

# Phelps Luck Kindergarten

## Back to School Night 2018-2019



# Our Administrators

- Michelle Leader, Principal
- Connie Fowlkes, Assistant Principal
- Sandra McGraw, Assistant Principal
- Jackie Cholewczynski, PTA President



# PLES Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

- The PTA is a group of parents and teachers who volunteer their time to provide academic, social, and cultural enrichment to each student at PLES throughout the school year.
- Executive Committee:
  - Jackie Cholewczynski – President
  - Steve Tabak – Vice President 1 (Financial Oversight)
  - Amy Shupps – Vice President 2 (Fundraising)
  - Michele McGee-Guthrie – Vice President 3 (Teacher Liaison)
  - Ann Wacha – Treasurer
  - Kelly Frank – Secretary

# Membership Q&A

- How much is it to be a member of the PTA?
  - \$10 per person, per year
- What does membership mean?
  - Membership means you are able to vote on PTA matters at our monthly meetings
- When are the PTA meetings?
  - First Wednesday of every month (except September and January) at 7pm in the Media Center
- Are meetings mandatory?
  - NO!
- Do I have to be a member to volunteer at PTA events?
  - NO!
- Do I have to volunteer a certain number of times as a member?
  - NO! We will take all the time you can give. We recognize that people work and so do most of us!
- Who attends the PTA meetings?
  - Parents, grandparents, relatives and best of all, our Principal Mrs. Leader and Assistant Principal Mrs. Fowlkes

# What does the PTA do?

- **Fundraising**

- Dine Out Nights, Fall/Spring Fundraisers, Box Tops for Education, Spirit Wear

- **Enrichment**

- Book Fairs, Science Fair

- **Wellness**

- Family 5K And Family Fun Run

- **Social Activities**

- Paint Nights, Dances, Movie Nights, Bingo Night

- **Staff Appreciation**

- Back to School Teacher Breakfast, Conference Dinners, Teacher Appreciation Week

- **Community Outreach**

- Mobile Food Pantry

- **Funding**

- Field Trips, Cultural Assemblies. Simulated Congressional Hearings

- **Publications**

- Yearbook, School Directory

# What We Need from You

- Membership!
  - Volunteers!
  - Donations!
  - Ideas!
  - Participation!
- Current Committee Chair Opportunities:
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Daddy/Daughter & Mommy/Son Dance
    - Spring Paint Night
    - PTA Bulletin Board

# Title I



- School-wide enhanced programs and services
- Family involvement

# School News and Information



Email – School Messages



Print



Social Media @hcpss\_ples



Video



In Person



# Emergency Cards/Essential Documents

- Emergency Procedure Forms include: early closing and photograph permission
- Complete online using HCPSS Connect. ([www.hcpss.org/connect](http://www.hcpss.org/connect))
- Immunizations and medical forms



# Our Fabulous Kindergarten Team

- Teachers: Danielle Baker, Karma Barfield, Michele Dorsey, Carly Norris, Margaret Palmieri (ITL)
- Spec. Ed Support: Chrissie Ledgard, Maureen Gilbert
- Para Educators: Carol Wilson, Allison Scharf
- ESOL Support: Jen Lebro
- Math Support: Isaac Clark

