



LIFESPAN KINDERGARTEN, ENRICHMENT, AND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS



LifeSpan Parents,

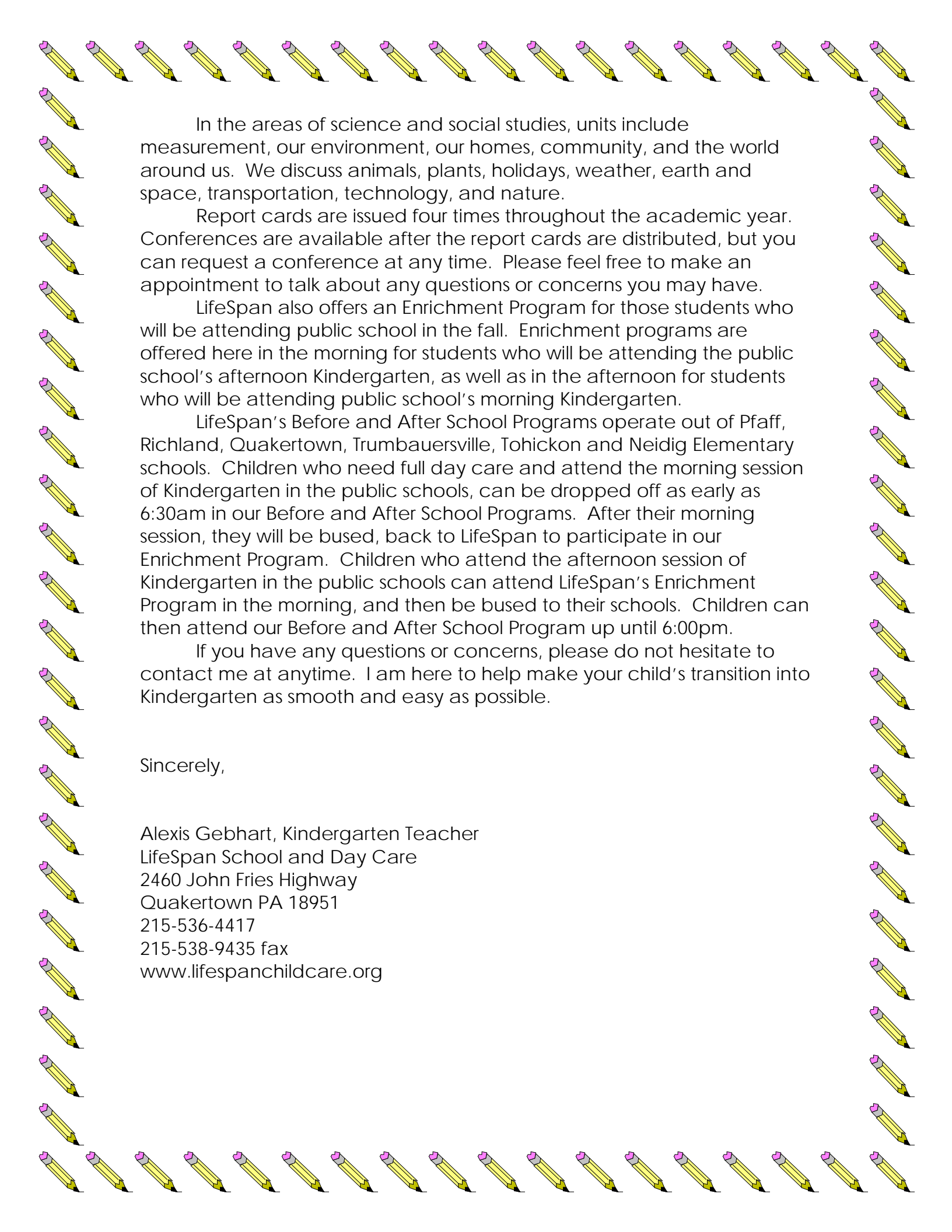
At this time of year, parents are often beginning to think about Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration. LifeSpan would like to introduce our Kindergarten program to our Pre-K parents. The Kindergarten instructional day begins at 9:00 and runs until 3:30pm. Our Kindergarten schedule follows the Quakertown School District's schedule. After the Kindergarten session ends, Enrichment activities are provided until the end of the day. Enclosed you will find our Kindergarten Educational Objectives, the Kindergarten Program Curriculum, our Kindergarten Daily Schedule, information on our Before and After School Programs, and an application for our Kindergarten and Enrichment Programs as well as our Before and After School Program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

LifeSpan's kindergarten program provides your child with a balanced program as they develop the ability to read, write, speak, listen, and grow. Your child will develop an appreciation for literature that is read aloud daily. They will develop skills to read and write independently using our Kid Writing program. As parents, you will see your child grow through our curriculum in the areas of math, science, social studies, and language arts.

