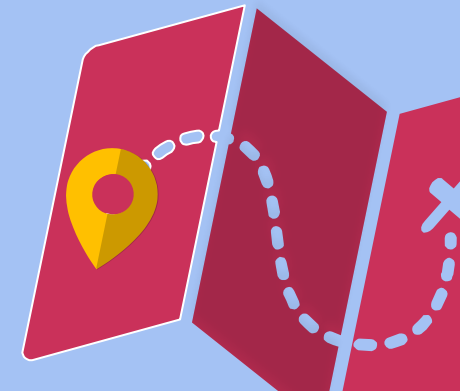
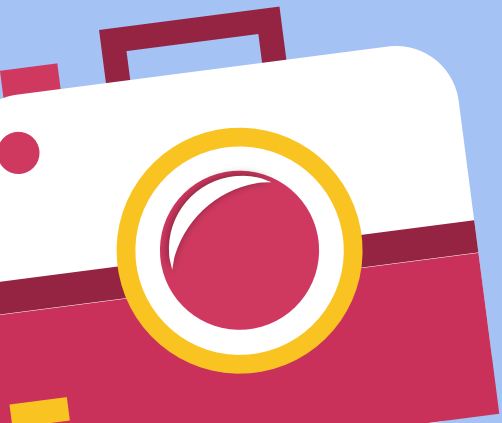


Kindergarten Information Session





Your Adventure Starts Here!

Introductions



Vision for Kindergarten in the NPSD



"The North Penn School District will implement a full day kindergarten program in the district for ALL students. Our program will provide a strong foundation in literacy, mathematics, and social and emotional learning. Students will be afforded increased opportunities to engage in all content areas such as art, music, physical education, library, social studies and science. We believe all students can and will learn in a caring, nurturing environment so that they are educated to their fullest potential."



Importance of Kindergarten

- Shift in PA Core Standards
- Learning advantages of a developmentally appropriate kindergarten program
- Need to establish relationships, collaborate with peers, and engage in purposeful play
- Need to develop emotional and social skills
- Emphasis on rigorous academics
- All North Penn students should be reading at a proficient level by Grade 3.



Instructional Minutes

390 minutes total -

25 minutes - Arrival/Exploration Stations

10 minutes - Morning Meeting

110 minutes - ELA

40 minutes - recess (20 AM + 20 PM)

30 minutes - lunch

60 minutes - math

45 minutes - special areas (PE, music, art, library)

30 minutes - content (SS/science/social emotional)

20 minutes - STAR

10 minutes - snack

10 minutes - dismissal



A Typical Day in Kindergarten in the NPSD -

*this is just a sample schedule

9:10-9:35 arrival/Exploration Stations

9:35-9:45 Morning Meeting

9:45-10:30 ELA - word work

10:30-10:50 recess

10:50-11:55 ELA

11:55-12:25 LUNCH

12:25-1:25 math

1:25-2:10 specials (art, music, library, PE)

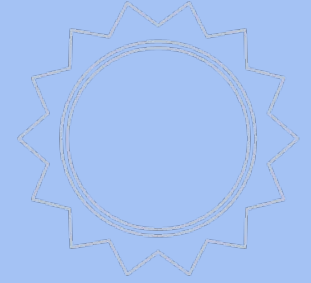
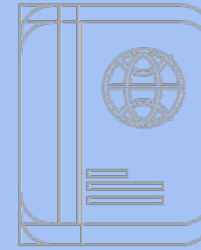
2:10-2:30 recess

2:30-2:40 snack

2:40-3:10 science/social studies

3:10-3:30 STAR

3:30-3:40 dismissal





Learning Stamina



Exploration Stations

- Fine Motor development
- play based
- teacher suggested activities
- social interaction and sharing
- **examples:** legos, cutting w/scissors, playdough, building w/blocks, coloring, beads/macaroni on yarn, etc.



