



# Mrs. Eltagonde's Kindergarten Class

Welcome, students!

# Welcome to Kindergarten!

- Kindergarten is a time for children to expand their love of learning, their general knowledge, their ability to get along with others, and their interest in reaching out to the world.



# The 1<sup>st</sup> Year of School

- This year will be one of the most important milestones in your child's life - the first year of school!
- A successful adjustment to kindergarten will often influence the child's perceptions, attitudes, and performance in subsequent school years.



# OUR MISSION

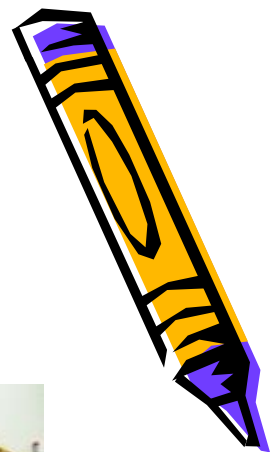


- James Madison Charter Academy's mission is to provide students with opportunities to develop the lifelong learning skills needed to inspire and direct their lives in a multicultural world.

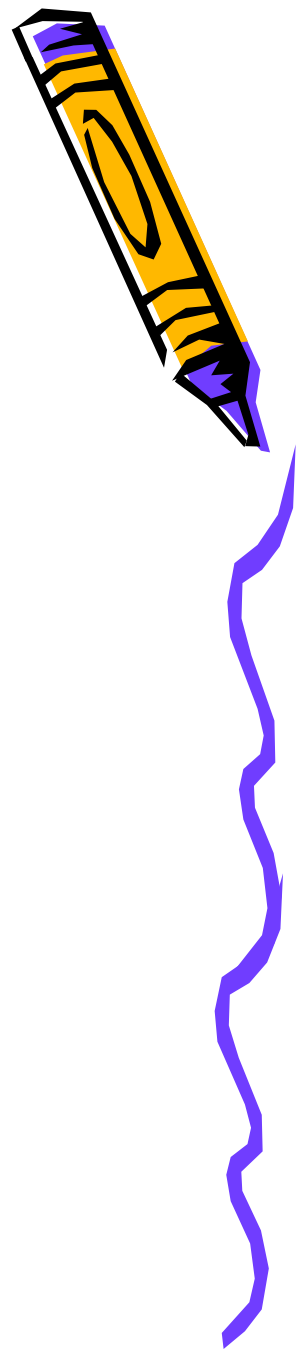


# J.M.C.A. Expectations

- 1. Follow directions.
- 2. Be a good listener.
- 3. Be kind and courteous to others.
- 4. Respect school and personal property.
- 5. Keep hands, legs and objects to self.



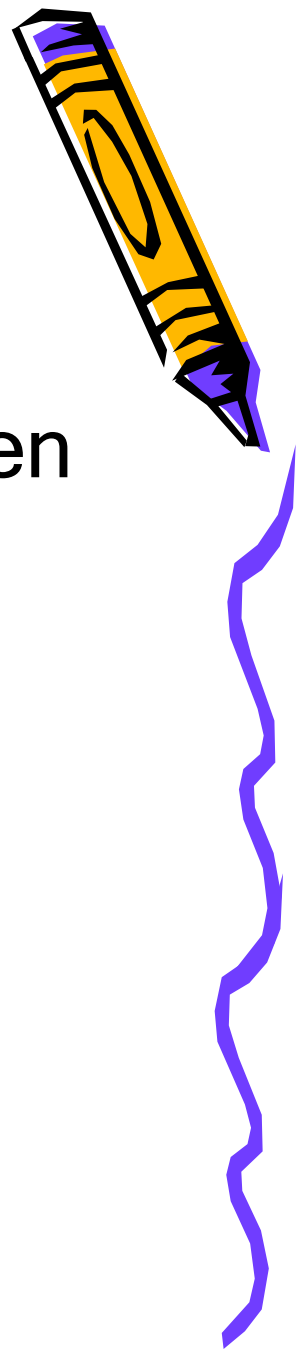
# My Goals



- To give you the academic and social skills you need to progress to first grade.
- To provide a supportive and fun classroom environment.
- To help you make new friends and discover new interests.



# Class Subjects



- The subjects we cover in Kindergarten are:
  - *Imagine It!* Reading and Writing
  - Everyday Mathematics
  - Core Knowledge
  - Music and Physical Education



# Reading and Writing

- *Imagine It!* is a comprehensive elementary reading and writing program that builds on students' natural curiosity and imagination.

- [http://www.imagineitreading.com/NA/ENG\\_US/index.php](http://www.imagineitreading.com/NA/ENG_US/index.php)



# Everyday Math



- Everyday Math (EM) is a spiral curriculum, meaning that concepts are taught more than once but the instruction goes deeper as the students mature and become more able to work with advanced ideas.