In the area of mathematics, students develop an understanding and insight into patterns. They will encounter opportunities for problem solving, communication, reasoning, and mathematical connections through counting, number recognition, measurement, sorting, graphing, patterning, number operations, and place value.

Students may select books to share with the class, along with poems, literature, songs, and stories. Each day we will have story time where we develop our attentive listening skills, allowing others to speak without unnecessary interruptions. Students are encouraged to offer personal opinions in discussion, answer questions, participate in dramatics and role play, and share stories with others. Following directions and using polite words are very important in our everyday activities.

Writing and Language Mechanics are an important part of our mornings. We learn to use writing implements, spell our names, right to left progression along with top to bottom, spelling simple words; inventive spelling, printing on the base line, legible handwriting, spacing our words, sounding out words, recognition of upper and lower case letters, and explaining our work are all difficult tasks which we will accomplish together.



In the areas of science and social studies, units include measurement, our environment, our homes, community, and the world around us. We discuss animals, plants, holidays, weather, earth and space, transportation, technology, and nature.

Report cards are issued four times throughout the academic year. Conferences are available after the report cards are distributed, but you can request a conference at any time. Please feel free to make an appointment to talk about any questions or concerns you may have.

LifeSpan also offers an Enrichment Program for those students who will be attending public school in the fall. Enrichment programs are offered here in the morning for students who will be attending the public school's afternoon Kindergarten, as well as in the afternoon for students who will be attending public school's morning Kindergarten.

LifeSpan's Before and After School Programs operate out of Pfaff, Richland, Quakertown, Trumbauersville, Tohickon and Neidig Elementary schools. Children who need full day care and attend the morning session of Kindergarten in the public schools, can be dropped off as early as 6:30am in our Before and After School Programs. After their morning session, they will be bused, back to LifeSpan to participate in our Enrichment Program. Children who attend the afternoon session of Kindergarten in the public schools can attend LifeSpan's Enrichment Program in the morning, and then be bused to their schools. Children can then attend our Before and After School Program up until 6:00pm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime. I am here to help make your child's transition into Kindergarten as smooth and easy as possible.

Sincerely,

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Kindergarten Educational Objectives

Language Arts

- A. Literature- through discussions, art media, dictating, and composing
- B. Using books
- C. Composing- Oral and Written, dictate and type stories, read back, sentences telling about a story
- D. Language Patterns- Thinking, talking, reasoning and listening

Readiness

- A. Math Concepts- top, through, away from, next to, inside, some, many, not many, middle, few, farther, around, over, widest, most, between, whole, nearest, second, corner, several, behind, row, different, after, almost, half, center, as many, side, beginning, other, alike, not first or last, never, below, match, always, medium-sized, right, left, forward, zero, above, every, separated, pair, skip, equal, in order, third, least
- B. Matching- likenesses and differences
- C. Copying
- D. Identifying
- E. Classifying
- F. Sequencing
- G. Thinking and interpreting
- H. Communicating Orally
- I. Visual Perception
- J. Listening and Following Directions
- K. Auditory Memory
- L. Performing Tasks
- M. Rhyming

Reading Skills

- A. Experience Chart Stories
- B. Alphabet- Identify letters by name, match letters, letter-sound identification
- C. After Readiness- Read to children, they respond
- D. Composing- Oral and written

