



KINDERGARTEN PARENT ORIENTATION

August 26, 2020

Welcome to Kindergarten

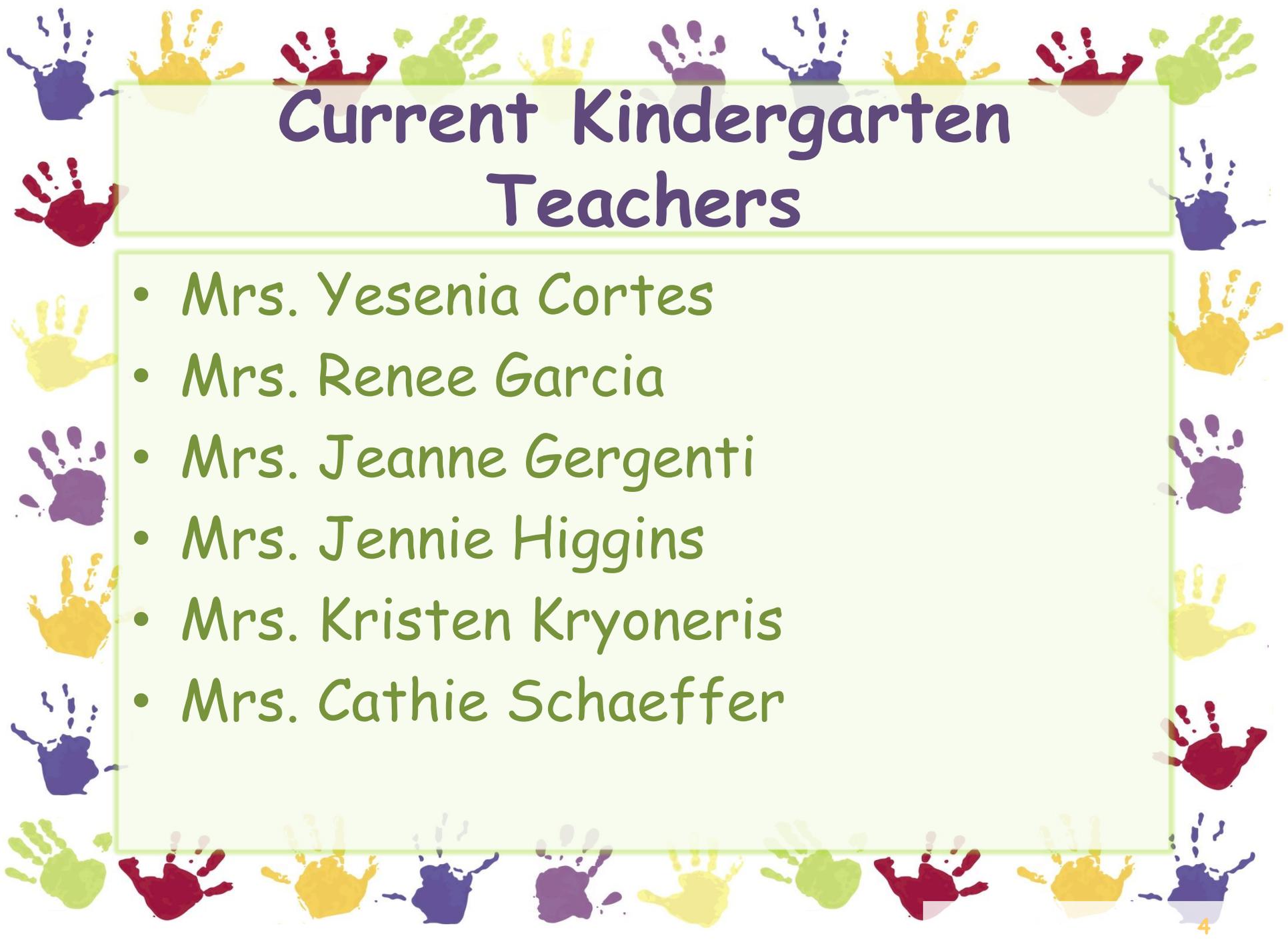


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Welcome

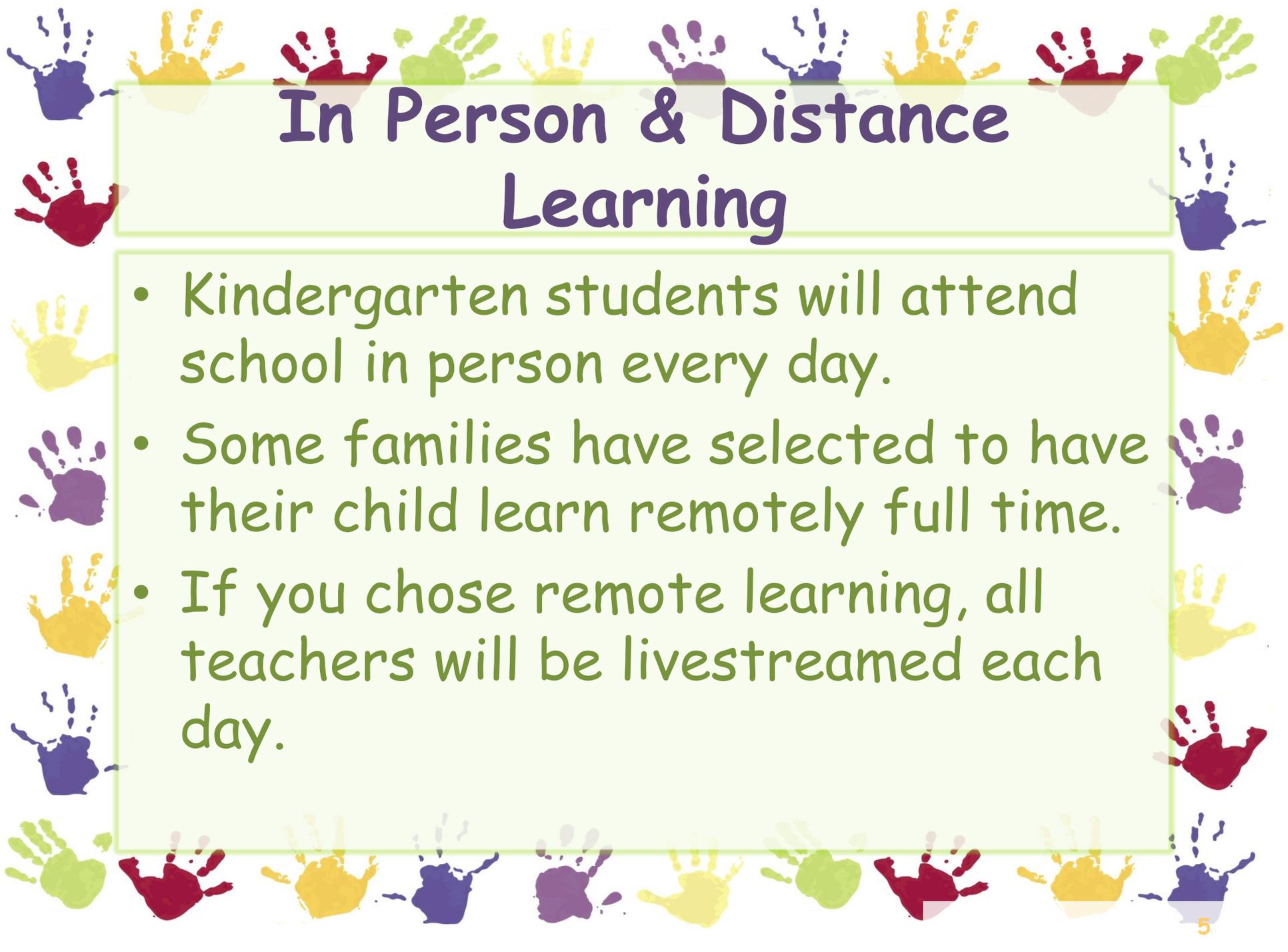
Valerie Capitulo-Saide,
Principal

Communication between
home and school
is important.