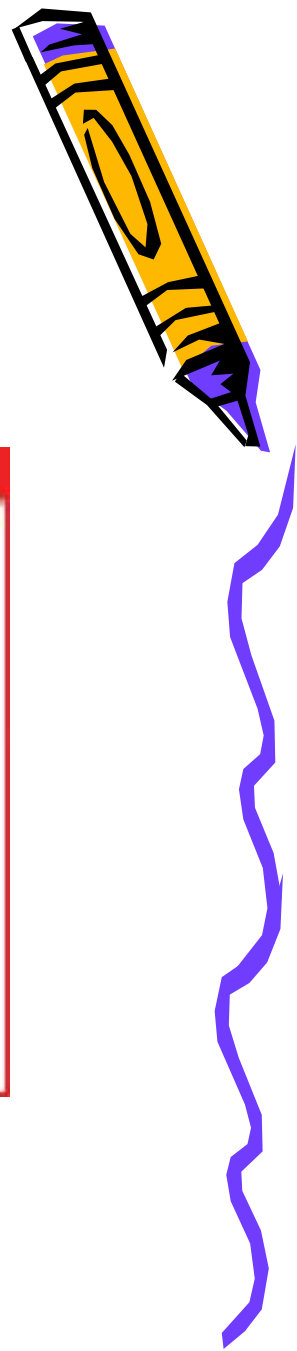
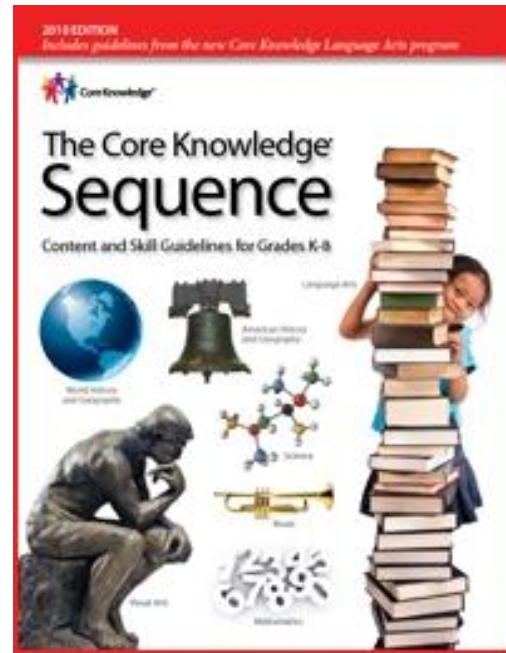
- <http://everydaymath.uchicago.edu/students/>



# Core Knowledge

- JMCA follows the Core Knowledge Curriculum in a project-based environment. Core Knowledge (CK) was started by E. D. Hirsch, Jr. “based on the premise that a grade-by-grade core of common learning is necessary to ensure a sound and fair elementary education.”

- <http://www.coreknowledge.org/>



# Library

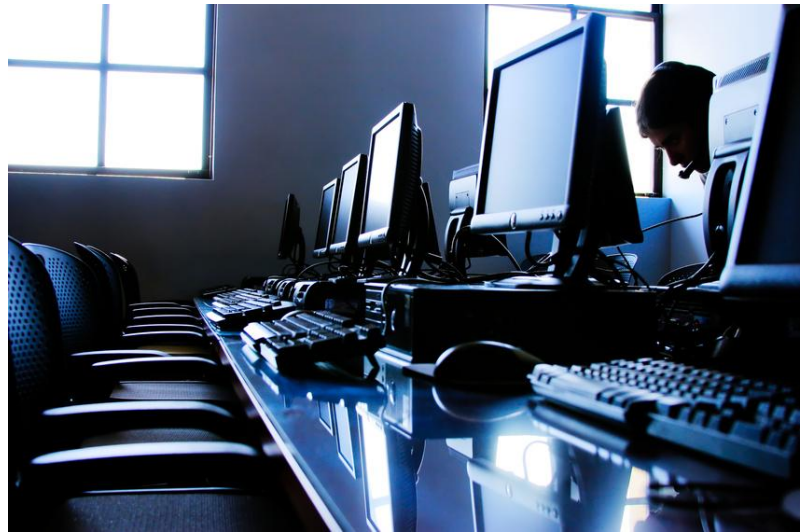
- Students are issued library books regularly as part of our school's commitment to literacy instruction.
- Your support of your child's responsibility for school items is greatly appreciated.



# Technology



- Introducing technology into the classroom provides value-added learning and time-saving enhancements for your child.

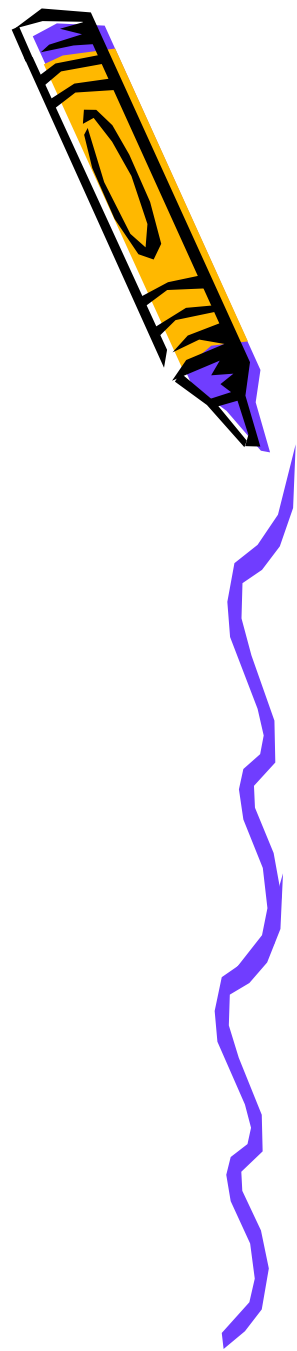


# Music and Physical Education

- In addition to the regular classroom studies, all students will attend “Specials” classes in Physical Education and Music regularly.