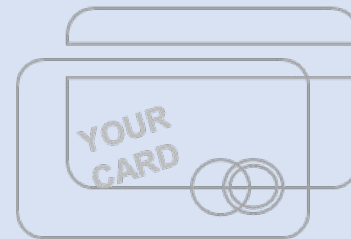
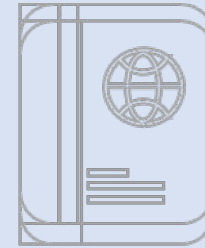
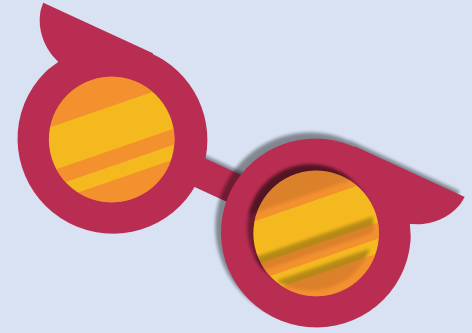
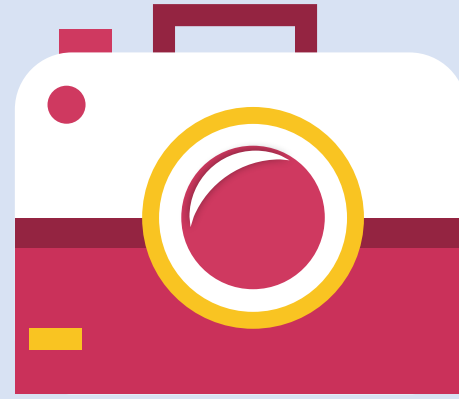
Social & Emotional Learning

Second Step:

- Weekly lessons
 - Empathy, Fair Play, Emotions, etc.

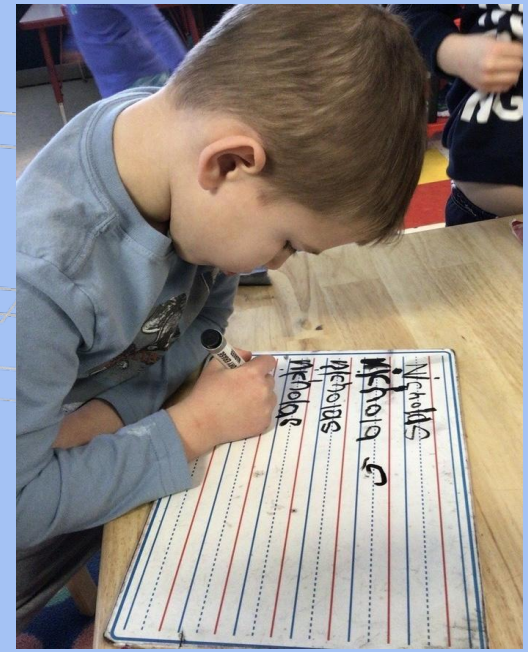
Responsive Classroom:

- Morning Meeting
 - greeting
 - morning message
 - sharing
 - group activity
- Establishing rules
- Energizers
- Academic Choice
- Closing Circle



ELA (English Language Arts) -

- Word Study: 45 minutes
(Foundations and Heggerty)
- Comprehension Skill & Strategy
Instruction, Writing Instruction:
65 minutes

