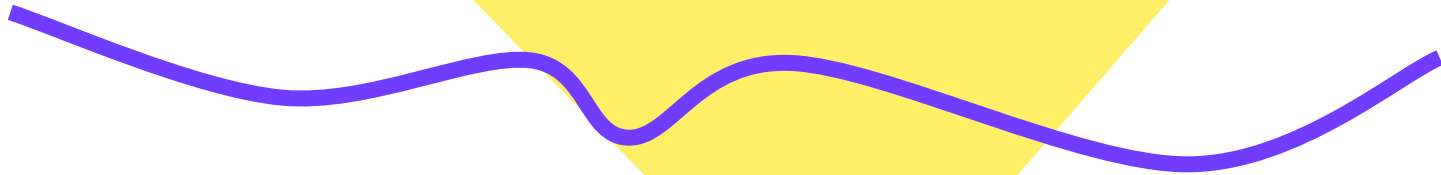




Welcome to Kindergarten Veterans Park Elementary School

Lisa Singer, Principal and Valerie Cooper, Elementary Supervisor
Danielle Bender and Sheila Dunphy, Kindergarten Teachers
Kara Tanner and Tricia Winkler, Literacy Specialists
Bridget Besgen, Math Specialist

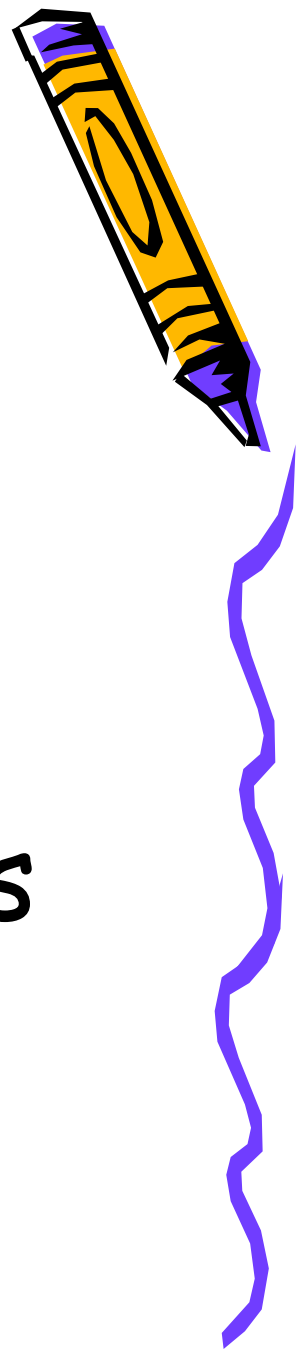


Kindergarten Philosophy

Kindergarten is the start of an exciting learning journey. The kindergarten classroom offers a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment for all children.



- Children are active learners
- Kindergarten teachers promote discovery and self-awareness in all areas of development



Home / School Connection

Beginning our partnership
together



Preparing for Learning

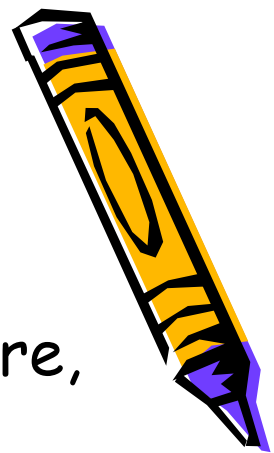


- Read to your child for 10 - 20 minutes daily.
 - Ask questions about the story.
 - Use Illustrations in the story
- Play around with **phonemic awareness**
 - Rhyming and clapping words, blending sounds together
- Upper and lower **letter identification**



Preparing for Learning

- **Math Language** Use positional words - more, less, before, first, second, after...
- **Games, Counting** to develop your child's vocabulary. Explain words that may be new to your child.
- **Real World Experiences** to support number sense and math instruction
 - Shopping and cooking with measurements
 - Find patterns and shapes in nature
 - Weigh items on a scale
 - Make a calendar for the summer



Preparing for Learning

Building background knowledge

- **Experiences** in the real world give background knowledge that enhances reading, writing, and speaking.
- **Use rich language** to develop your child's vocabulary. Explain words that may be new to your child.



Develop Self-Help Skills

- Practice good hygiene habits
- Help build strong listening skills - teach your child to follow multi-step directions.
- Develop independent skills:
 - ✓ Putting on and zipping up jackets
 - ✓ Packing and unpacking backpacks and folders
 - ✓ Participating in preparing and packing snack and lunch
- Put your shoes on and **BEGIN** learning to tie or close them



What does a day in
kindergarten
look like?



