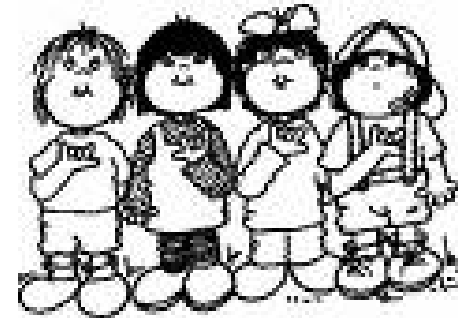
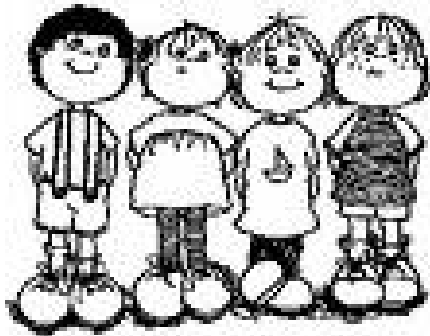


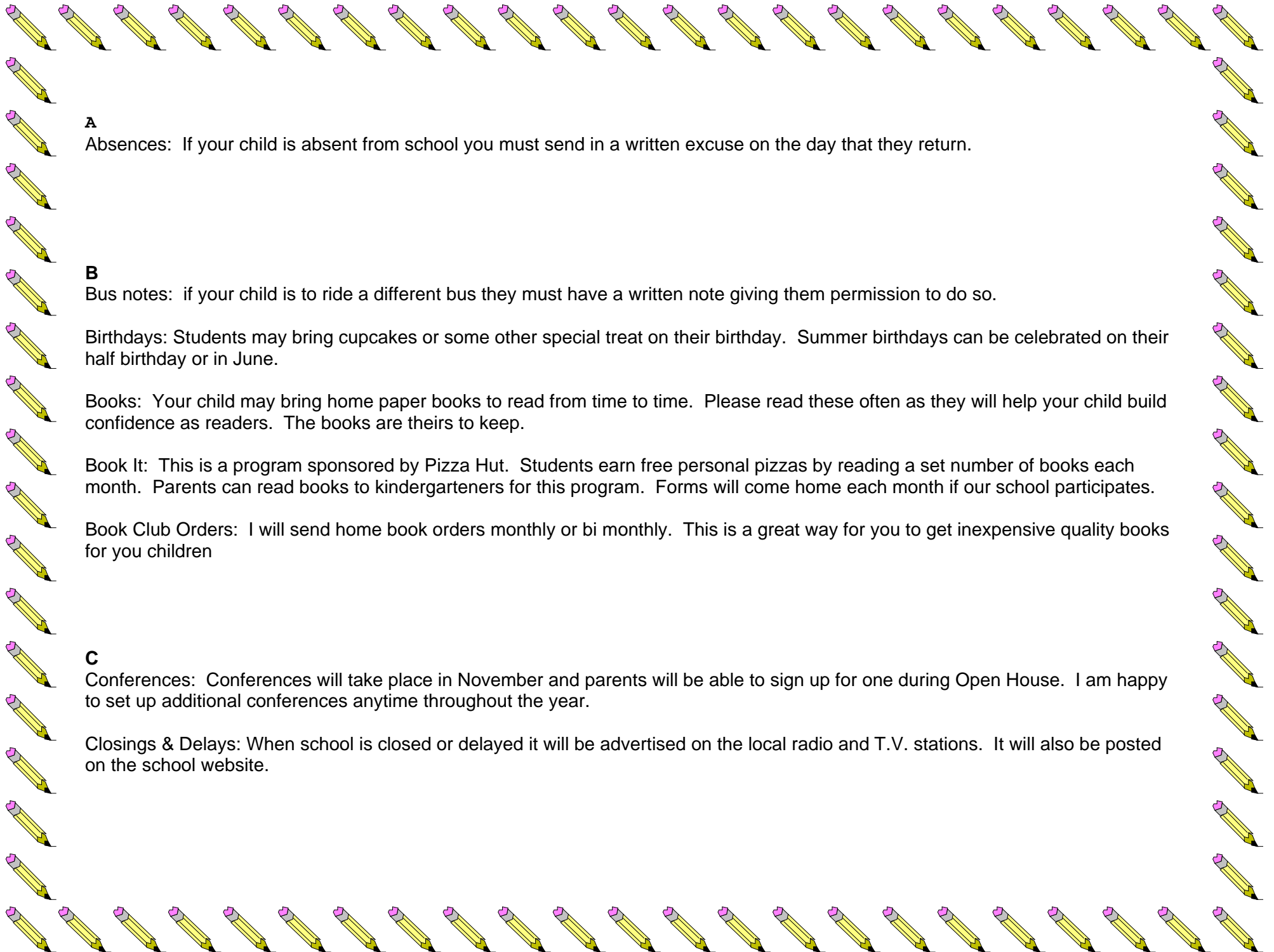


The ABC's of Kindergarten

A Parent's Guide

Mrs. Abdullah's Kindergarten
2009-2010





A

Absences: If your child is absent from school you must send in a written excuse on the day that they return.

B

Bus notes: if your child is to ride a different bus they must have a written note giving them permission to do so.

Birthdays: Students may bring cupcakes or some other special treat on their birthday. Summer birthdays can be celebrated on their half birthday or in June.

Books: Your child may bring home paper books to read from time to time. Please read these often as they will help your child build confidence as readers. The books are theirs to keep.

Book It: This is a program sponsored by Pizza Hut. Students earn free personal pizzas by reading a set number of books each month. Parents can read books to kindergarteners for this program. Forms will come home each month if our school participates.

Book Club Orders: I will send home book orders monthly or bi monthly. This is a great way for you to get inexpensive quality books for you children

C

Conferences: Conferences will take place in November and parents will be able to sign up for one during Open House. I am happy to set up additional conferences anytime throughout the year.

Closings & Delays: When school is closed or delayed it will be advertised on the local radio and T.V. stations. It will also be posted on the school website.



D

Discipline: We will spend the first few weeks of school learning and practicing the rules of the classroom. We will also review the rules often throughout the year. When a child does not comply with the rules of the room then they will be given a warning and reminder to follow the rules when the offense is minor (talking out of turn, tipping a chair...). If the child continues not to comply with the rules then they will go through retraining to review and practice the rule they are having difficulty with. Retraining may happen on the spot or it may happen during the first five minutes of their recess time. For major offenses such as hitting, kicking, biting, and other physically aggressive acts there will be no warning. The child will automatically go to a time out and retrain during the first few minutes of recess. I will contact their parents by note, email, or phone as well. If these behaviors continue the principal or other staff may become involved.

E

Extra clothes: Please have your child keep an extra set of clothes in school for the occasional accident. Please replace them once they have been used.

Early dismissals: There will be early dismissals throughout the year for conferences or teacher development. Please watch the calendar and newsletters so that you are aware of these days. Please send in a note on early dismissal days if your child needs to go to a different location than usual.