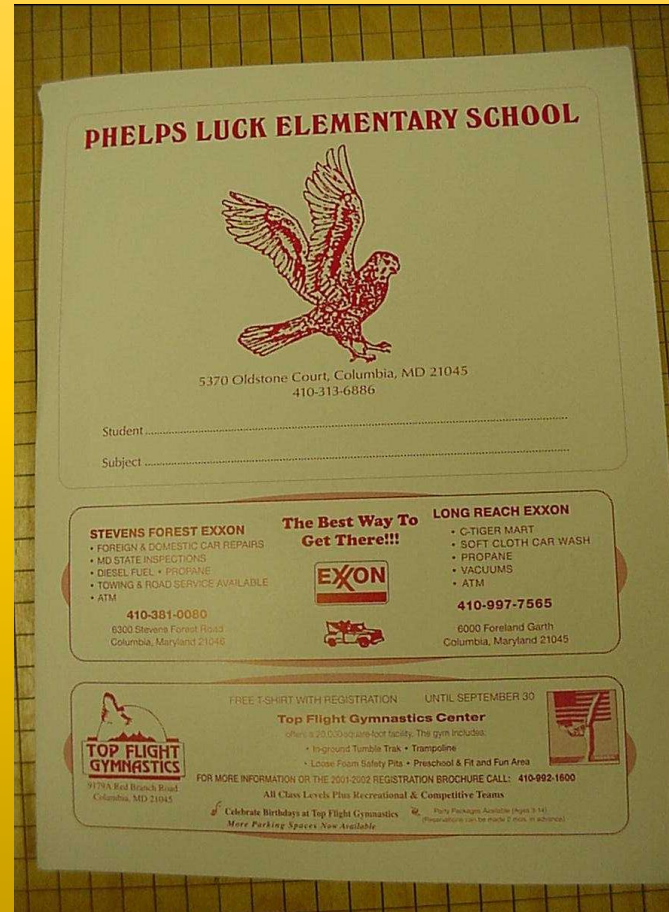


# Daily Schedule

- 8:40 First Bell Breakfast Begins
- 8:55 Late Bell/Announcements Begin
- 9:00 Circles
- 9:15 Math
- 10:30 Recess
- 11:00 Reading
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30 Writing
- 1:00 Related Arts (Art, Media, PE, Music, Tech)
- 2:00 Content
- 2:30 Center Time
- 3:00 Clean-up/Pack-up
- 3:15 Dismissal



# And..... Please, Check The Folder!!!!



# Breakfast Program

- Free breakfast offered daily to all students
- Participation is optional
- Students need to arrive on time so they can take advantage of the program
- Includes milk and prepackaged items such as cereal, bagels, pancakes, French toast and egg sandwiches.



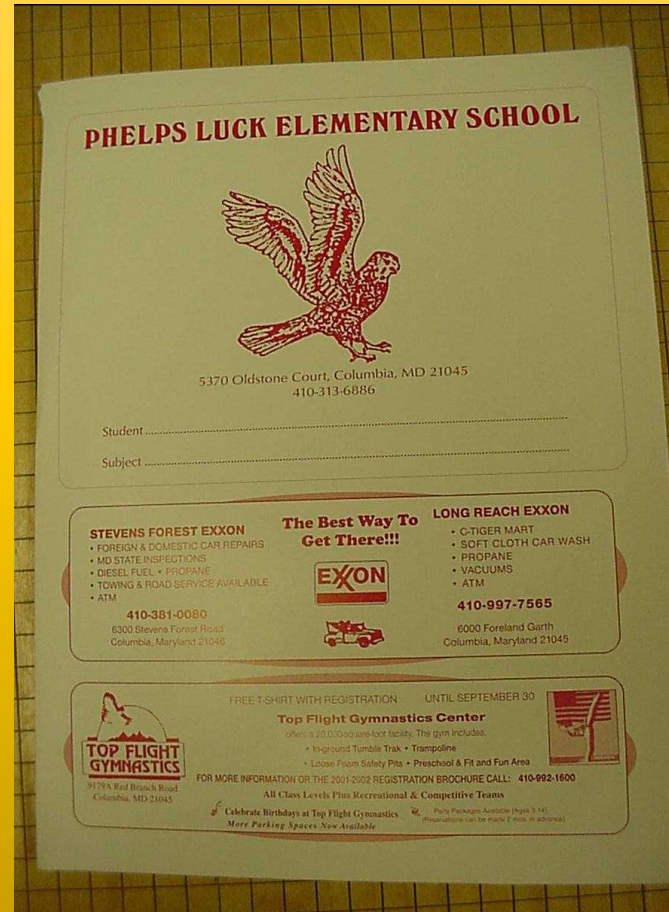
# Lunch

- Students may bring lunch from home or purchase lunch for \$2.75
- Kindergarten has their own lunch period in the cafeteria
- We have an “allergen free” table
- Menus can be found on [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org)
- Please send money in a bag or envelope **labeled with your child's name**
- [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to set up account for automatic payments