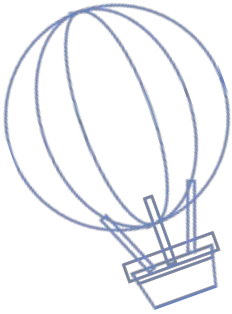
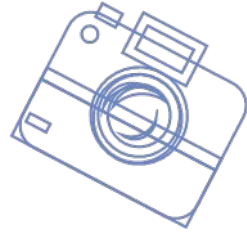
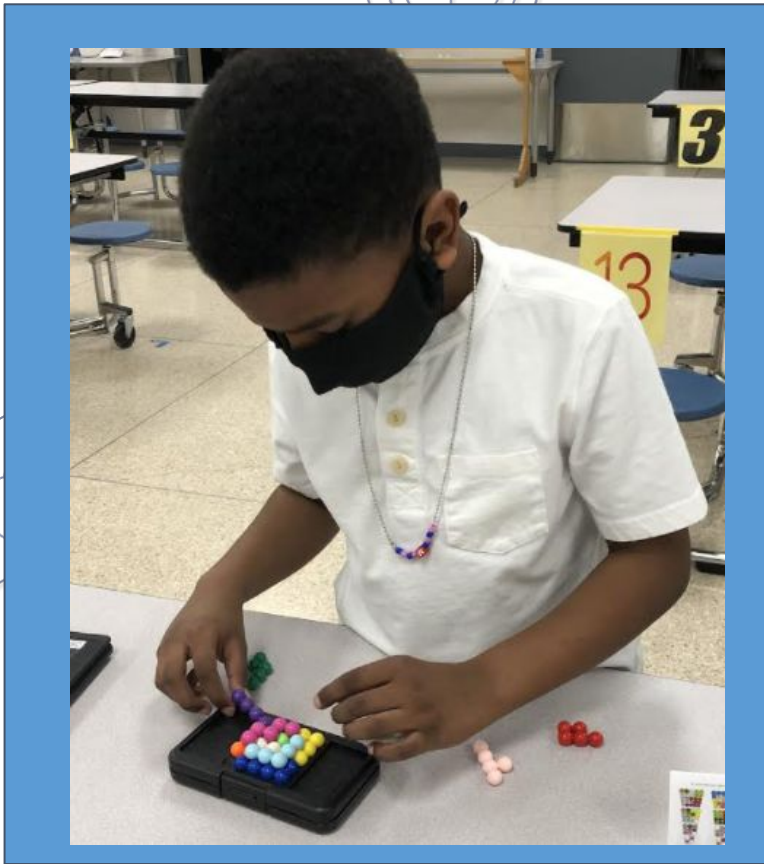


Math Block

60 minutes total:

Welcome to Ready
Math!

- Try It
- Discuss It
- Connect It



Pinch and Flip Pencil Grip

- point the pencil towards you
- use your thumb and forefinger to grip the area right above the point
- flip the top of the pencil onto your hand
- Color and write as often as possible to practice this grip



Purposeful Play



- Intentionally planned
- Targets clear learning objectives
- Instructional Strategy
- Teachers thoughtfully plan and organize for these learning experiences
- Demonstrating academic rigor redefined to “big thinking” in child friendly ways
- Play is the way children work



Kristine Mraz - *Purposeful Play: A Teacher's Guide to Igniting Deep and Joyful Learning Across the Day*

Encourage your child to play!

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning."

—Mr. Rogers



Scientists have recently determined that it takes approximately 400 repetitions to create a new synapse in the brain - unless it is done with play, in which case, it takes between 10 - 20 repetitions.