Handwriting

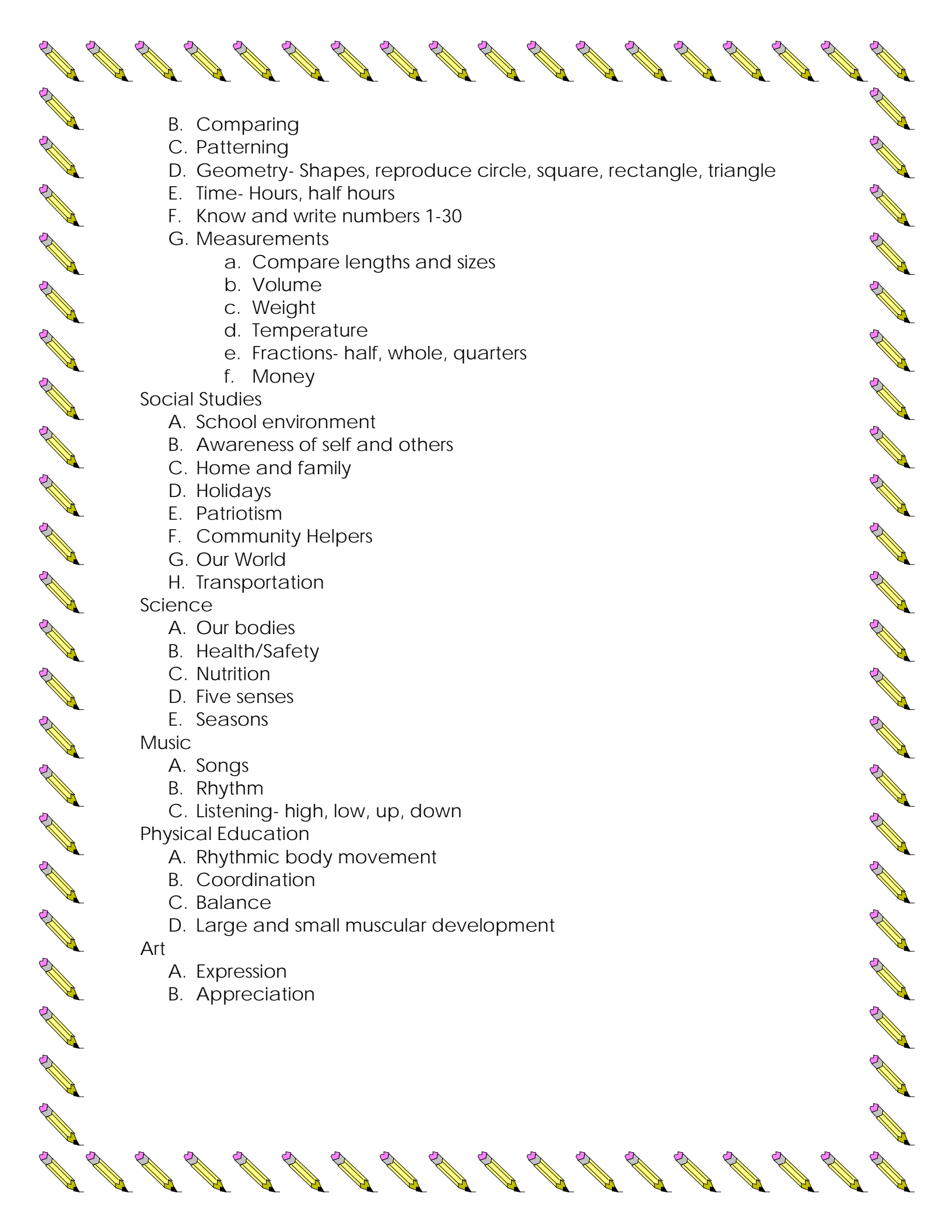
- A. Proper Technique
- B. Letter Formation- Upper and Lower Case

Colors

- A. Identifying
- B. Experimenting with Colors

Math

- A. Counting- 1-330, concrete objects, ordinal numbers, counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's

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- B. Comparing
 - C. Patterning
 - D. Geometry- Shapes, reproduce circle, square, rectangle, triangle
 - E. Time- Hours, half hours
 - F. Know and write numbers 1-30
 - G. Measurements
 - a. Compare lengths and sizes
 - b. Volume
 - c. Weight
 - d. Temperature
 - e. Fractions- half, whole, quarters
 - f. Money

Social Studies

- A. School environment
- B. Awareness of self and others
- C. Home and family
- D. Holidays
- E. Patriotism
- F. Community Helpers
- G. Our World
- H. Transportation

