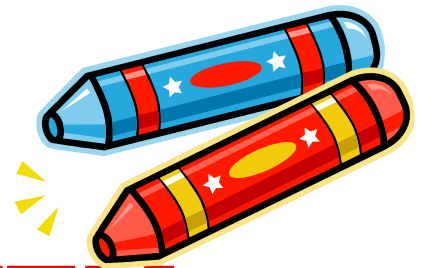




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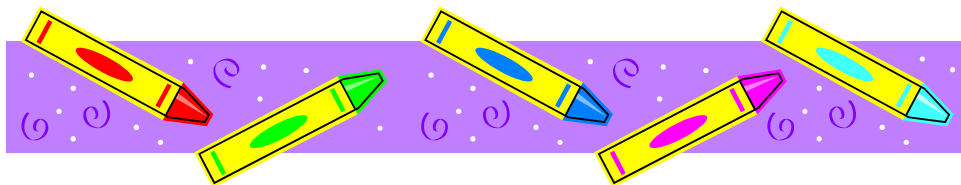


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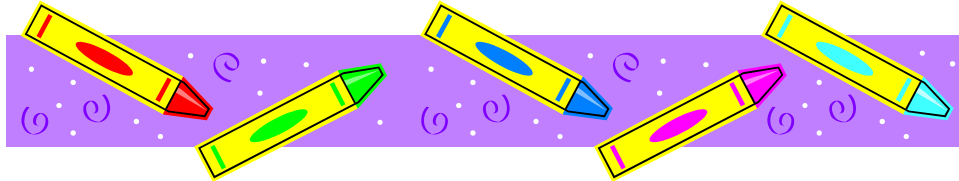
WRAP-AROUND

PARENT ABC's

2010-2011



# PAL Kindergarten Wrap-Around ABC's 2010-2011



## **Welcome to K-Wrap!**

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child! This handbook may answer some of the questions you may have and will be a good future reference.

Kindergarten is a year of growing socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. K-Wrap is here to assist your school and your child in that task. Your involvement, interest, and enthusiasm will help make this a wonderful year of growth for you and your child.

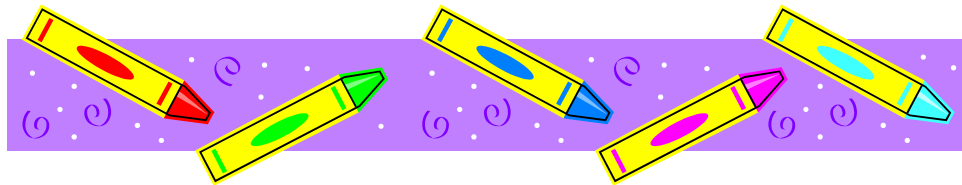
A child's first and most important teacher is his or her parents. Communication between parents and teachers is essential. Please call or send a note to your K-Wrap teacher if you have a question or concern.

Take a moment to imagine the K-Wrap world: letters, numbers, stories, sharing blocks, puzzles, play, paint and play-dough. Imagination and creativity are

everywhere. As you talk with your child about their day and celebrate their best effort on the work they do, remember that K-Wrap is a "child's garden." Many times the process is more important than the product, and learning is accomplished by doing, touching, and experiencing.

Sincerely,

All your friends at the Howell Township PAL



## The ABC's of K-WRAP

**A.** If your child will be **absent** from K-Wrap, please call the PAL office at 732 919-2825 between 7:30 and 8:30 AM. If your child is sick, PAL policy states that they may not return to school until their temperature is normal for 24 hours. If your child has **allergies** to food or other things, please inform the PAL in writing so that we may be aware.

**B.** We will assume that your child will be riding their **bus** or will be picked up by a parent each school day. If there is a change in plans, we must be notified!

**C. Conferences** will be scheduled to coincide with the Howell Township School District schedule, but we can conference at your request or ours at any time.