Kindergarten Schedule

Morning Routines

Morning Meeting (Responsive Classroom)

9:10 - Literacy Instruction (Reading: Phonics,
11:30 Whole class, small group, individualized
reading instruction)

Snack

Writing Instruction

11:45 - Recess and Lunch
12:45

Read-Aloud

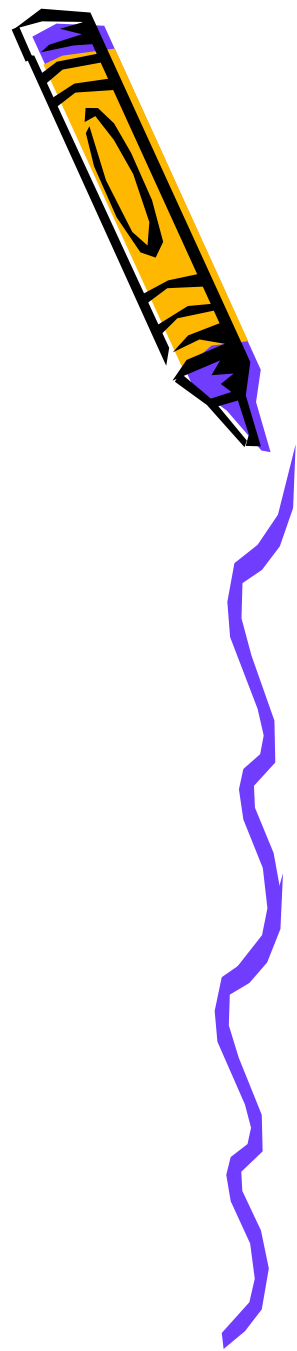
Math

12:45 - Special (Art, Music, Library, PE)

4:00 Centers (Literacy, Math, Social Studies,
Science, Fine Motor, Social Skills)

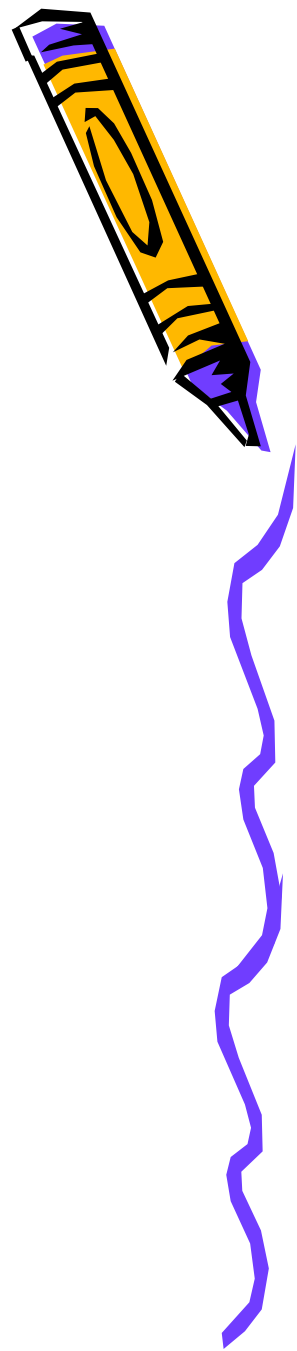
Closing Circle (Responsive Classroom)

Pack Up/ Dismissal



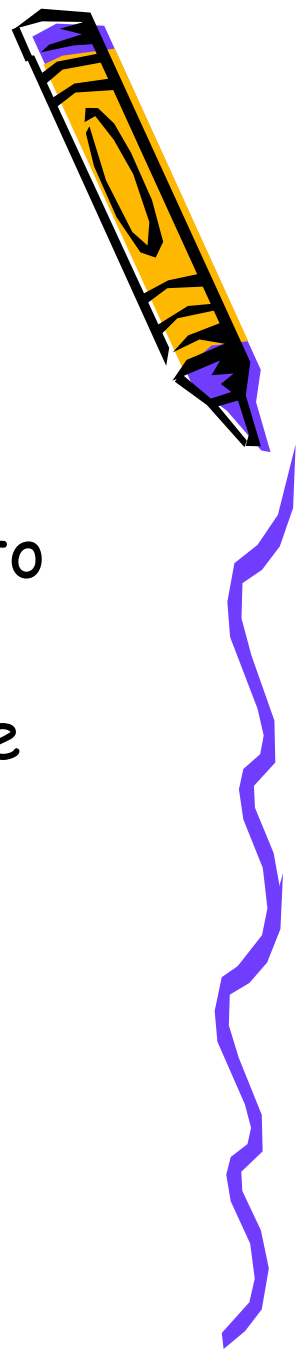
School Supplies

- Large, sturdy backpack (no long strips)
- Class Supply List coming soon...
- Sneakers for gym
(no flip-flops, sandals or heels)
- Easy to open containers for snack/lunch