Current Kindergarten Teachers

- Mrs. Yesenia Cortes
- Mrs. Renee Garcia
- Mrs. Jeanne Gergenti
- Mrs. Jennie Higgins
- Mrs. Kristen Kryoneris
- Mrs. Cathie Schaeffer



In Person & Distance Learning

- Kindergarten students will attend school in person every day.
- Some families have selected to have their child learn remotely full time.
- If you chose remote learning, all teachers will be livestreamed each day.



What to Expect in Kindergarten

- Children should bring a healthy snack and drink every day
- Classroom materials will NOT be shared
- Students will need 2 notebooks and 2 folders labeled for the first day of school



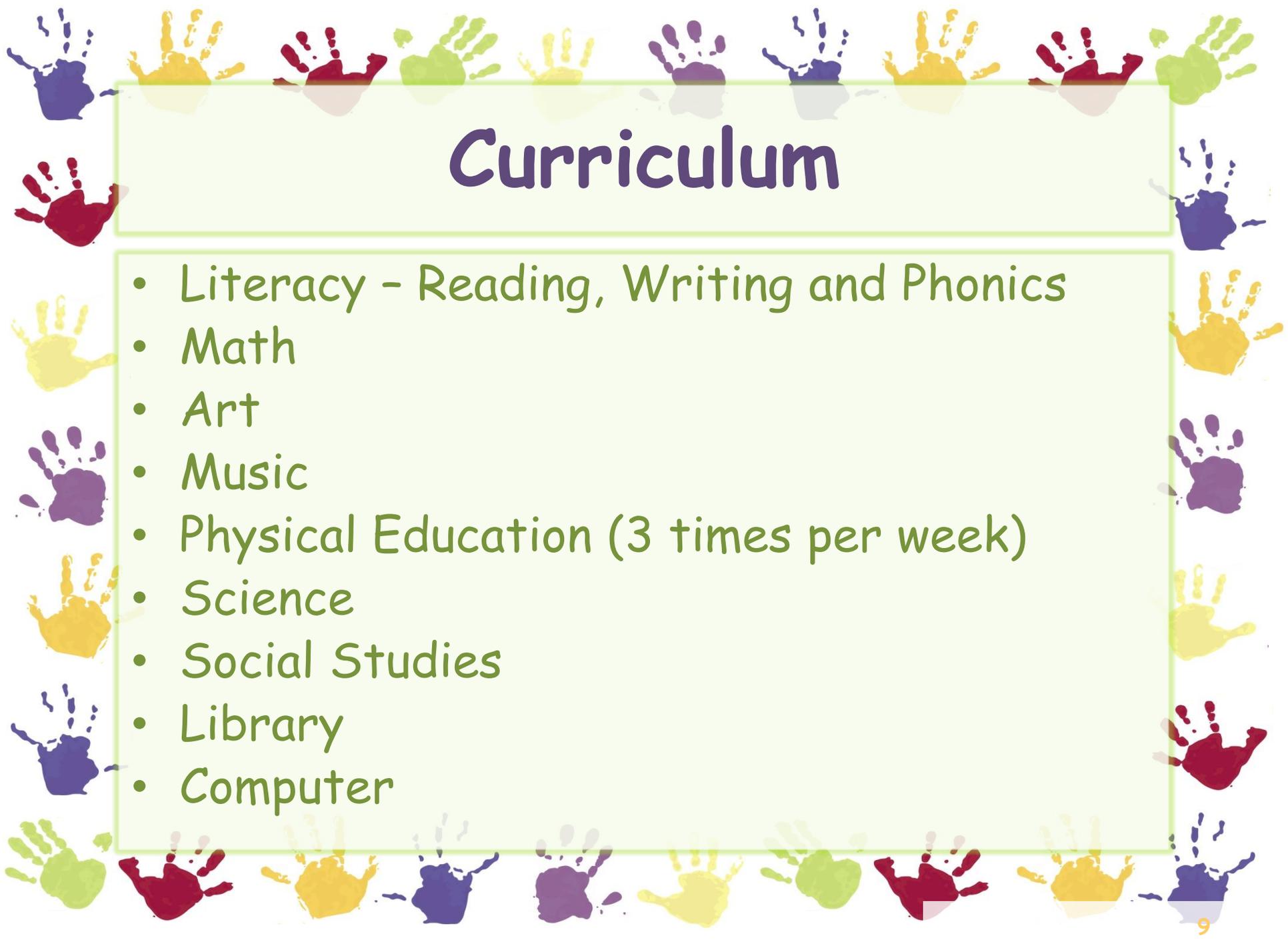
What to Expect cont'd.

- Please label each article of your child's clothing with first and last names (jackets and lunch boxes included)
- Please pack snack separately from lunch and label it
- Please send an extra set of clothes and underwear (labeled with your child's name)
- No belts or overalls