DR. KARYN PURVIS



backpack



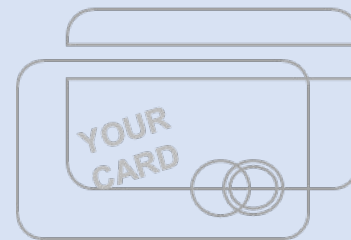
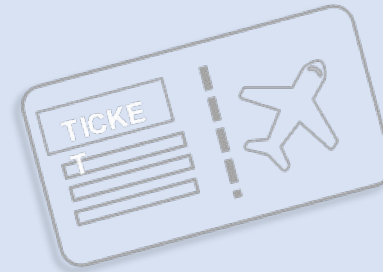
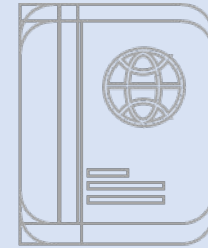
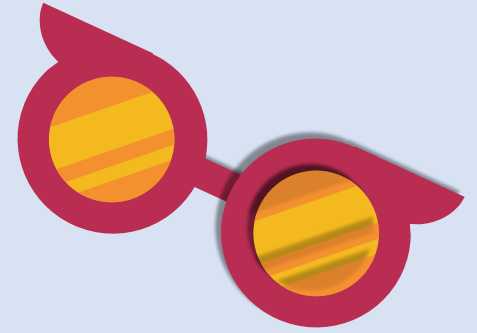
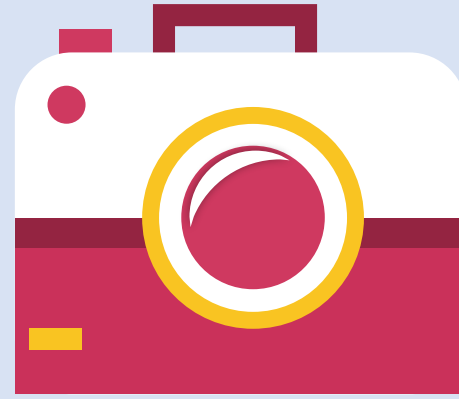


lunch & snack



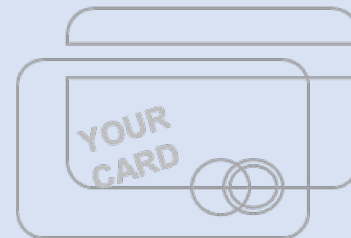
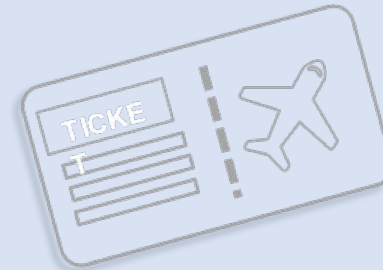
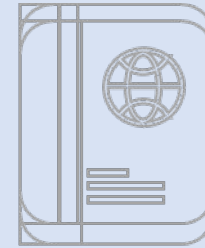
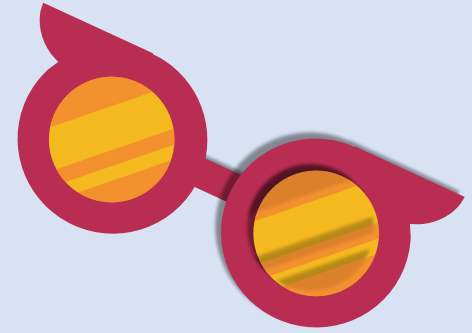
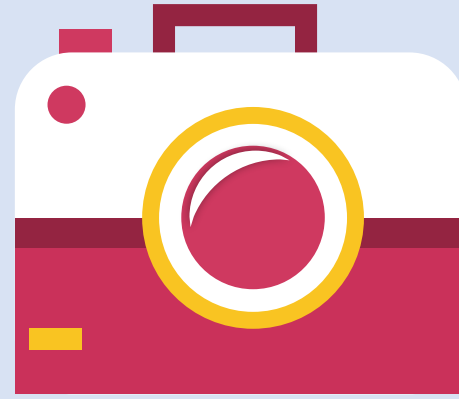
School Supplies for Kindergarten -

Visit the website
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for details



Practice independendence!