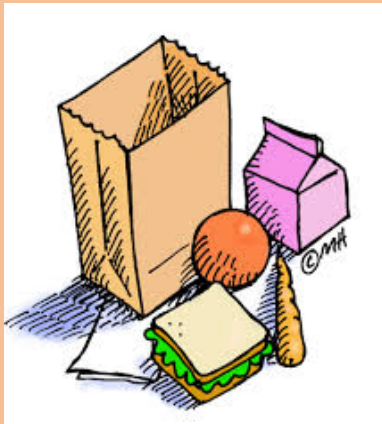


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# Packing Lunch


- Label your child's lunch box or bag with his/her name.
- Do not pack too much food! Kids will be busy talking with friends and may not eat as much as at home.
- We suggest a half sandwich, piece of fruit, pretzels or popcorn and drink.
- Any prepackaged food, please snip the corner of the package to make it easier for kids to open items independently.





And..... PLEASE remember to EMPTY the folder EVERY DAY!

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# Recess

- 30 minutes each day
- Dress child appropriately for the weather and play
- Children will go outside as long as the temperature is above 20 degrees including wind chill
- Children are expected to respond to the whistle by coming to line immediately (safety precaution)

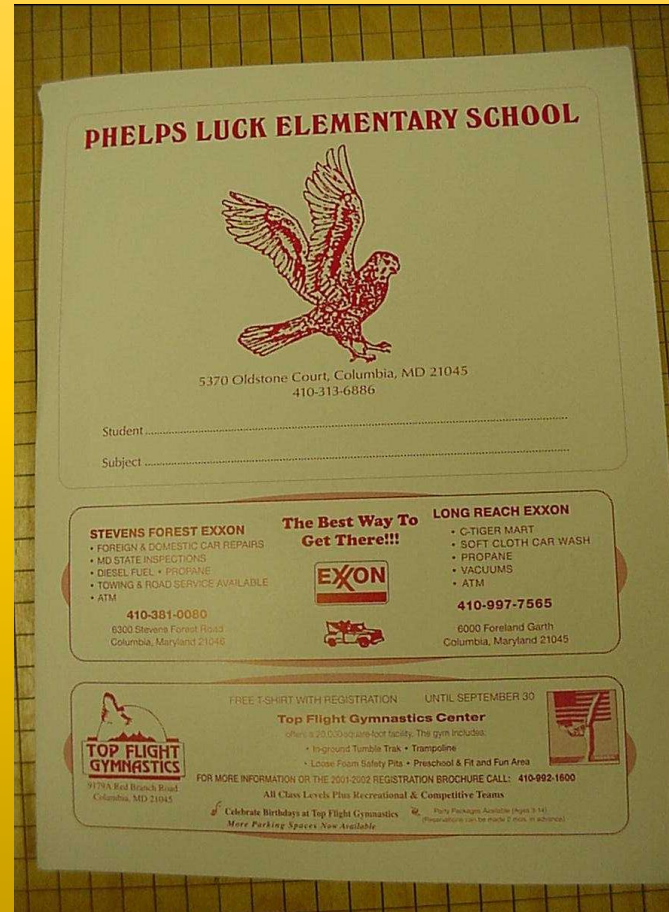


# Birthday Celebrations

- Non-food items only such as stickers, playdough, pencils
- Contact your child's teacher before sending items
- Sign up on the Class Email list to contact families about parties at home. Please do not send invitations to school.



And..... PRETTY PLEASE.....Remember to  
Check and EMPTY The Folder!!!!