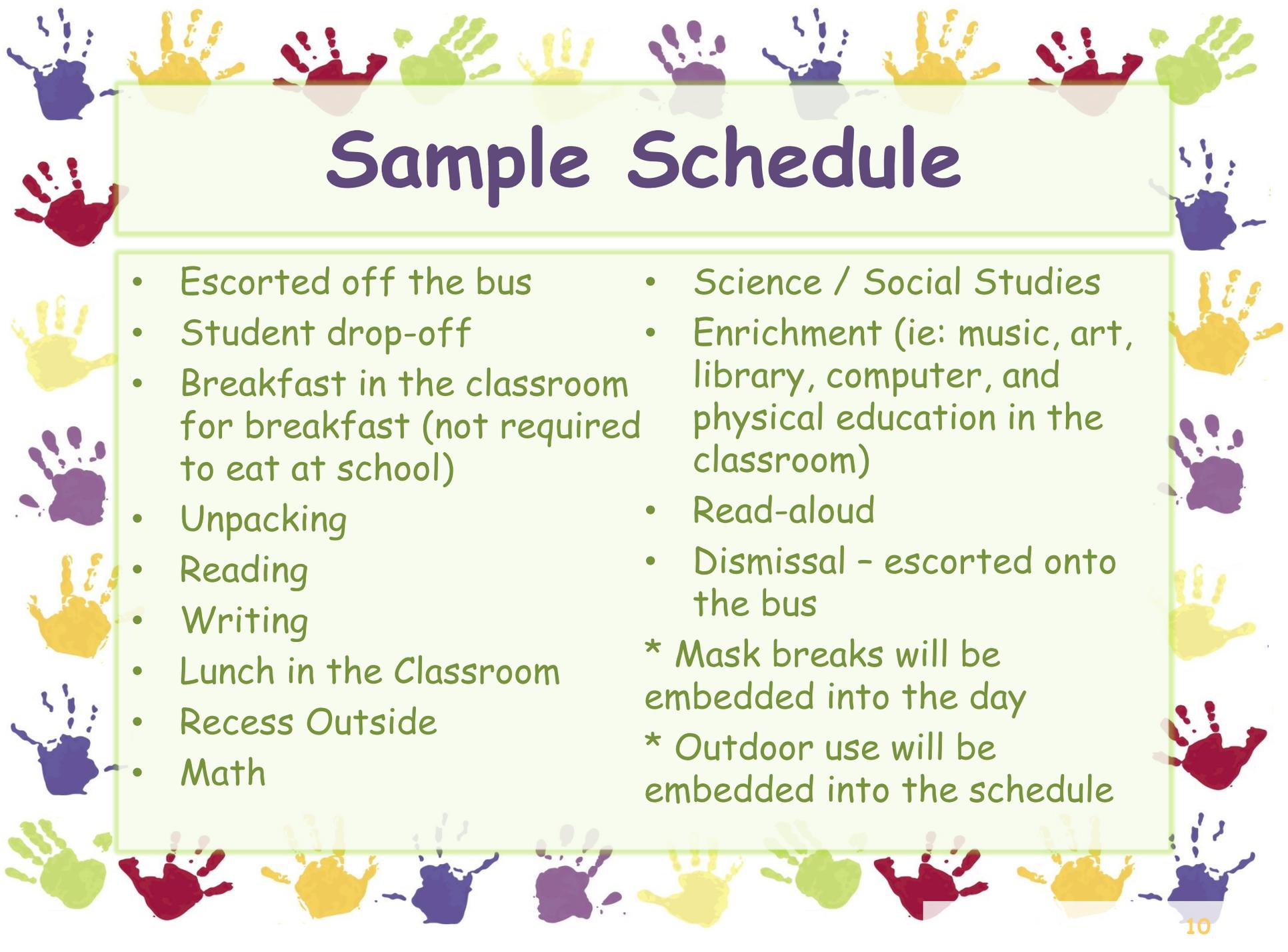
Pre-Kindergarten Readiness Skills

- Writes first and last name
- Recognizes letters A-Z
- Recognizes and counts numbers 1-10
- Counts objects 1-10
- Recognizes colors and shapes
- Colors and cuts
- Independently uses the bathroom



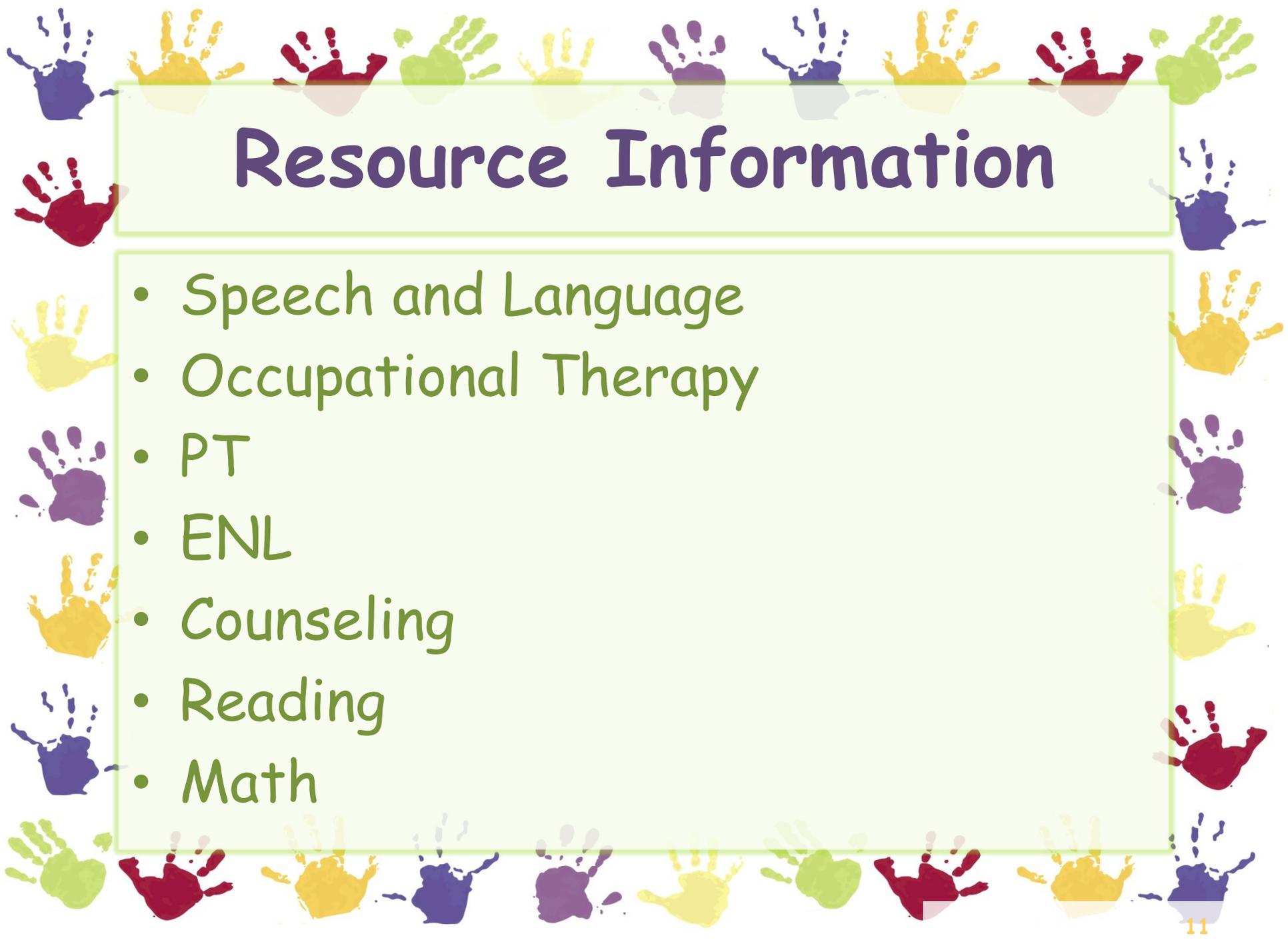
Curriculum

- Literacy - Reading, Writing and Phonics
- Math
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education (3 times per week)
- Science
- Social Studies
- Library
- Computer