- clothing
- jackets
- shoes
- bathroom
- hand washing
- tissue use



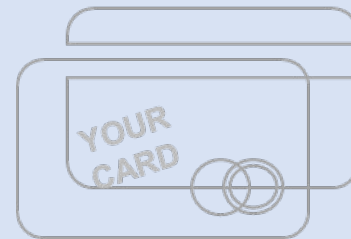
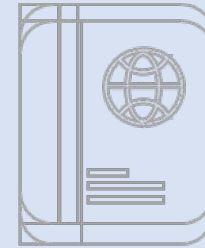
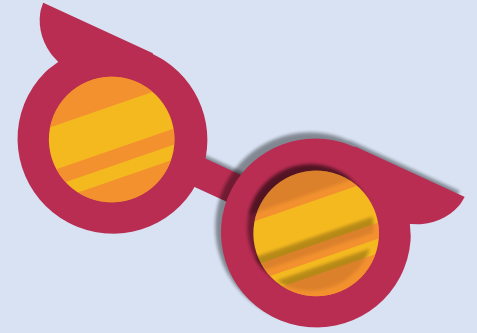
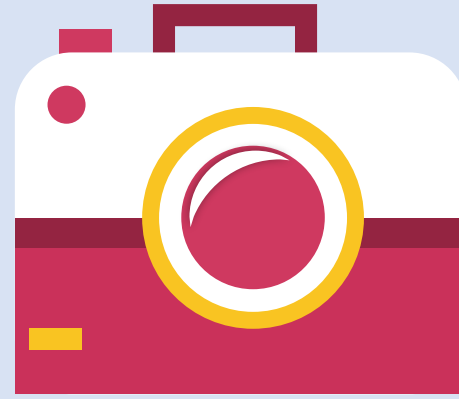


Please consider leaving a change of clothing in a gallon ziploc bag (labeled with your child's name) in your child's backpack just in case of an accident.

School Resources -

- Principal
- Classroom Teacher
- Nurse*
- Guidance Counselor
- Reading Specialist
- Specials - art, library, music, PE
- Custodians
- Administrative Assistants
- Cafeteria Staff

We are here to help!





Special Education

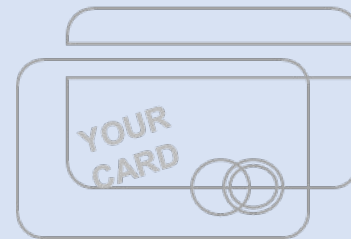
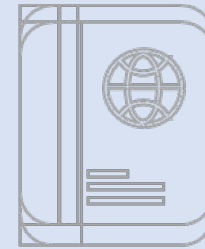
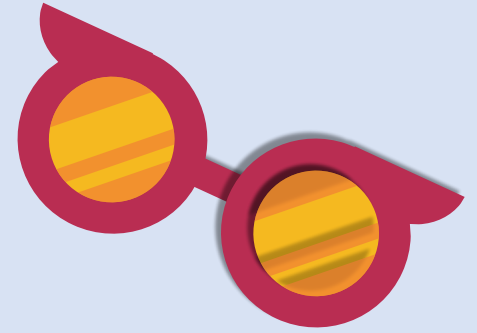
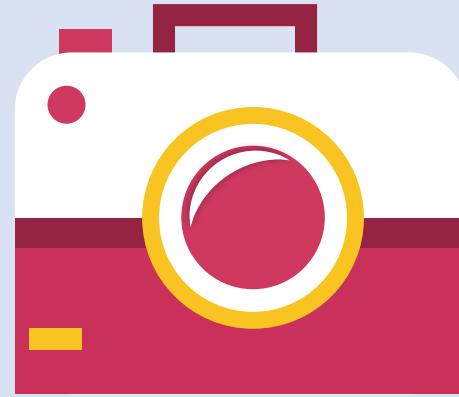
- Special education teachers will support students through co-teaching, small group instruction and accommodations and modifications of the curriculum.
- Related services (speech, OT, PT, vision, hearing) will be provided
- If at any time you have questions about your child's IEP, please contact the building principal or special education supervisor



Additional Services -

- English Language Development
- extended day care
- Suzuki
- Guidance
- Counselor Support