# Field Trips

- East Columbia branch Library—no cost! (March 6, 7th)
- Arts on Stage at Goucher College (March 28th)
- Clark's Elioak Farm ( May 3rd)
- In-School presentations:  
Ho. Co. Master Gardeners      Ho. Co. Fire Dept.




# Transportation

- A transportation form is in your child's classroom today. It is **ESSENTIAL** to have this dismissal information before school begins on Tuesday for the safety of each child.
- To avoid confusion, we **URGE** you to follow your child's regular transportation procedure on the first day of school so your child can learn his/her dismissal routine.
- We will always follow your child's normal transportation routine unless we have a note specifying a change. **For last minute changes PLEASE CALL THE FRONT OFFICE prior to 3:00.**
- When picking-up a child from school, all adults **must** present a **photo ID** and **must be listed** on the child's emergency card (including parents/guardians). This is HCPSS policy and is for the safety of your child.



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

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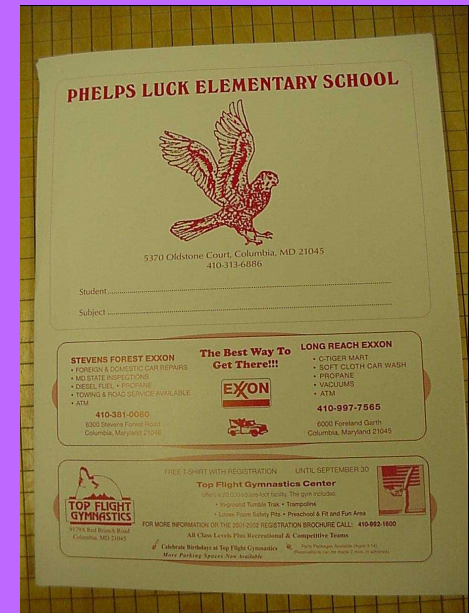
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# Communication

## Phelps Luck Folders

- Folders should come to school **EVERY DAY**.
- Please check folders at home **EVERY DAY** to remove student work and check for important papers.
- Use the folder to send money to school, absentee notes and other important papers.





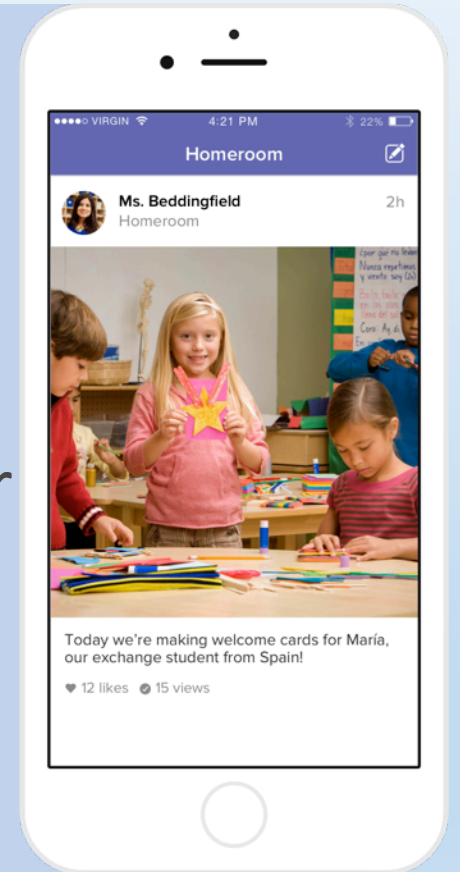
# Class Dojo

- We'll build a **positive culture** by encouraging skills like “Helping others” and “Perseverance”.
- We want **all parents engaged** in our classroom, seeing what we're learning every day!