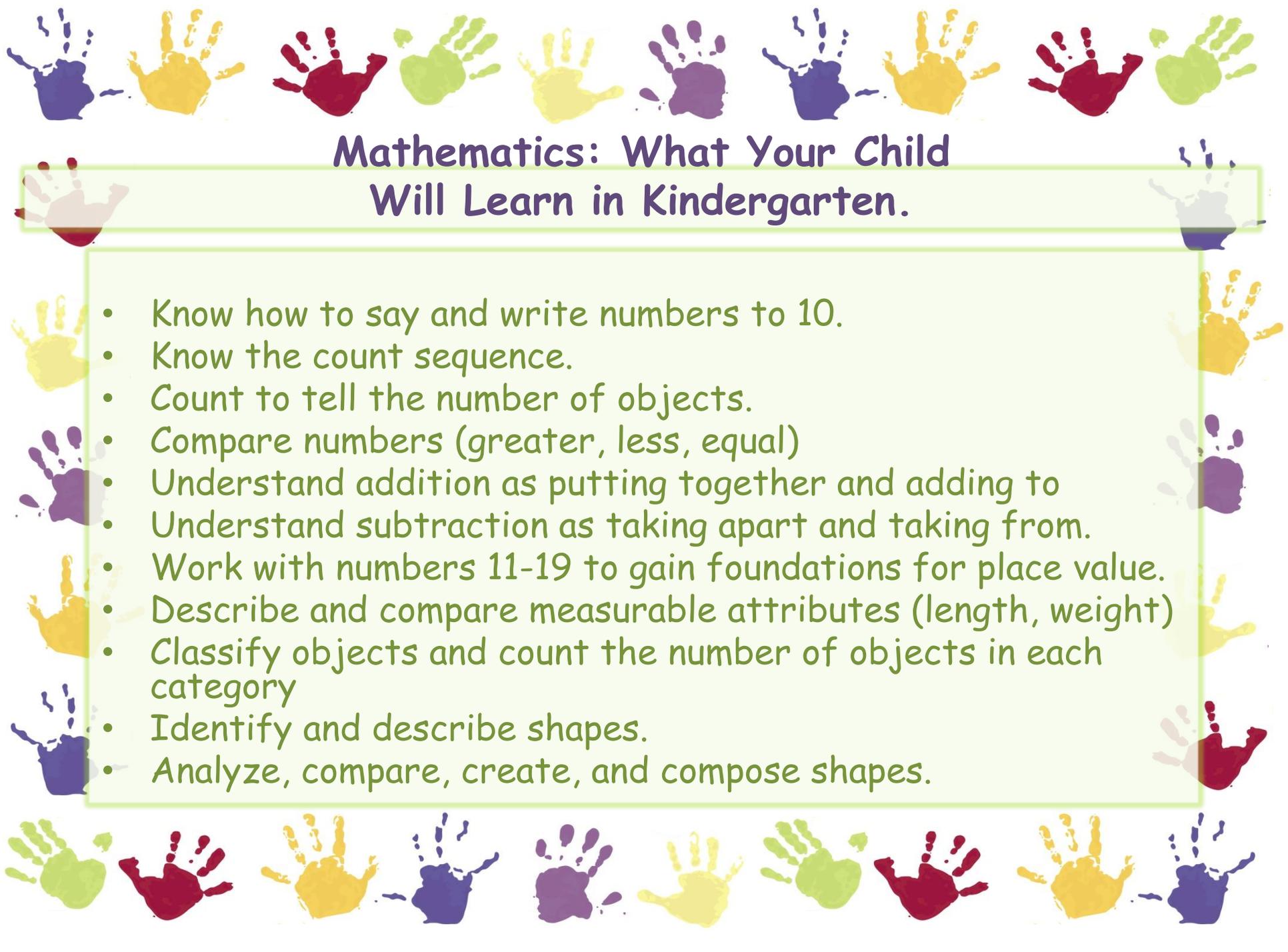
Sample Schedule

- Escorted off the bus
 - Student drop-off
 - Breakfast in the classroom for breakfast (not required to eat at school)
 - Unpacking
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Lunch in the Classroom
 - Recess Outside
 - Math
 - Science / Social Studies
 - Enrichment (ie: music, art, library, computer, and physical education in the classroom)
 - Read-aloud
 - Dismissal - escorted onto the bus
- * Mask breaks will be embedded into the day
- * Outdoor use will be embedded into the schedule



Resource Information

- Speech and Language
- Occupational Therapy
- PT
- ENL
- Counseling
- Reading
- Math



Mathematics: What Your Child Will Learn in Kindergarten.

- Know how to say and write numbers to 10.
- Know the count sequence.
- Count to tell the number of objects.
- Compare numbers (greater, less, equal)
- Understand addition as putting together and adding to
- Understand subtraction as taking apart and taking from.
- Work with numbers 11-19 to gain foundations for place value.
- Describe and compare measurable attributes (length, weight)
- Classify objects and count the number of objects in each category
- Identify and describe shapes.
- Analyze, compare, create, and compose shapes.



Current Reading Specialists

- Ms. Megan McKenna
- Mrs. Lisa Sejarto



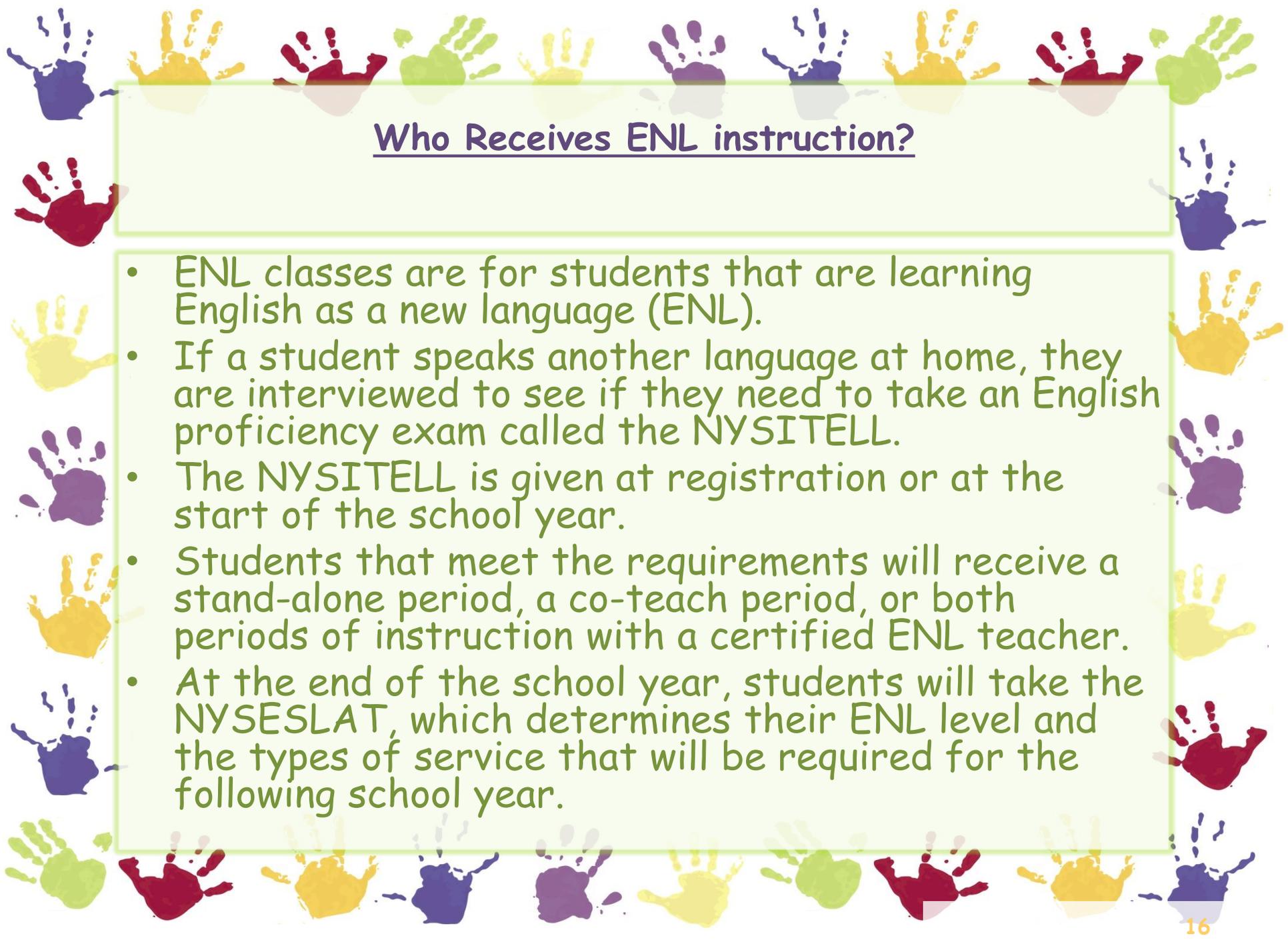
English Language Arts: What Your Child Will Learn in Kindergarten