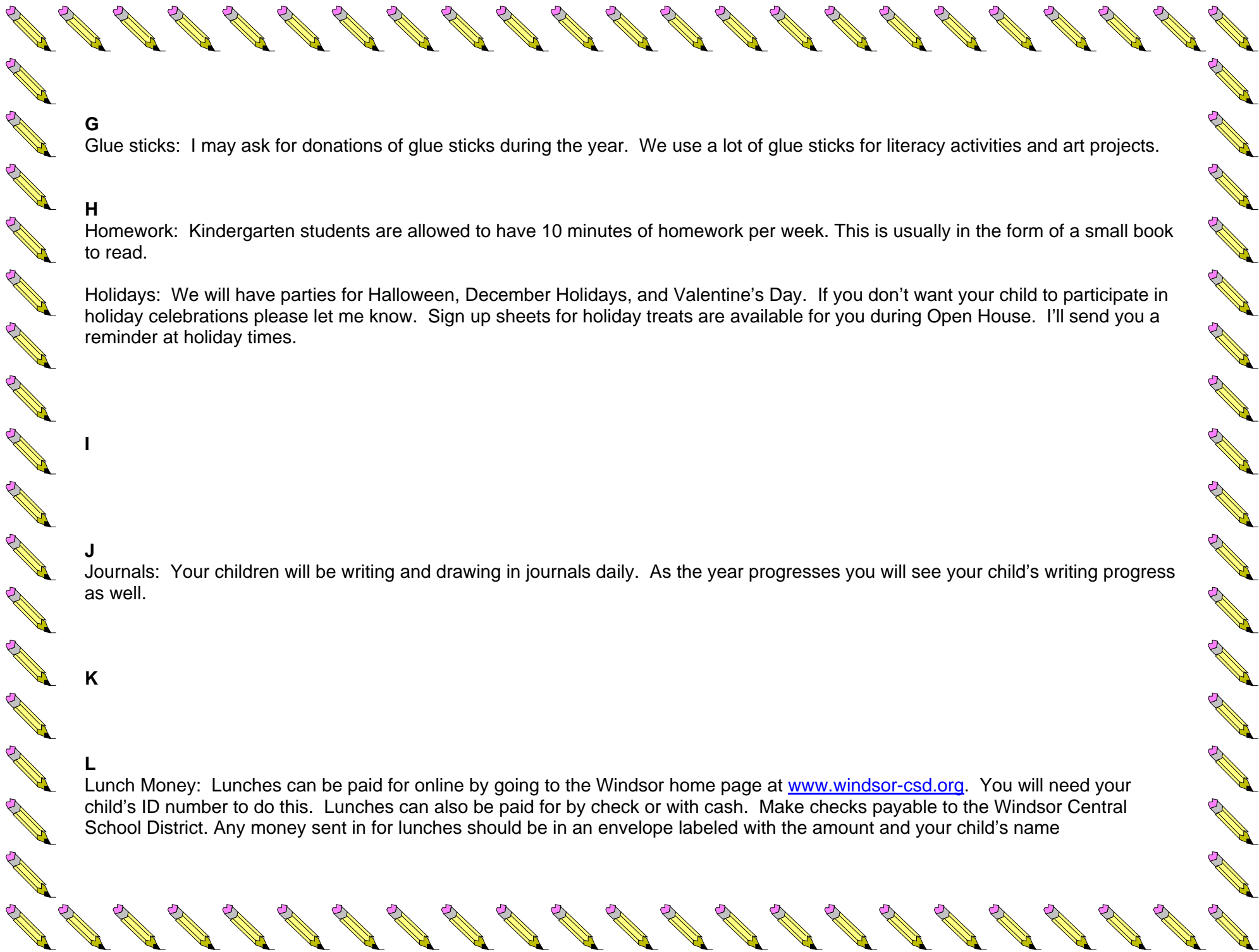
Early dismissal due to weather: We ask that you fill out a form in case of an unplanned early dismissal. This form will tell us where you want your child to go in case of an unplanned early dismissal.

Email: You can reach me by school email at **sabdullah@windsor-csd.org**

F

Field trips: We will take the children on several field trips during the year. Some will be walking trips to locations in the community. Others will require a trip on the bus. I will ask for parent volunteers to help with field trips as they occur.

Friday folders: All work for the week will come home in a folder on Friday. Folders need to be returned on Mondays.



G

Glue sticks: I may ask for donations of glue sticks during the year. We use a lot of glue sticks for literacy activities and art projects.

H

Homework: Kindergarten students are allowed to have 10 minutes of homework per week. This is usually in the form of a small book to read.

Holidays: We will have parties for Halloween, December Holidays, and Valentine's Day. If you don't want your child to participate in holiday celebrations please let me know. Sign up sheets for holiday treats are available for you during Open House. I'll send you a reminder at holiday times.