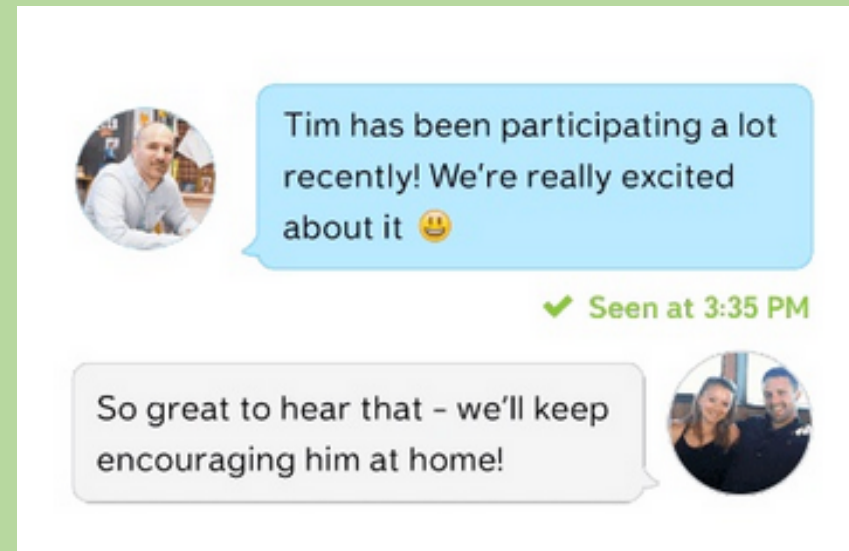
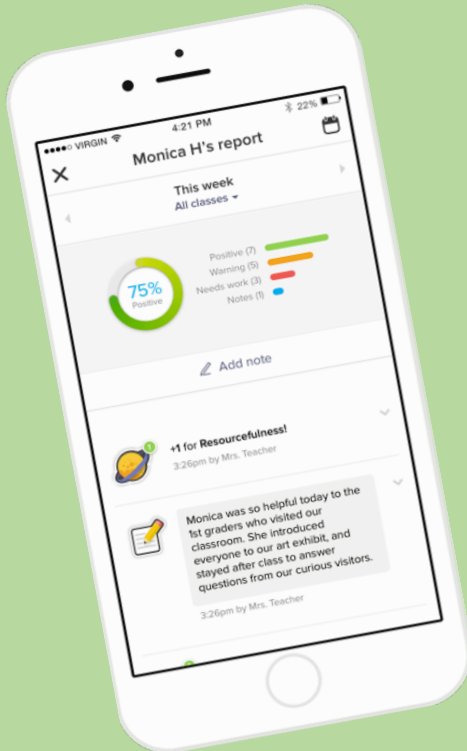
# Using Class Dojo

- **As a teacher, I will:**
- Post important updates and announcements
- Share photos and videos of our classroom activities
- Send individual messages to parents
- Messages you send are only seen by the classroom teacher




# What Parents Will See

- **You'll see the “Story” of our classroom:** photos and videos of big moments and important updates



And.....PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE (SAY IT WITH ME)---CHECK AND EMPTY THE FOLDER EVERY DAY!!!!

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(Reservations can be made 21 days in advance)

# Ready Rosie

See the growing list of Head Start programs using ReadyRosie! >



EDUCATORS

FAMILIES

HEAD START

SIGN IN

REGISTER

FREE TRIAL

## Active Family Engagement

Quick videos show families how to find learning moments in day-to-day activities.