- Recognizing upper and lower case letters
- Identifying letter sounds
- Blending and segmenting sounds in words
- Producing and recognizing rhyming patterns
- Reading high frequency words
- Asking and answering questions about fictional and informational texts
- Identifying characters, settings, and events in a story
- Analyzing text and illustrations
- Participating in discussions by listening and speaking
- Writing using drawings and basic sound knowledge



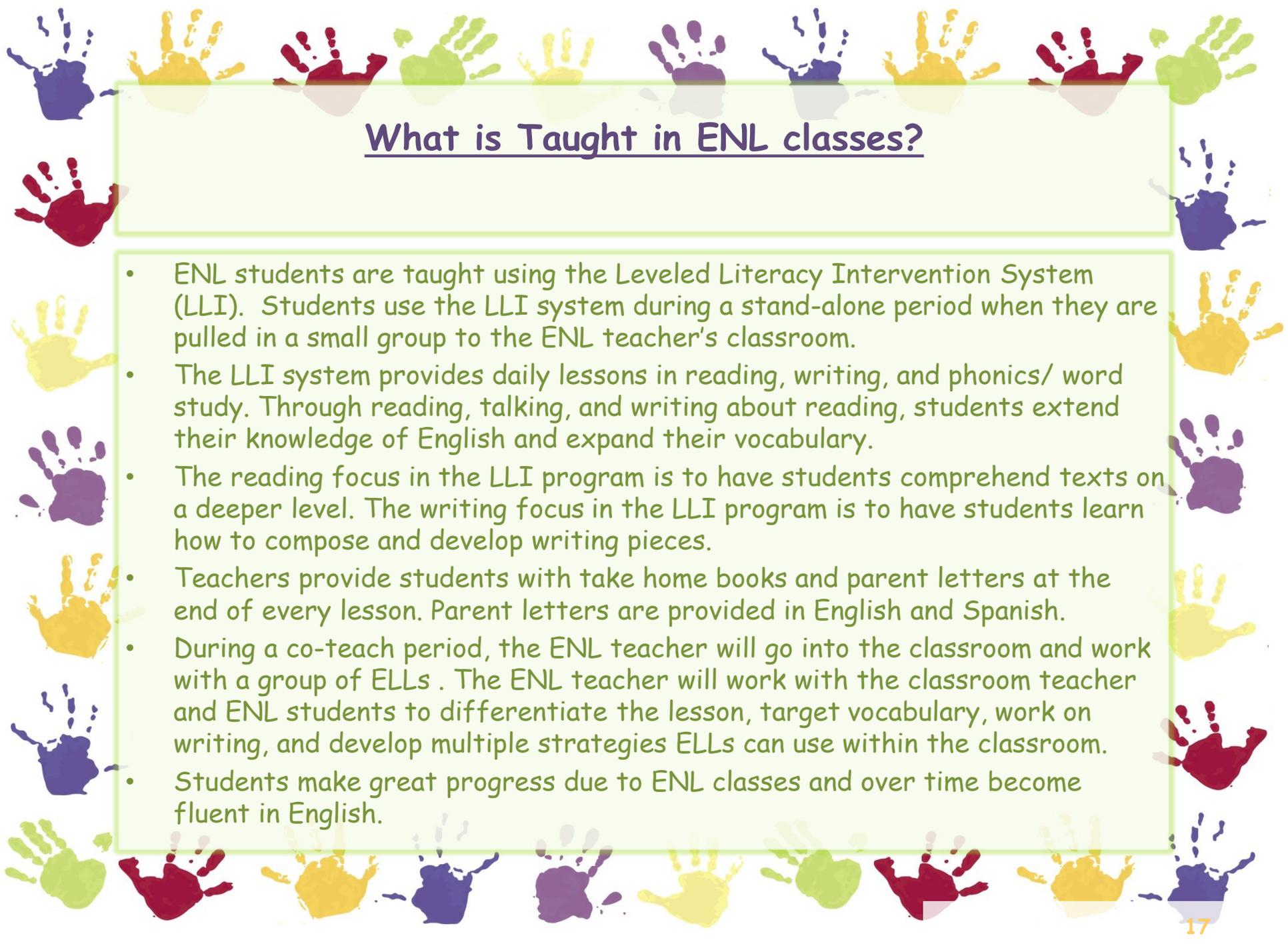
Current ENL Teachers

- Mrs. Yili Callahan
- Ms. Sofia Rombolakis



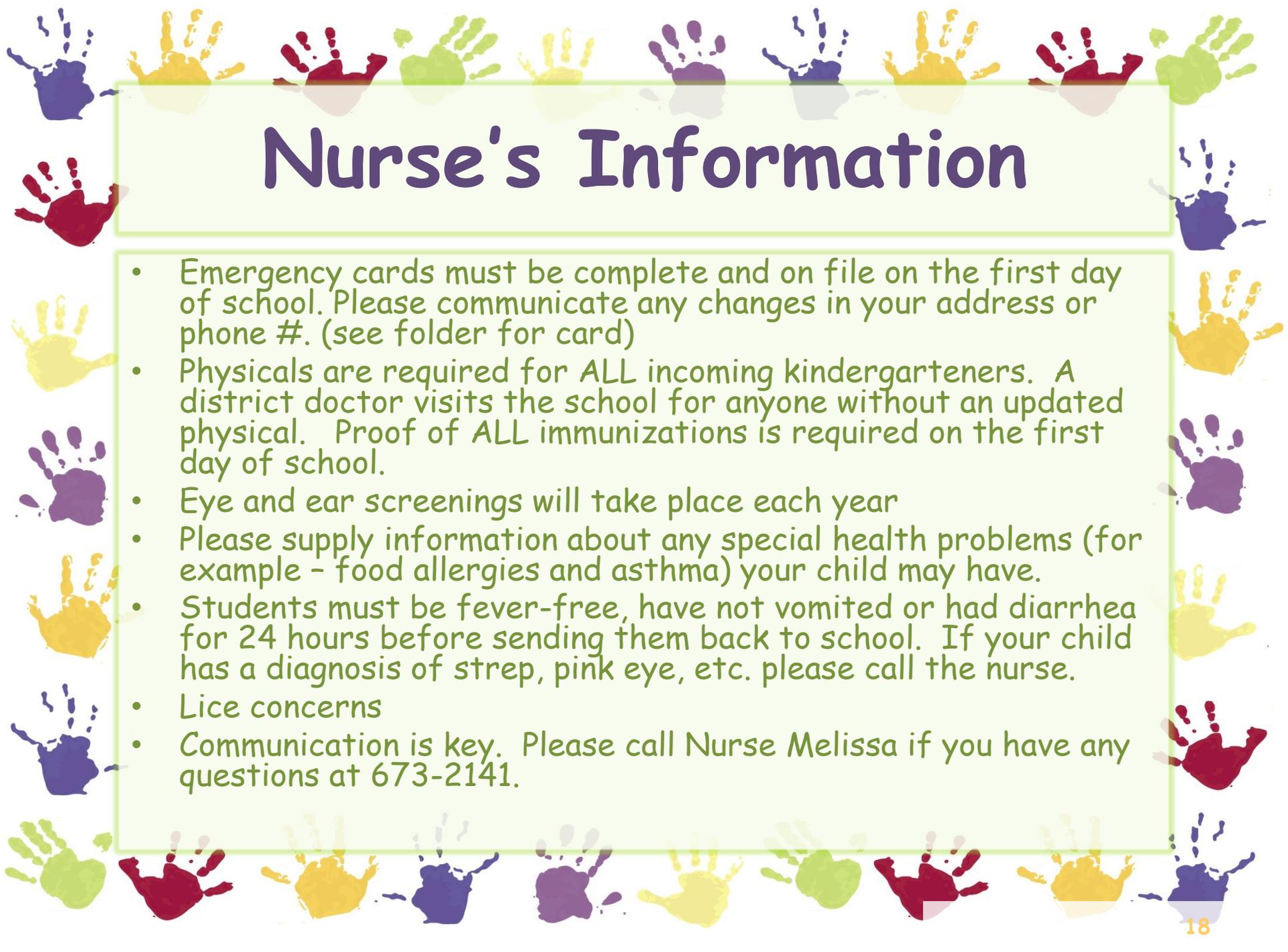
Who Receives ENL instruction?