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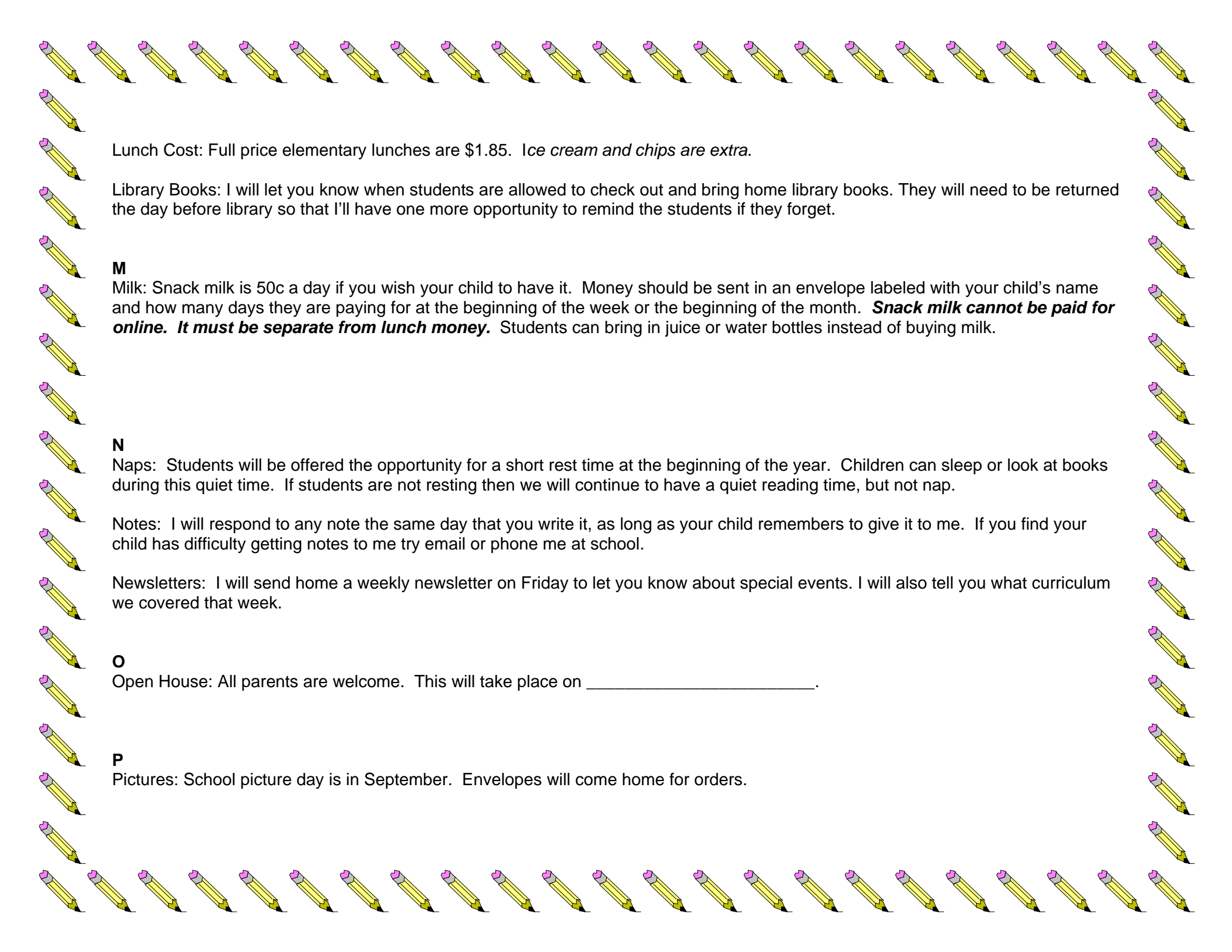
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Journals: Your children will be writing and drawing in journals daily. As the year progresses you will see your child's writing progress as well.

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L

Lunch Money: Lunches can be paid for online by going to the Windsor home page at www.windsor-csd.org. You will need your child's ID number to do this. Lunches can also be paid for by check or with cash. Make checks payable to the Windsor Central School District. Any money sent in for lunches should be in an envelope labeled with the amount and your child's name



Lunch Cost: Full price elementary lunches are \$1.85. *Ice cream and chips are extra.*

Library Books: I will let you know when students are allowed to check out and bring home library books. They will need to be returned the day before library so that I'll have one more opportunity to remind the students if they forget.

M

Milk: Snack milk is 50c a day if you wish your child to have it. Money should be sent in an envelope labeled with your child's name and how many days they are paying for at the beginning of the week or the beginning of the month. ***Snack milk cannot be paid for online. It must be separate from lunch money.*** Students can bring in juice or water bottles instead of buying milk.

N

Naps: Students will be offered the opportunity for a short rest time at the beginning of the year. Children can sleep or look at books during this quiet time. If students are not resting then we will continue to have a quiet reading time, but not nap.

Notes: I will respond to any note the same day that you write it, as long as your child remembers to give it to me. If you find your child has difficulty getting notes to me try email or phone me at school.