Science

- A. Our bodies
- B. Health/Safety
- C. Nutrition
- D. Five senses
- E. Seasons

Music

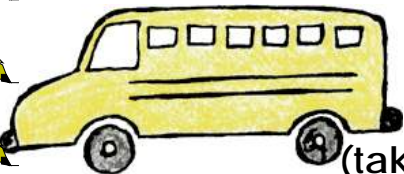
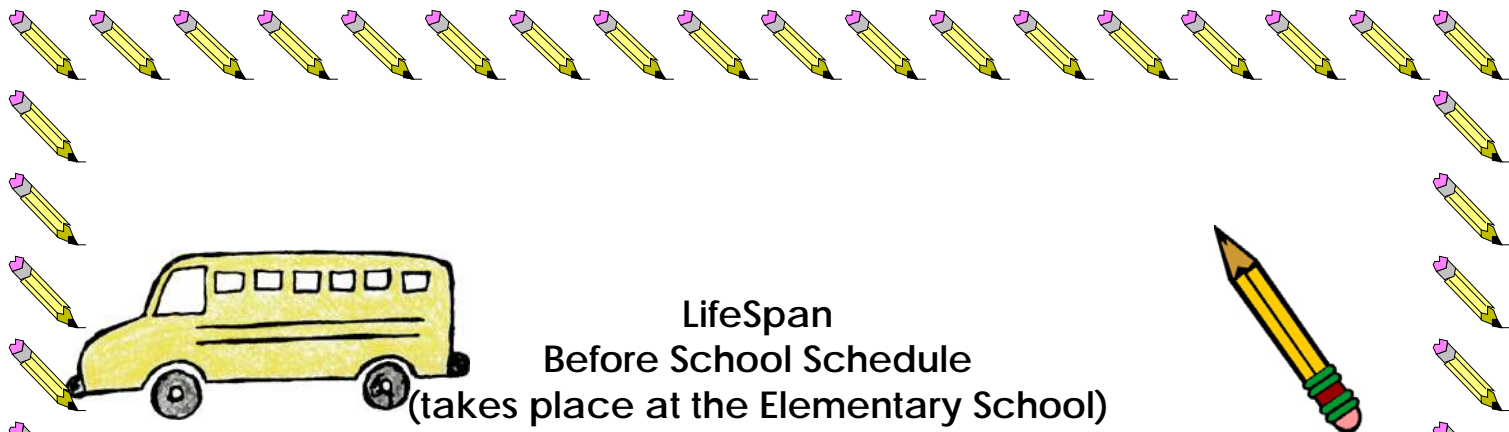
- A. Songs
- B. Rhythm
- C. Listening- high, low, up, down

Physical Education

- A. Rhythmic body movement
- B. Coordination
- C. Balance
- D. Large and small muscular development

Art

- A. Expression
- B. Appreciation



**LifeSpan
Before School Schedule**
(takes place at the Elementary School)



- 6:30 – 7:30 Welcome
Choice of Quiet Centers
(Computer Center, Games, Manipulative, Art and Book Area)
- 7:30 – 8:00 Breakfast
and / or Choice of Centers:
(Dramatic Play, Games, Nature/Science, Math, Blocks,
Manipulatives, Art and Crafts)
- 7:30 – 8:15 Organized Games
- 8:15- 8:55 Gross Motor Activities / Outside Activities
- 8:55 Depart to School

After School Schedule

- 3:45 – 3:55 Checking in
- 3:55 – 4:15 Snack Time
- 4:15 - 4:45 Homework supervision
Quiet Activities
Manipulatives and Building
- 4:45 – 5:30 Outside activity or insides organized game
- 5:30 – 6:00 Arts and Crafts
- Choice of Centers:
(Dramatic Play, Art, Nature/Science, Blocks, Math,
Manipulatives, Book Area, Music)

Dear LifeSpan Parents and Guardians,

We are coming closer to summer and are preparing for the upcoming school year. I would like to ask for your assistance by completing the form below if you will be in need of LifeSpan's Kindergarten, Enrichment, or Before / After School Care for your child for the 2014-2015 school year. Please complete and return the form below to the office. If you are unsure of your plans for next school year, registration can also be done by appointment throughout the summer. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Heather Moyer
School Age and Summer Camp Director

Child's Name: _____

Grade Attending (2014-2015 School Year) _____

Will you be using LifeSpan's Full Day Kindergarten program?

- Yes
- No

Will you be using LifeSpan for enrichment or before / after school care?

- Yes (if yes, please check the appropriate boxes below)
- No

Location:

- Pfaff Elementary
- Quakertown Elementary
- Richland Elementary
- Tohickon Elementary
- Trumbauersville Elementary
- Neidig Elementary

Program Interest:

- Before School
- After School
- Before & After School
- Holiday / Instructional

Schedule of Days Needed:

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Drop In