

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION
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INNOVATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

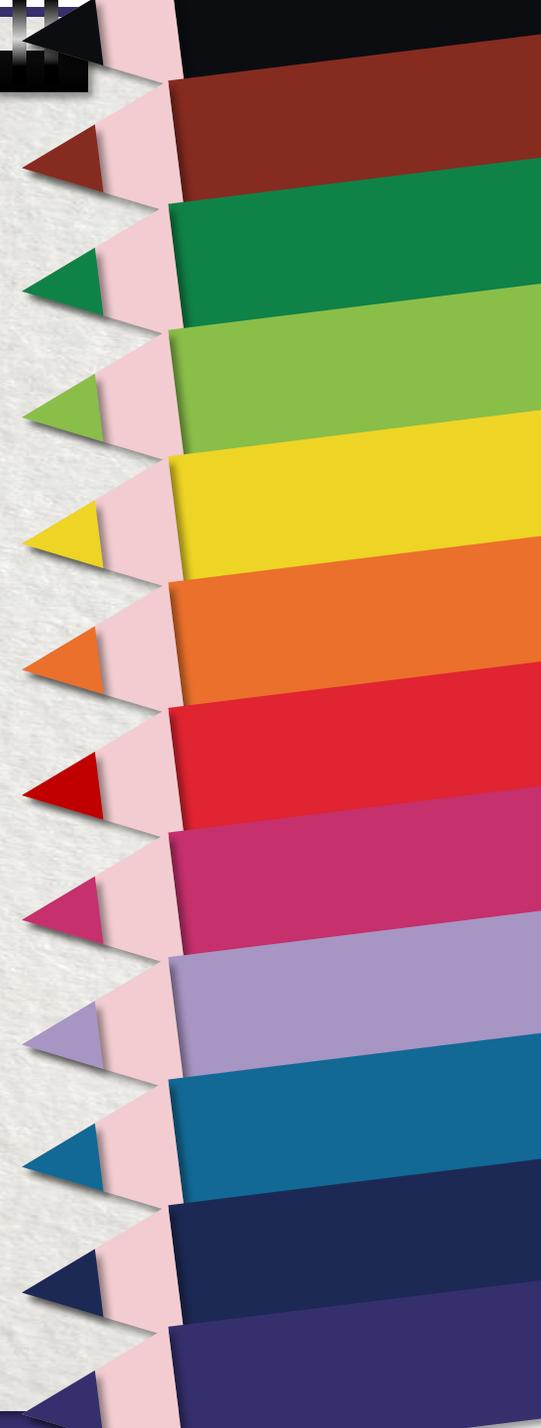
WELCOME!

Innovation Elementary School
serves students in Rosslyn,
Courthouse, and Lyon Village

We are so glad you will be joining
our community of learners!

[Link to Innovation walk zone map](#)

[Link to Innovation bus eligibility map](#)