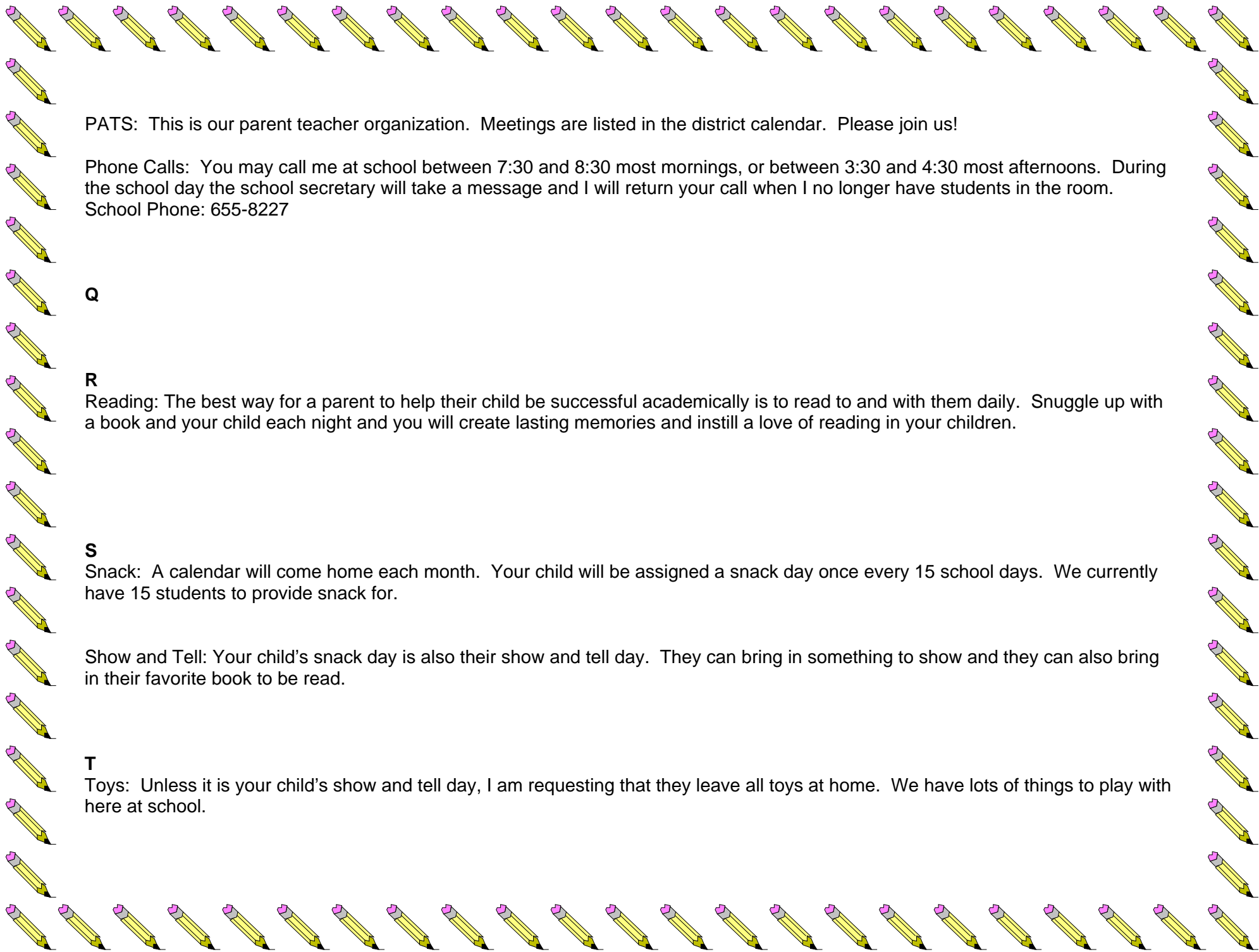
Newsletters: I will send home a weekly newsletter on Friday to let you know about special events. I will also tell you what curriculum we covered that week.

O

Open House: All parents are welcome. This will take place on _____.

P

Pictures: School picture day is in September. Envelopes will come home for orders.



PATS: This is our parent teacher organization. Meetings are listed in the district calendar. Please join us!

Phone Calls: You may call me at school between 7:30 and 8:30 most mornings, or between 3:30 and 4:30 most afternoons. During the school day the school secretary will take a message and I will return your call when I no longer have students in the room.
School Phone: 655-8227

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R

Reading: The best way for a parent to help their child be successful academically is to read to and with them daily. Snuggle up with a book and your child each night and you will create lasting memories and instill a love of reading in your children.