- ENL classes are for students that are learning English as a new language (ENL).
- If a student speaks another language at home, they are interviewed to see if they need to take an English proficiency exam called the NYSITELL.
- The NYSITELL is given at registration or at the start of the school year.
- Students that meet the requirements will receive a stand-alone period, a co-teach period, or both periods of instruction with a certified ENL teacher.
- At the end of the school year, students will take the NYSESLAT, which determines their ENL level and the types of service that will be required for the following school year.



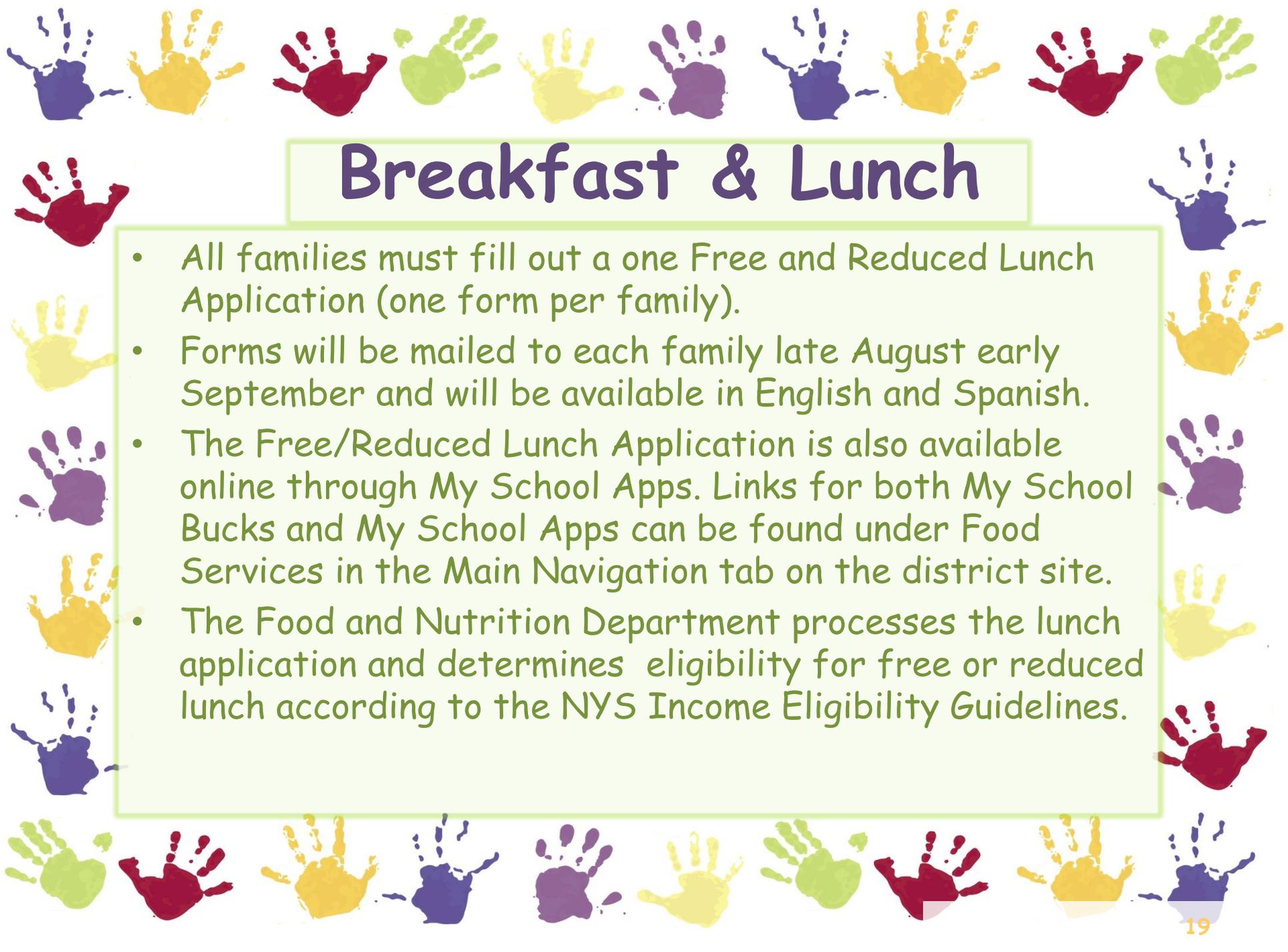
What is Taught in ENL classes?

- ENL students are taught using the Leveled Literacy Intervention System (LLI). Students use the LLI system during a stand-alone period when they are pulled in a small group to the ENL teacher's classroom.
- The LLI system provides daily lessons in reading, writing, and phonics/ word study. Through reading, talking, and writing about reading, students extend their knowledge of English and expand their vocabulary.
- The reading focus in the LLI program is to have students comprehend texts on a deeper level. The writing focus in the LLI program is to have students learn how to compose and develop writing pieces.
- Teachers provide students with take home books and parent letters at the end of every lesson. Parent letters are provided in English and Spanish.
- During a co-teach period, the ENL teacher will go into the classroom and work with a group of ELLs . The ENL teacher will work with the classroom teacher and ENL students to differentiate the lesson, target vocabulary, work on writing, and develop multiple strategies ELLs can use within the classroom.
- Students make great progress due to ENL classes and over time become fluent in English.



Nurse's Information

- Emergency cards must be complete and on file on the first day of school. Please communicate any changes in your address or phone #. (see folder for card)
- Physicals are required for ALL incoming kindergarteners. A district doctor visits the school for anyone without an updated physical. Proof of ALL immunizations is required on the first day of school.
- Eye and ear screenings will take place each year
- Please supply information about any special health problems (for example - food allergies and asthma) your child may have.
- Students must be fever-free, have not vomited or had diarrhea for 24 hours before sending them back to school. If your child has a diagnosis of strep, pink eye, etc. please call the nurse.
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- Communication is key. Please call Nurse Melissa if you have any questions at 673-2141.