Homework in kindergarten

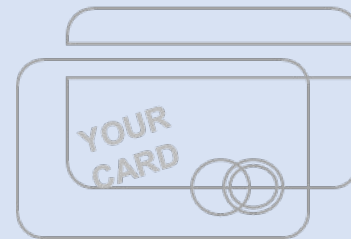
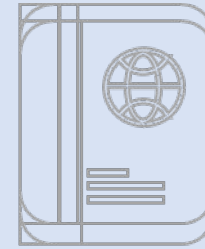
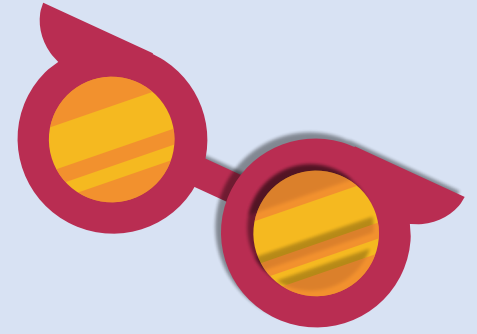
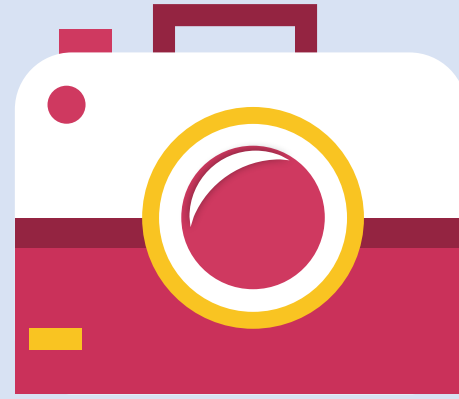


Progress Reports

- November: conferences
- March: conferences
- June: progress reports

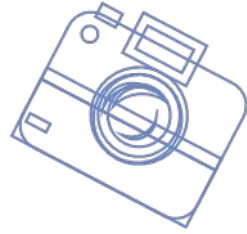
Progress reports will be available on Infinite Campus.

Please communicate with your child's teacher at anytime with any questions or concerns.



School readiness tips and activities are being sent directly to your email to help prepare your child for success in kindergarten!





K Day

Tuesday, August 10 @
8:30 am & 10:00 am

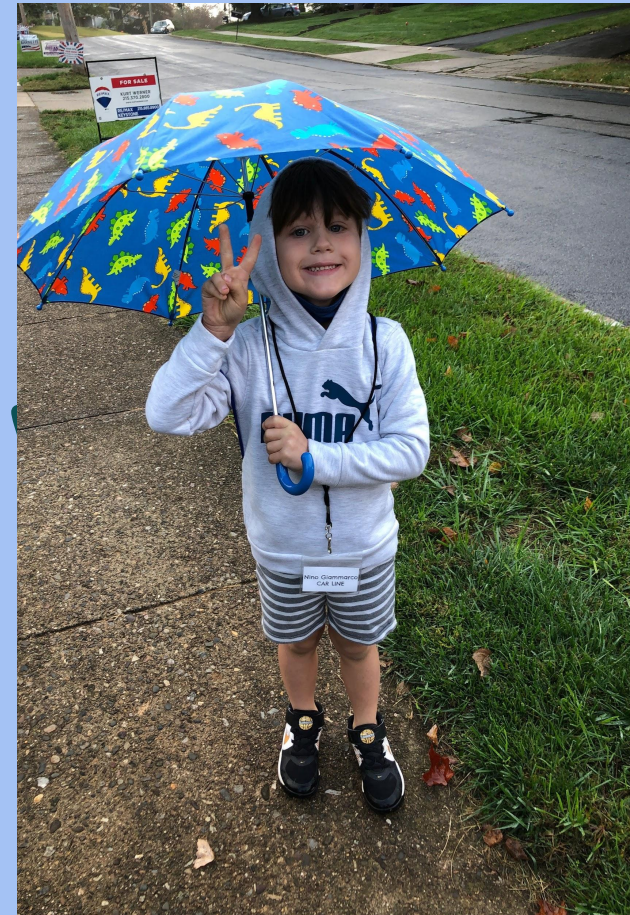
Thursday, August 19 @
8:30 am & 10:00 am