**D.** Kindergarten is a busy place that sometimes can get messy! **Dress** your child so they are ready for action!

**E.** All notes should come to K-Wrap in an **envelope** with your child's name on it.

**F.** Each child will have a **folder** with pockets to hold important papers. The folder should come to K-Wrap with your child and be checked after each school day. There will be a communication page inside your child's folder. Feel free to use it to make quick comments about their learning at home or about something that happened while they were away from school. It is not meant to replace notes that inform us of special events or changes. It is meant to be a place for dialogue between your K-Wrap teacher and parent.

**G.** We will use **games** to reinforce concepts such as taking turns, following directions, and counting spaces.

**H. K-Wrap Parent Handbooks** will be issued to each family upon registration. Please return the slip attached to the handbook as soon as you've read through it. The office documents that families have received and acknowledged handbook contents.

**I. Independence:** We will assist your child as they become more **independent** and acquire new skills.

**J. Journal** writing: We will begin to write in our **journals** as the year progresses. Your child will bring their journal home at the end of the school year.

**K. Kindness**, respect, and cooperation will be emphasized and rewarded.

**L. Age appropriate learning** techniques will be used to encourage your child's growth and development.

The **Lunch** account system. Lunch may be purchased through the Howell Township School District food services system. Each child will have their own individual account. Please contact 732 919-1085, extension 2118 if you'd like to access this service.

Please **label** everything your child plans to bring to school. That will help your child's things find their way home!

**M.** All children will be involved in **meaningful** activities to enrich their learning during the K-Wrap Program.

**N.** We will be sending home a **newsletter** monthly. Watch for it on bright paper. Occasionally, we will send **notes** home with your child. When we do we will place them inside their folder. When you send notes, please do the same. Then we will always know where to look!

**O.** When weather permits we will take the children outside for **outdoor** recess. Proper attire for the weather will be required.

**P. Parent Involvement:** your child's success is linked to your involvement in their learning. Plan on being involved in our PAL Family Fun Time. We plan to schedule a fun time so that our family members can join together for an afternoon of fun activities and get to know each other.

We will also use **poetry** and rhymes to introduce reading and literature.

**Q. Quiet** "read, write and rest" time will be a part of our daily schedule. If you have any **questions** about K-Wrap, you can reach us at the PAL office at 732 919-2825.

**R.** K-Wrap Progress **Reports** will come home every quarter. We encourage parents to discuss their child's progress with their K-Wrap teacher.

**S.** Your child may bring a healthy **snack** to K-Wrap. Please don't send candy, but crackers, raisins, fruit, cheese or carrot sticks are great. Keep in mind it should be ready to eat (peeled or sliced if appropriate). **NO SNACKS WITH NUTS OR PEANUTS PLEASE. We may have food allergies in our classroom.**

**T.** Enrichment **time**, fun **time**, quiet **time**, **time** for movement and activity.

Please don't send **toys** from home. K-Wrap will have on hand all the items your children will need during the school day.

**U. Unique** - "There are millions of people all over the place, but no one else with exactly my face." Each child is **unique** and will bring to school their special qualities and strengths. We will build on them during the school year.

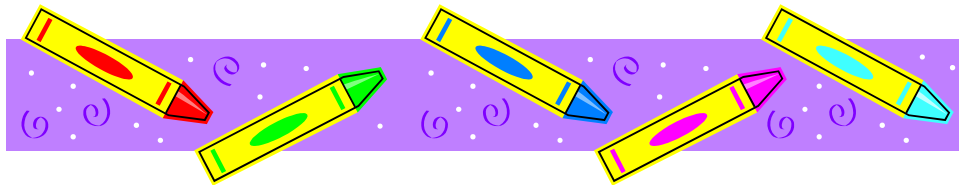
**V. Visiting** unannounced during the school day is not encouraged as it may disturb the elementary school where we are located. Please call the PAL office to schedule a visit with your K-Wrap teacher.

**W.** The PAL website ([www.howellpal.org](http://www.howellpal.org)) has a K-Wrap link. Please visit that site for updated information.