I'M READY TO LEARN MORE



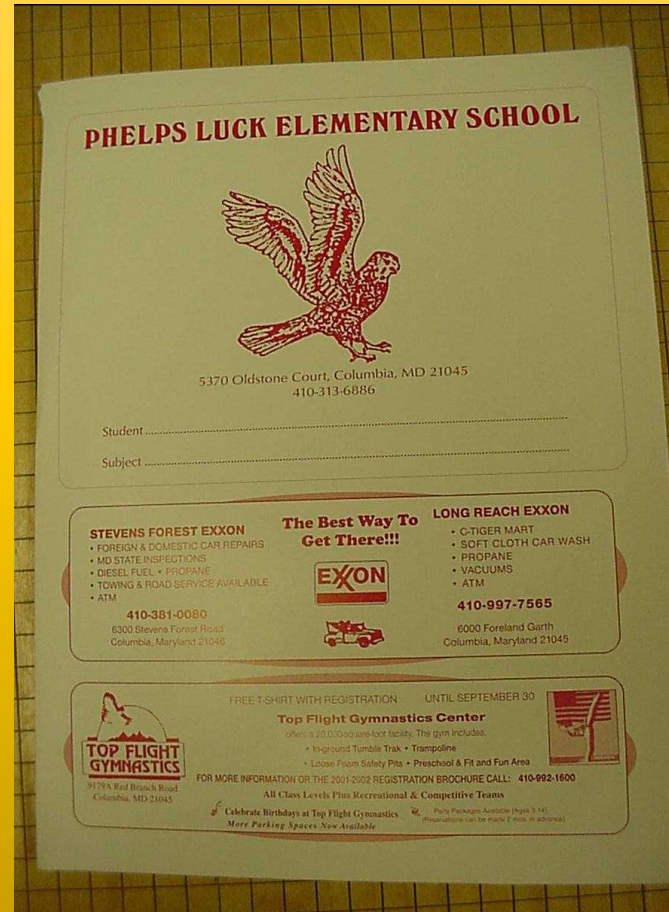
# Volunteers

- We do enjoy having volunteers in our classrooms!
- Volunteers will work with small groups to do Art projects, review skills, play games or assist students with work completion.
- You can sign up today to volunteer on a weekly, monthly or "when my schedule allows" basis (with 24 hours notice).





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# Parent Conferences



- Monday and Tuesday, November 19th and 20<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday and Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- You can contact your child's teacher throughout the year if you ever want to have a conference.
- Keep in touch with your child's teacher through email, Class Dojo, phone calls or notes in your child's folder.



# What will your child learn this year?

## Language Arts

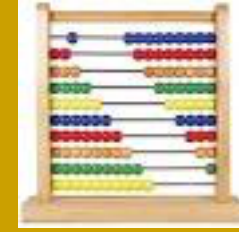
- Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening

## Math

- Counting and Cardinality
- Operations and Algebraic Thinking
- Geometry
- Numbers and Operations in Base Ten
- Measurement and Data



# Math

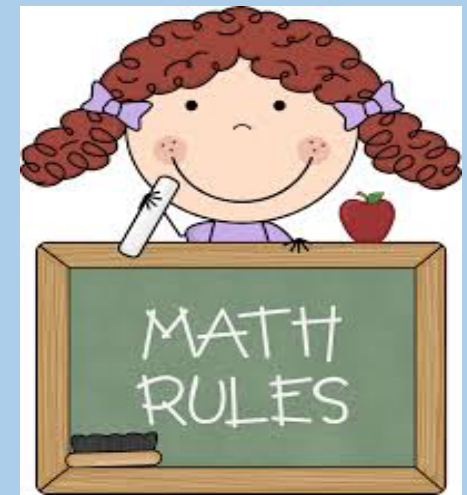


- Common Core Math Standards will be followed. Parents will receive quarterly updates about what students are learning and how to help at home.
- Students are grouped by ability within each classroom based on Math Assessments, classroom observations and data collection.
- Students may end up switching to another classroom just for Math if we feel their needs would be better served in another group. Parents will always be notified of any changes.

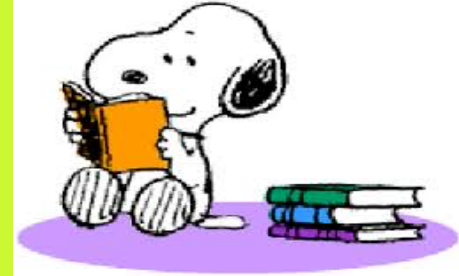


# Math

- Children will use math manipulatives including blocks, dice, buttons, counters, connecting cubes, etc.
- Math rotations will include partner games, small group instruction with the teacher and technology (iPads/laptops).
- **Dreambox** is a Math program that will be used school wide. You will also receive information about how to log on so your child can play at home.