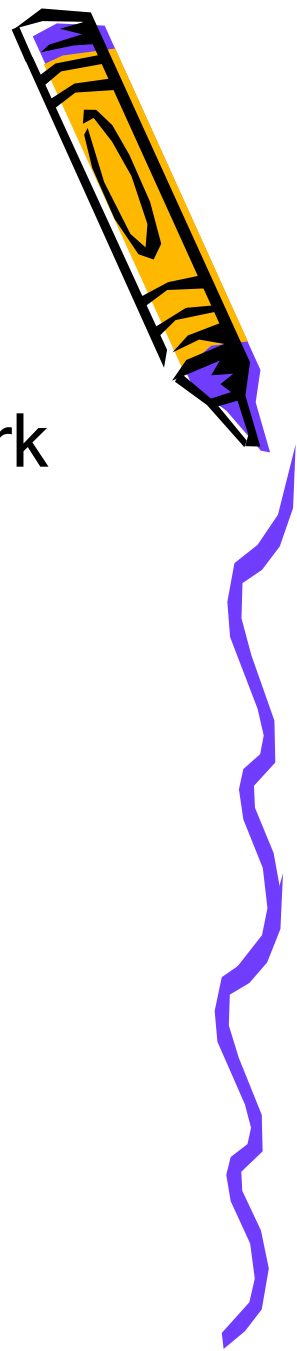
# Classroom Community



- Our classroom is a community. In our community, we have rules to help us get along with each other.
- Our class rules are:
  - Be respectful and responsible.
  - Be organized and follow directions.
  - Be on time.
  - Be prepared.



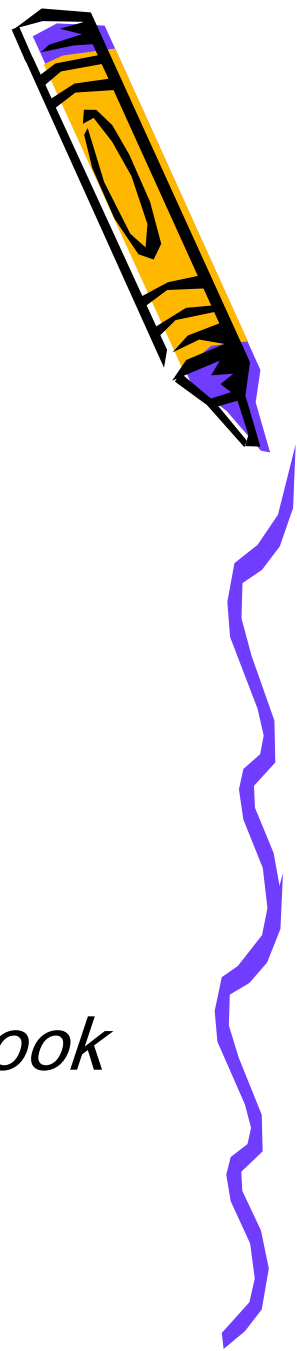
# Homework



- I will assign about 10 minutes of homework every night.
- Homework will be in your child's reading packet which is to be brought back daily.
- The reading packet will consist of:
  - - One Decodable Reader
  - - Practice worksheets and/or sight words.



# Tardiness



- School starts at 8:00 A.M. Carpool begins at 7:45 A.M.
- If you aren't in the classroom by this time, please check in at the school office before coming to class.
- *Please refer to the Parent/Student handbook for additional information.*



# Uniform Policy



- At JMCA, uniforms are a daily requirement and a condition of continued enrollment. If a student arrives at school without the proper uniform, the violation will be noted on the daily responsibility sheet or plan book.
  - Wednesdays are full dress days.



# Classroom Supply List



- 1 set extra uniform clothes, including underwear and socks
- 1 backpack
- 1 lunchbox
- 2 Crayola 24 ct crayons
- 2 Crayola WHITE school glue
- 1 Crayola 8 ct watercolors
- 1 box zip-lock bags (boys-quart, girls-gallon)
- 4 Expo black chisel tip dry erase markers
- 1 pair FISKARS scissors
- 1 plastic supply box-small
- 2 large boxes tissues
- 12 plain yellow #2 pencils (NOT Eagle brand)
- 2 Crayola 10 ct washable CLASSIC wide markers
- 2 plain plastic pocket folders (2 GREEN)
- 1 pad assorted construction paper
- 3 reams - 20# white copy paper
- 5 rolls paper towels
- 1 package 3x3 yellow post-it notes (400 sheets)
- 2 packages 3x5 index cards (100 count)
- 1 primary journal composition notebook



Let's Have a Great Year!