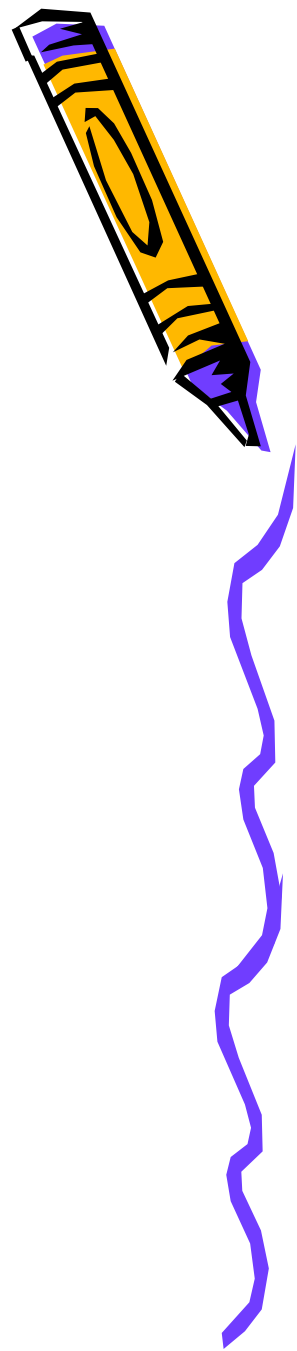


Safety on the Bus

- Bus tags
- All Kindergarteners met by an adult, otherwise the bus will bring them back to school for pick-up
- Kindergarteners sit in first two or three rows
- Parents can help by:
 - ✓ Discussing and reinforcing rules
 - ✓ Watching for hanging tags



What to do
and expect
from now until
fall...



During the Spring/Summer

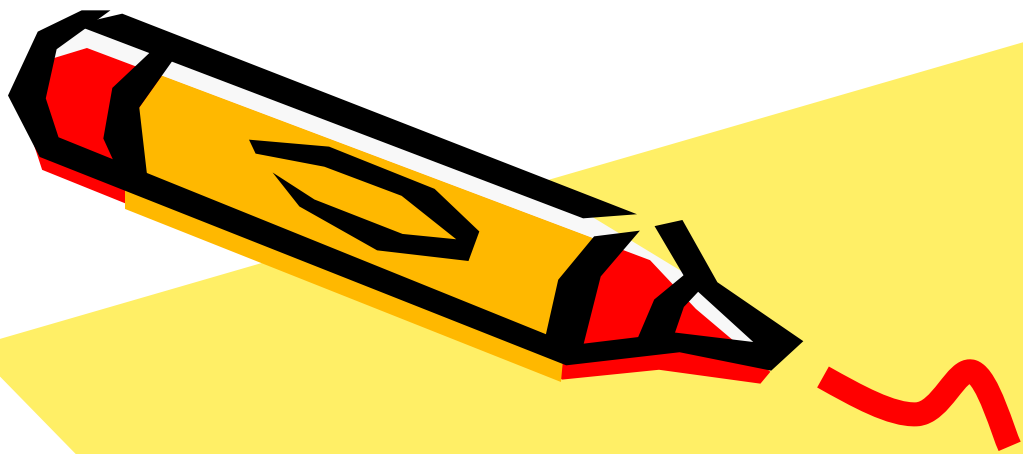
- Registration Day (date TBD)
- Evening Orientation Presentation for parents(date TBD)
- Mini-Kindergarten- Children have a chance to visit Veteran's Park School(date TBD)
- Turn in all registration paperwork
- Complete health paperwork



Late summer families will receive...

- Class placement letter (mailed mid August)
- Details about the beginning of school
- Bus information - In the Ridgefield Press and the district website (late August)
- PTA information
- Student / Parent Handbook
 - (available on VP website)





We look forward to having you
at Veterans Park School