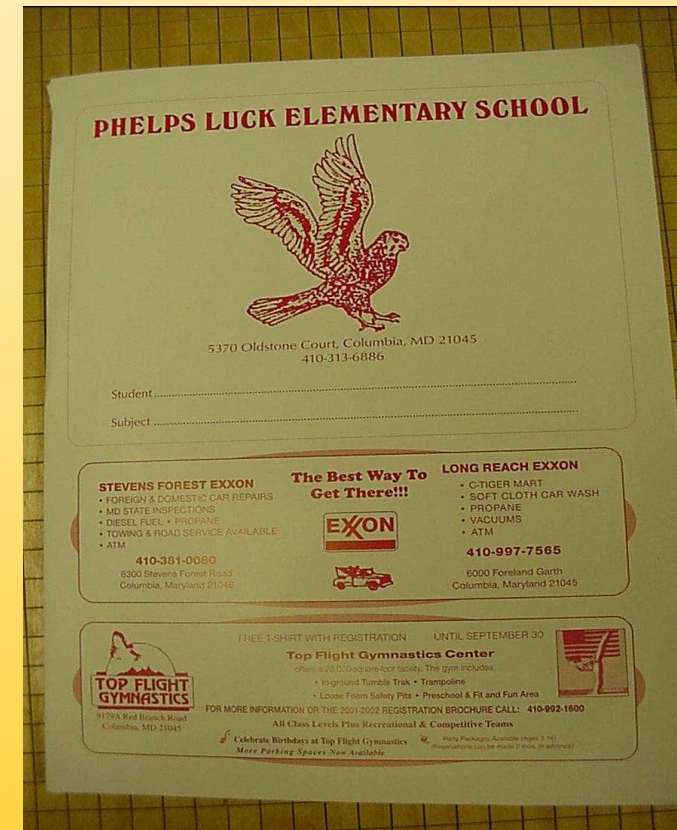
# Reading



- Groups formed based on student's current benchmark level and other data.
- Groups are flexible and changing.
- Formative and summative data used to inform our teaching.
- Students will work at independent centers while the teacher meets with small groups daily. (Word Work, Listening to Reading, crafts)
- Reading levels include Pre-Emergent, Emergent, Early, Transitional and Fluent. Shared during conferences, on report cards.
- We want Kindergarten students to read **level D books** by the end of the year to be well prepared for First Grade.

# 😊 THE FOLDER IS MY FRIEND 😊

Any important communication should go in here including field trip money, lunch money, permission slips, absence notes, etc.



# Writing

- We study 3 genres-Opinion, Informative and Narrative writing.
- The first quarter will be spent working on building a community of authors in our classrooms through drawing, shared writing, interactive writing, and group discussions.
- We will also work on correct formation of letters.





# Content Units

- **Social Studies**

- **Unit 1** Home and School (rules and routines)
- **Unit 2** It's a Busy World (Community Helpers, Goods and Services)
- **Unit 3** My Country 'Tis of Thee (American Symbols and Famous Americans)
- **Unit 4** Maps and Me (Maps, directions, symbols)