North Penn High
School



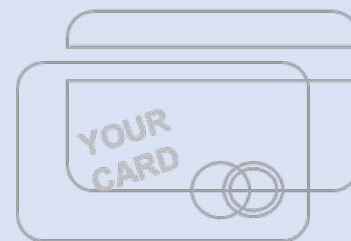
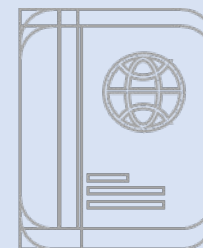
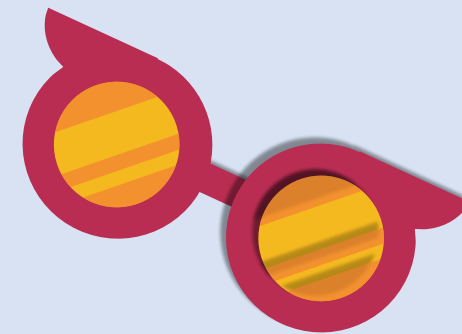
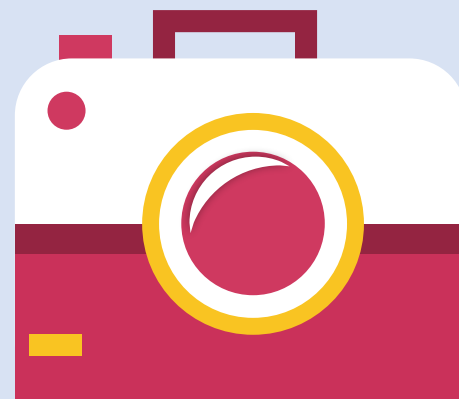
Transportation Tags

- Bus Rider
- Car Rider
- Day Care
- Walker



**Classroom teacher
assignments
arriving the
week of
8/16!**

Visit our website.



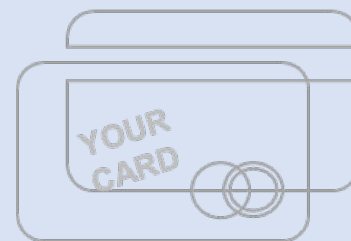
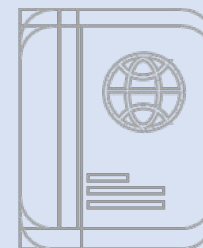
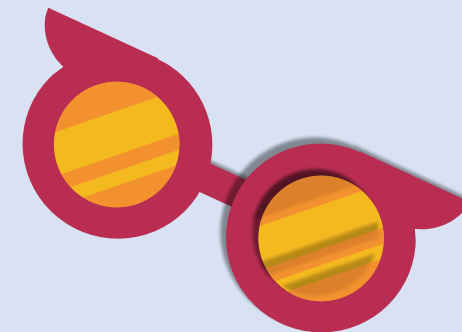
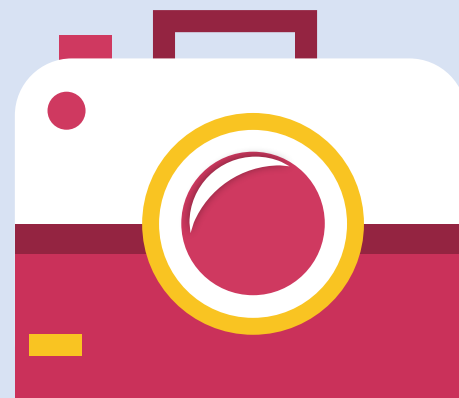


Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday,
August 26th
9:30-10:45 am

ALL elementary
buildings

Be involved.
Your child's
future
depends on
it.



Questions?