**X. EXciting!** This is an exciting time for students and parents alike! We anticipate an educational, fun year for your child in K-Wrap!

**Y. Younger siblings** are invited to join us during Family Fun Time and during any scheduled after school activities.

**Z. ZZZZ** - help your child to get plenty of sleep each night so they are rested and ready for a busy day at K-Wrap!



## LEARNING DURING K-WRAP

### Reading

During K-Wrap we will read and discuss many books, poems and songs. We will introduce all the letters of the alphabet and their sounds. We will learn that

sounds stand for letters and words are made of sounds. The children will have an opportunity to work at their level and participate in small group activities to strengthen their emergent reading skills. We will also learn sight word vocabulary to prepare for first grade.

### **Math**

We will reinforce and strengthen the basic math concepts that have been introduced in your child's kindergarten classroom. We will order numbers, work on one-to-one correspondence, learn about shapes, put objects into sets and act out story problems, plus more!

### **Handwriting**

In K-Wrap, your child will learn the basic handwriting strokes and practice making all the upper- and lower-case letters and also numbers. Their fine motor skills are still developing and we will see much improvement as the year progresses. If your child does not write with a dominant hand yet, most likely they will establish one during Kindergarten and K-Wrap.

### **Science/Social Studies/Health**

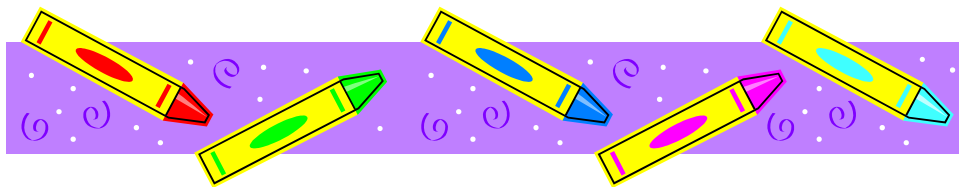
We will utilize K-Wrap centers and themes to cover topics in science, social studies and health.

## **Art**

We will experiment with different art materials and processes. Some art projects are good lessons for following directions. Remember, it's the process that matters, not just the product!

## **Movement and Music**

The children will have movement and music based activity on a regular basis.



## **WHAT TO EXPECT ...**

### Beginning of the Year Expectations:

The activities that we spend time on at the beginning of the school year will incorporate these important areas:

Social skills (caring, sharing and getting along).

Classroom rules and appropriate school behavior.

Readiness skills (color and shape recognition, coloring, cutting skills, learning about letters and numbers).

Increasing attention span.

Listening and following directions.

Learning proper handwriting techniques - strengthening fine motor skills.

### End of the Year Expectations:

Self Help skills - Your child can dress themselves.

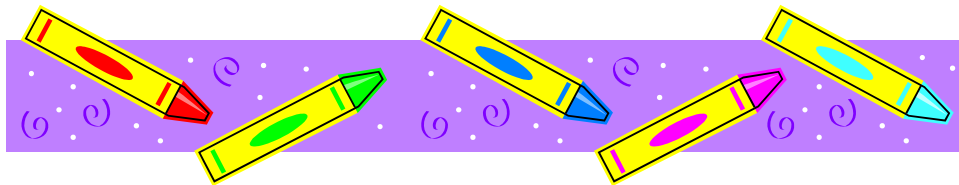
Attention span and behavior appropriate for age level.

Follows directions.

Good small motor skills.

Basic Readiness Skills mastered (colors, shapes, all letters and most sounds, numbers 0-20, counting past 20).

Language Development - understands that letters stand for sounds, letters together make words, can rhyme and understands how books work.



# Kindergarten Classroom Management Plan

To ensure that each child has a pleasant, positive learning experience, a classroom management plan for K-Wrap has been developed. Every child deserves learn in an environment that allows learning. This plan will help insure control in the learning environment.

Our goal is to educate all students and we will strive to maintain an environment that is conducive to learning for everyone.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