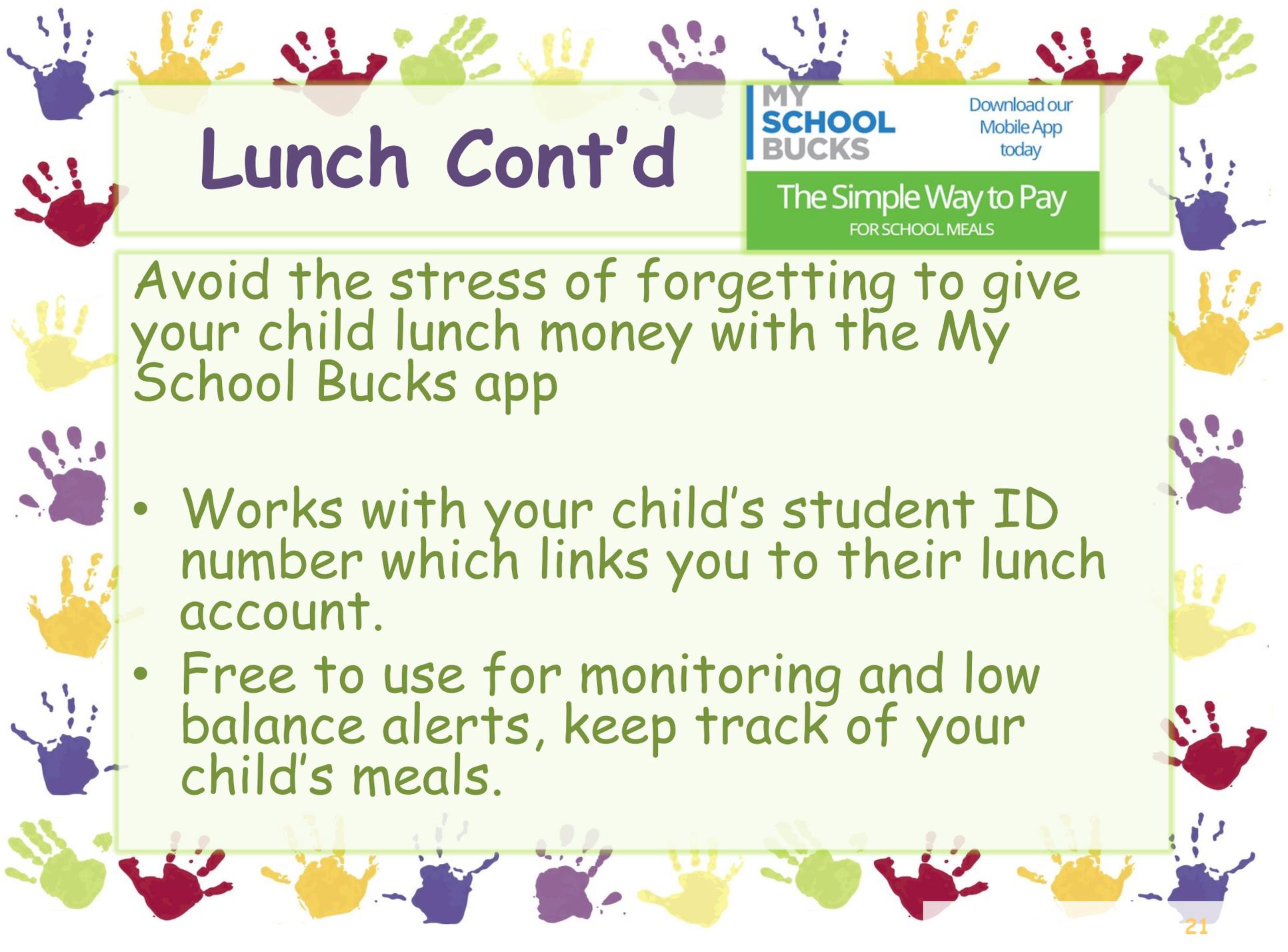
Breakfast & Lunch

- All families must fill out a one Free and Reduced Lunch Application (one form per family).
- Forms will be mailed to each family late August early September and will be available in English and Spanish.
- The Free/Reduced Lunch Application is also available online through My School Apps. Links for both My School Bucks and My School Apps can be found under Food Services in the Main Navigation tab on the district site.
- The Food and Nutrition Department processes the lunch application and determines eligibility for free or reduced lunch according to the NYS Income Eligibility Guidelines.



Breakfast & Lunch

- Prepaid breakfast and lunch tickets are available and may be purchased for full-year, half-year or 20-day increments. Payments can be sent to the cafeteria, please be sure to put your child's name on the check/money envelope.
- If your child forgets their lunch, the school will provide a meal. Any child that goes through the lunch line must be provided with a meal. Their account will be charged accordingly.
- No financial information will be disclosed to your child, all notices of negative balances will be mailed or emailed home on a monthly basis.
- If you have questions, please contact the Food and Nutrition Department at 631-673-2107 or email gcoreas@hufsd.edu, assistance is available in Spanish.



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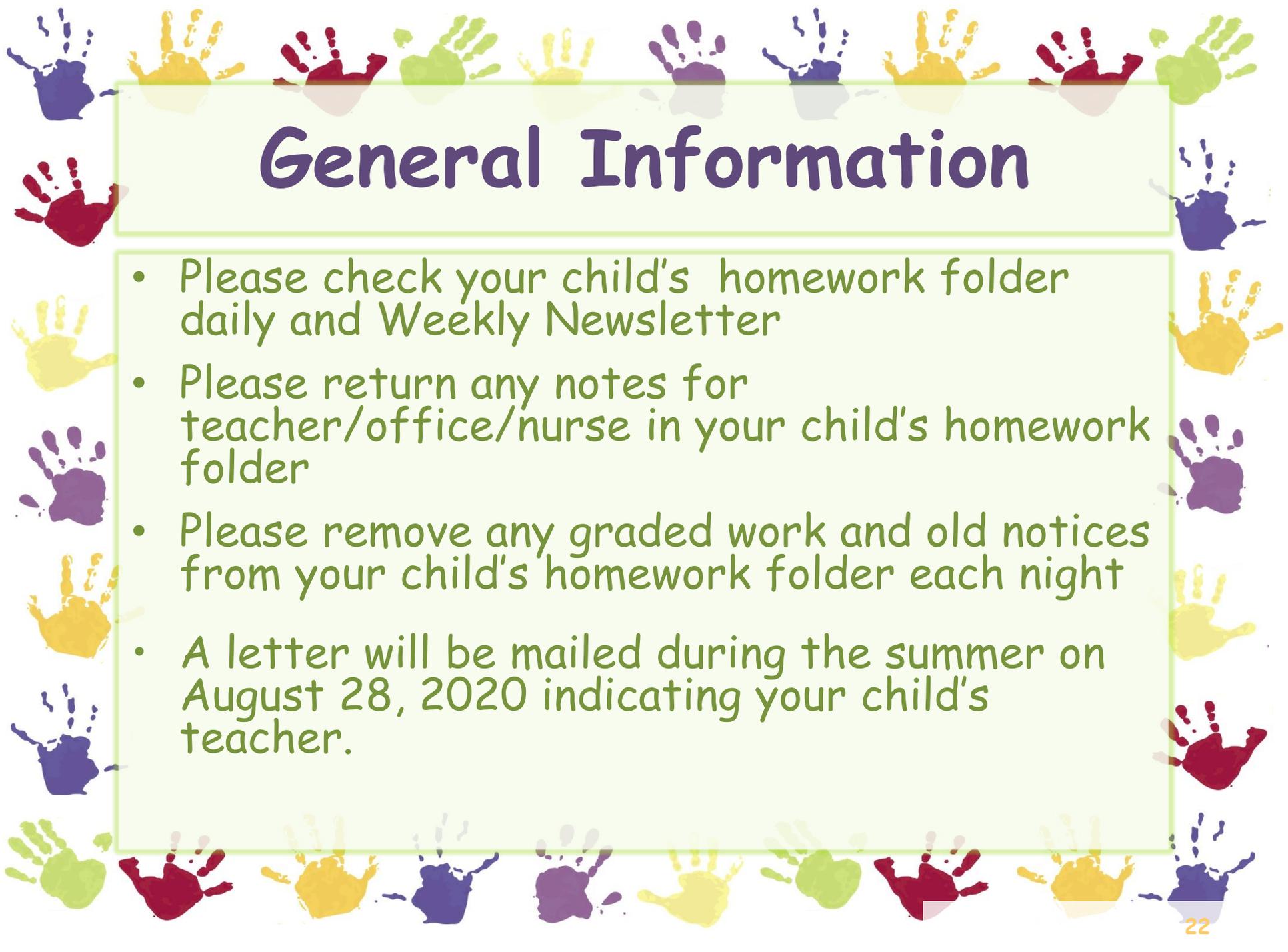
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Download our
Mobile App
today

