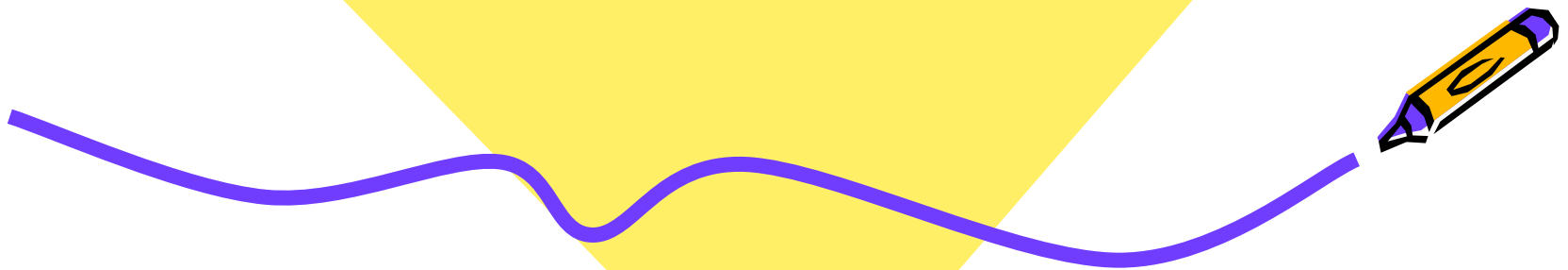


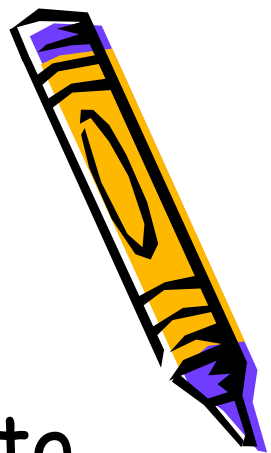


Tips for a Successful First Grade Year



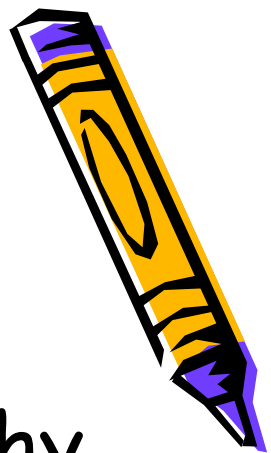
SLEEP

The transition from Kindergarten to first grade is a big step and often children are exhausted for the first few weeks as they adjust. Children of this age usually need at least 10 hours of sleep. Well rested children come to school ready to learn!



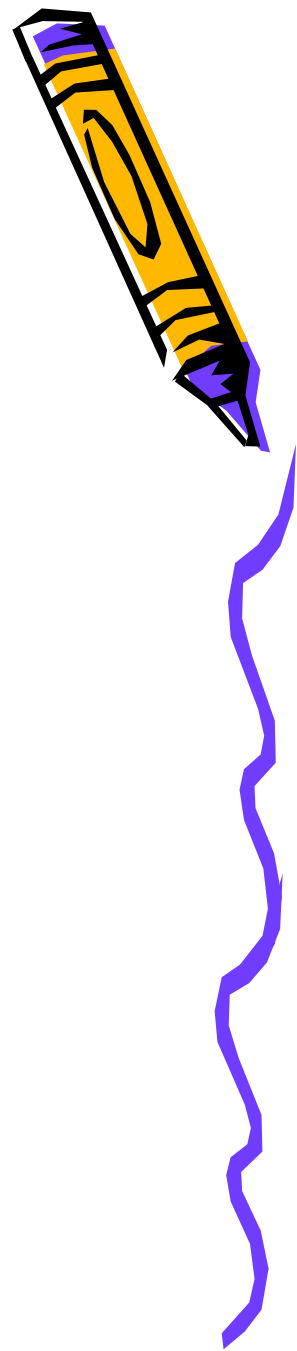
Breakfast

Breakfast is "brain food!" A healthy breakfast every morning is important. Our lunch time is 12:35 and we do NOT have a snack time.



Attendance

Good attendance is essential!
Reading and math instruction is
teacher directed and is not a
substitute for homework.



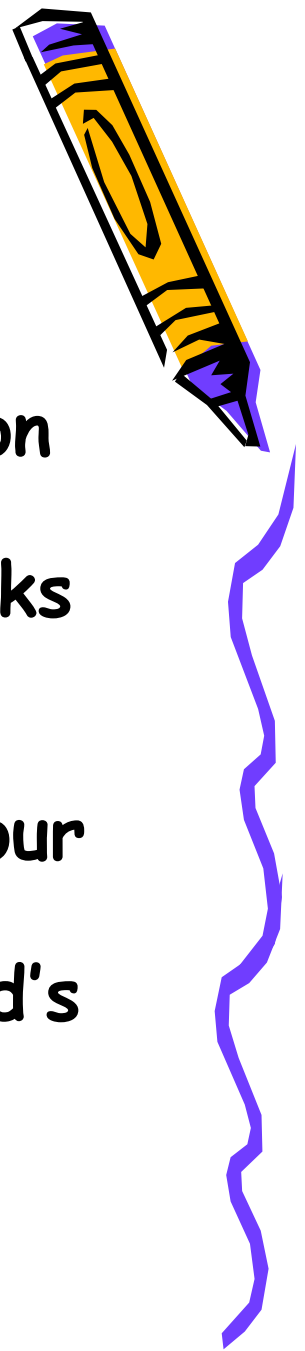
Homework

- Practicing skills every night at home will help your child make steady progress in learning. You can help by assisting your child to find a quiet place to work and by setting aside a special time each evening for homework. I will be sending more information about homework during the first week of school.



Organization

- Learning responsibility and organization is a large part of the first grade curriculum. During the first few weeks of school, I will be helping your child organize homework and notices for parents. You can help by checking your child's backpack daily for notices and sending notes back to me in your child's homework folder.



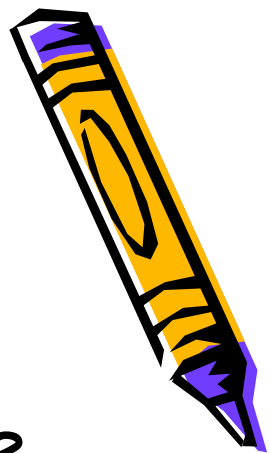
Read to your child

- This is a great way to spend time with your child. Children who can read independently still love to have parents read aloud to them or share reading with them. Your interest in reading helps foster their interest in books.



Communication

- Please don't hesitate to contact me at school if you have questions or concerns. Notes may be sent in your child's homework folder. Email is also a good way to keep in touch.



Contact

- The BEST and QUICKEST way to contact us is a note with your child OR email
- Lisa.Brayton@matsuk12.us
RebeccaL.Johnson@matsuk12.us
Kathy.McCollum@matsuk12.us
- You will receive a response as soon as possible