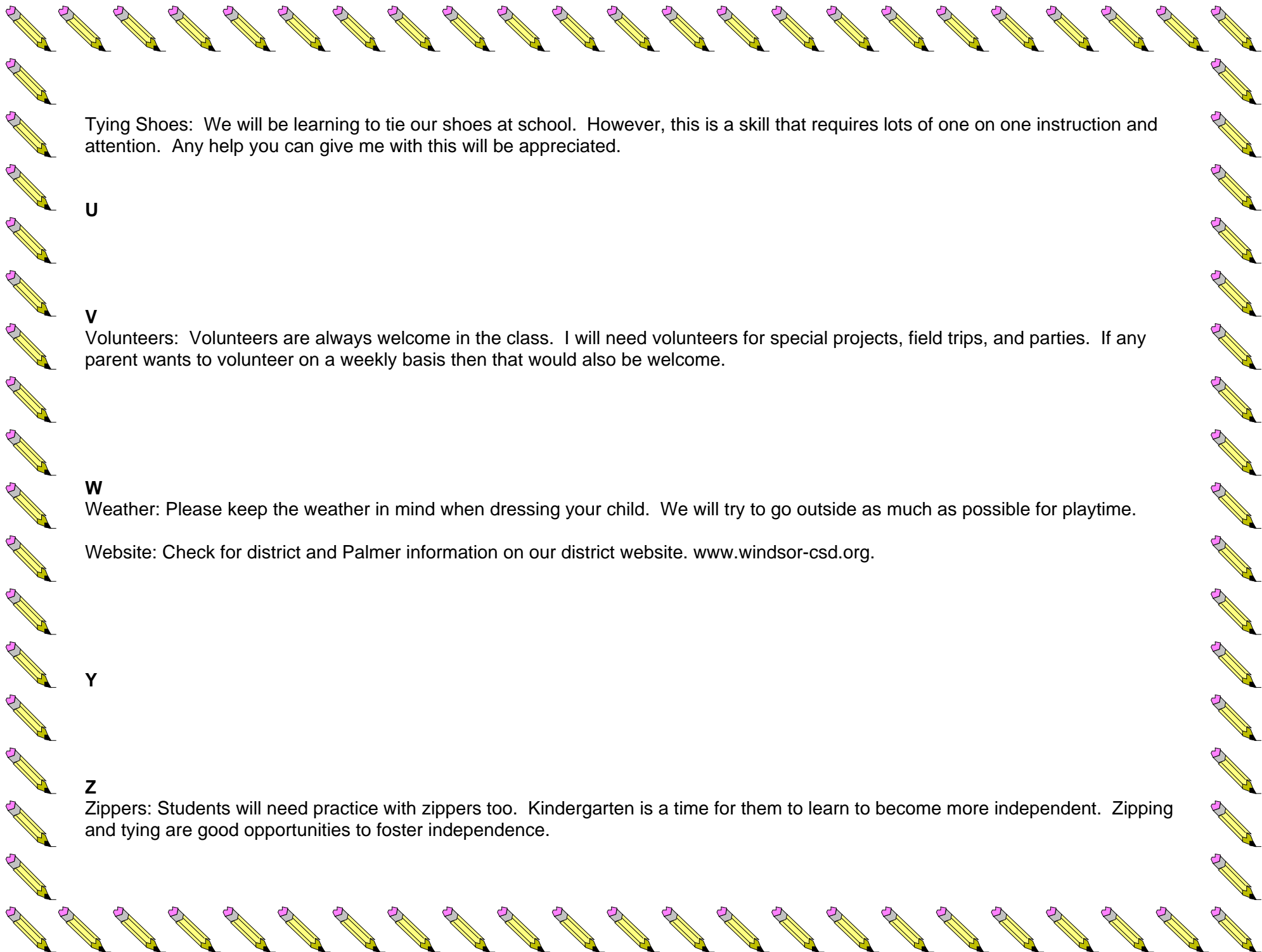
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Snack: A calendar will come home each month. Your child will be assigned a snack day once every 15 school days. We currently have 15 students to provide snack for.

Show and Tell: Your child's snack day is also their show and tell day. They can bring in something to show and they can also bring in their favorite book to be read.

T

Toys: Unless it is your child's show and tell day, I am requesting that they leave all toys at home. We have lots of things to play with here at school.



Tying Shoes: We will be learning to tie our shoes at school. However, this is a skill that requires lots of one on one instruction and attention. Any help you can give me with this will be appreciated.

U

V

Volunteers: Volunteers are always welcome in the class. I will need volunteers for special projects, field trips, and parties. If any parent wants to volunteer on a weekly basis then that would also be welcome.

W

Whether: Please keep the weather in mind when dressing your child. We will try to go outside as much as possible for playtime.

Web site: Check for district and Palmer information on our district website. www.windsor-csd.org.

Y

Z

Zippers: Students will need practice with zippers too. Kindergarten is a time for them to learn to become more independent. Zipping and tying are good opportunities to foster independence.