The Simple Way to Pay
FOR SCHOOL MEALS

Avoid the stress of forgetting to give your child lunch money with the My School Bucks app

- Works with your child's student ID number which links you to their lunch account.
- Free to use for monitoring and low balance alerts, keep track of your child's meals.



General Information

- Please check your child's homework folder daily and Weekly Newsletter
- Please return any notes for teacher/office/nurse in your child's homework folder
- Please remove any graded work and old notices from your child's homework folder each night
- A letter will be mailed during the summer on August 28, 2020 indicating your child's teacher.

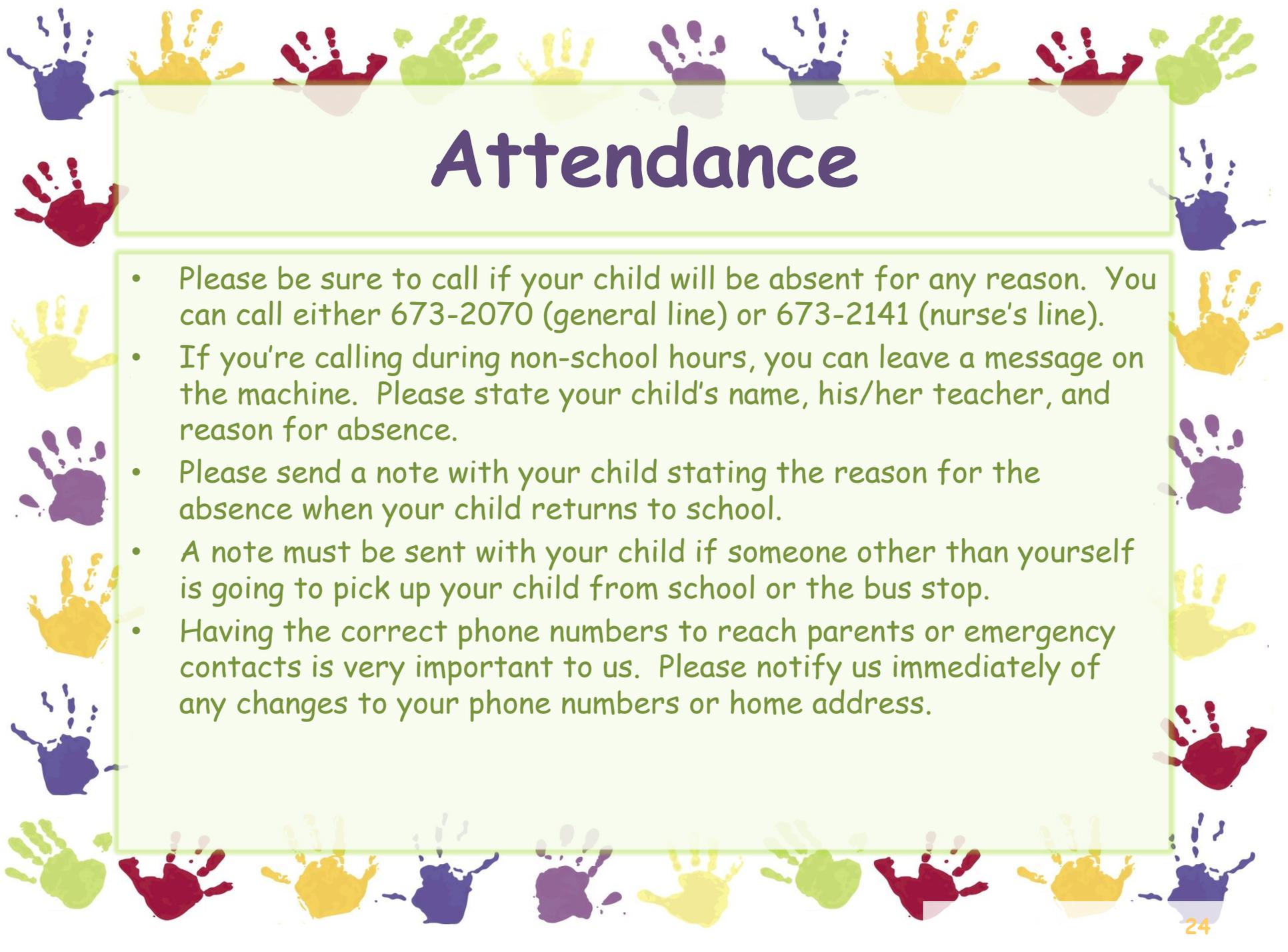


Drop-Off & Pick-Up

The first day of school is **Wednesday, September 9, 2020**

Schedule

- 9:05 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.- bus arrival
- 9:25 a.m. - Kindergarten and grade 1 student drop off in the traffic circle. Staff will be there to supervise your child as they exit your vehicle. Please remain in your car at all times for safety.
- 3:15 p.m. - Pick-up for kindergarten students will take place at the door by the playground (see door sign). Please park in the designated parking area (not the traffic circle).
- Parents/guardians that pick-up their child early and after 3:00 p.m. will be required to wait until 3:15 p.m. and pick-up at the designated pick-up door. Parents/guardians will not be permitted to pick-up their child between 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.



Attendance

- Please be sure to call if your child will be absent for any reason. You can call either 673-2070 (general line) or 673-2141 (nurse's line).
- If you're calling during non-school hours, you can leave a message on the machine. Please state your child's name, his/her teacher, and reason for absence.
- Please send a note with your child stating the reason for the absence when your child returns to school.
- A note must be sent with your child if someone other than yourself is going to pick up your child from school or the bus stop.
- Having the correct phone numbers to reach parents or emergency contacts is very important to us. Please notify us immediately of any changes to your phone numbers or home address.



Transportation

- HUFSD provides transportation for students.
- Bus tags and lanyards will be mailed home. Please have your child wear the bus tag for the first month of school.
- Please notify the school -in writing- if your child will not be riding the school bus home on any day.



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- Laura Catlan & Kiara Echevarria, co-Vice Presidents
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