- **Science**

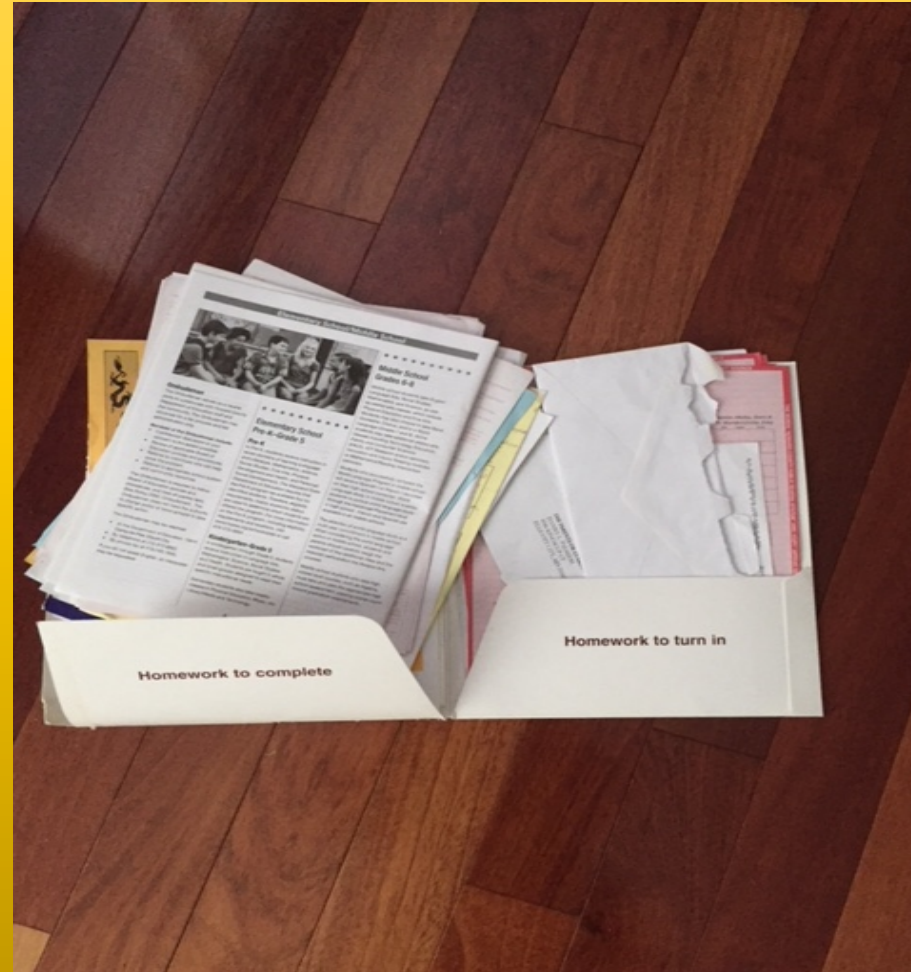
- Unit 1 What is a Scientist/Engineer?
- Unit 2 Weather and Climate
- Unit 3 Pushes and Pulls---**Save toilet paper rolls!!!**
- Unit 4 Ecosystems

- **Health**

- Social and Emotional, Nutrition and Fitness, Safety, Injury and Illness Prevention
- <https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/34447> for more curriculum resources



DON'T LET THIS BE YOU.....







# Related Arts Classes



- **Art:** will do painting and clay so dress appropriately.
- **Media:** students will check out books weekly. Must be returned to check out a new book.
- **Music:** will learn songs, rhythm, instruments, patterns.
- **PE:** students must wear appropriate shoes to participate.
- **Technology:** students will learn more about using computers.





# First Day of School



- Students may enter when the bell rings at 8:40.
- All Kindergarten students will meet in the cafeteria on the first 2 days of school (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- The rest of the week, students will walk down to the classrooms by themselves. Staff will support students in the hallway.
- Students will be learning lots of routines and will be very tired and hungry when they get home!
- Talk with your child about the school day and give time to relax in the evening.

# Let's go see the classrooms!

- While in the classroom, please check that your child's name is spelled correctly. If your child has a nickname that they prefer please let us know so we can make corrections.
- Please fill out the transportation paper so we know where each child will be going at the end of the day.
- If you have brought your child's school supplies you can drop them off in the classroom.
- **OPEN HOUSE TOMORROW 1:30 BRING YOUR CHILD TO MEET THE TEACHER AND SEE THE CLASSROOM**

# THANK YOU FOR COMING!

We are looking forward to a great year of learning together!