SCHOOL INFO

Mascot: Huskies

Colors: Blue and white

Start time: 9:00am

End time: 3:50pm

Grades pre-K through 5th

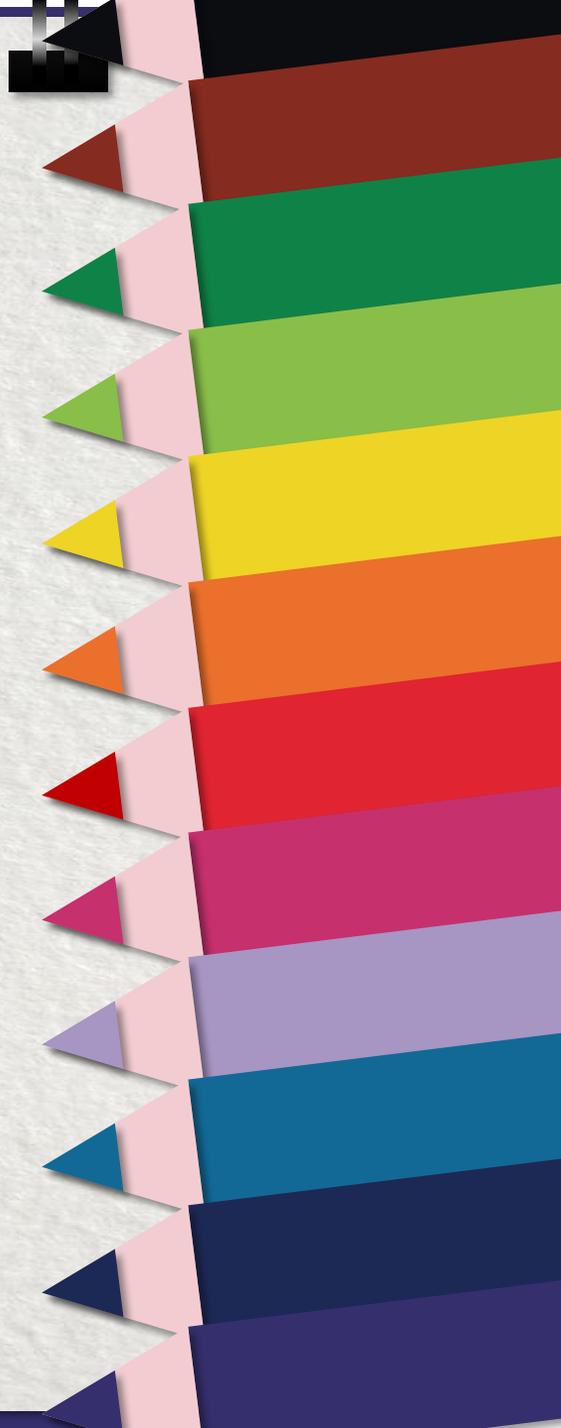
Approximate number of students: 520



SCHOOL INFO

Principal:
Claire Peters

Assistant Principal:
Kathryn White Mallik

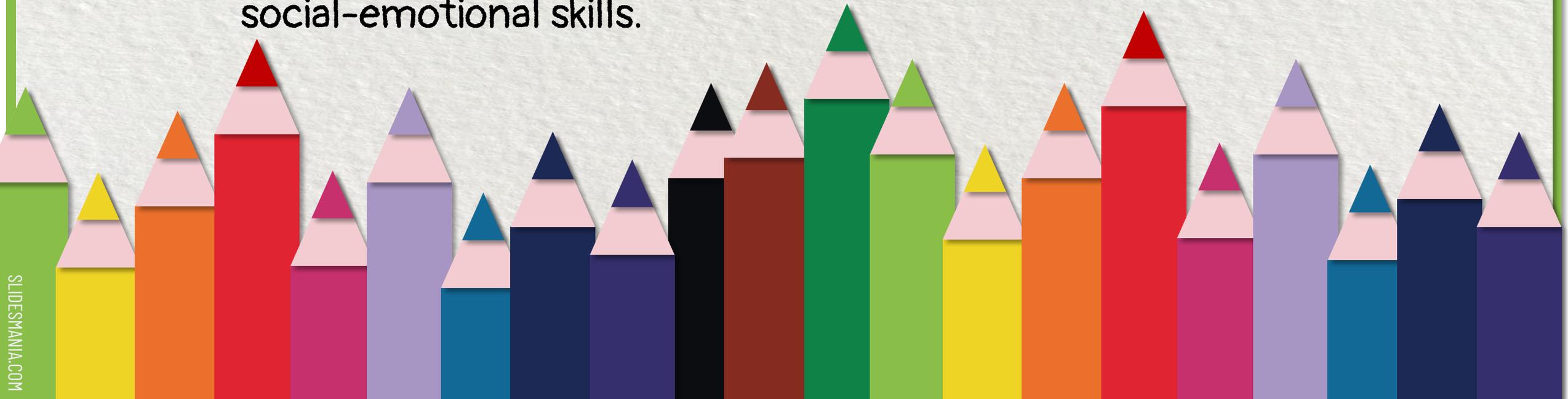


APS VISION



APS values challenging academics, support for the whole child, and an inclusive & equitable environment.

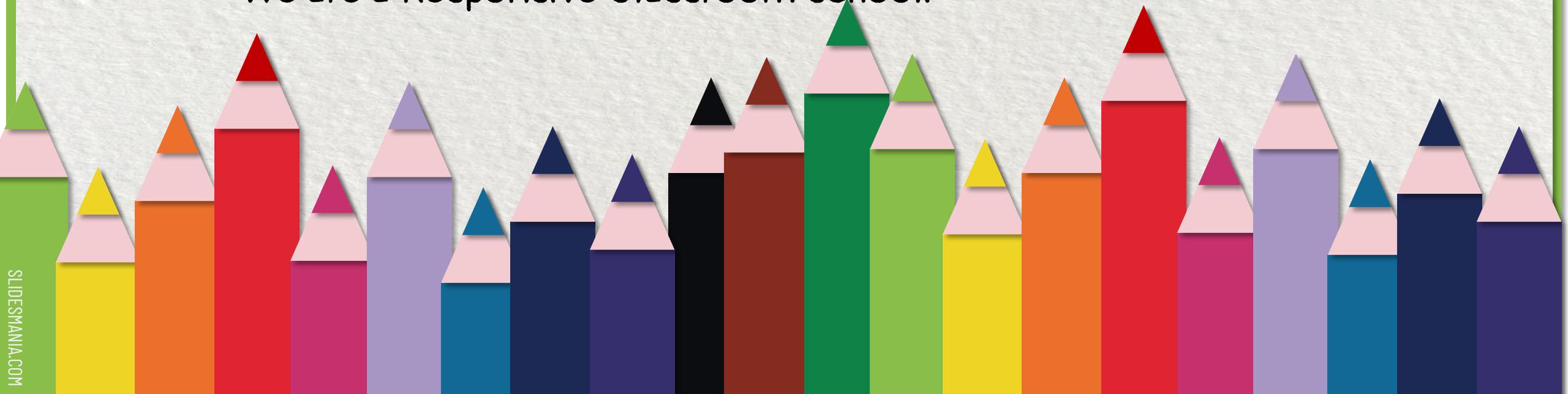
In Kindergarten, children are learning foundational academic and social-emotional skills.



INNOVATION VISION

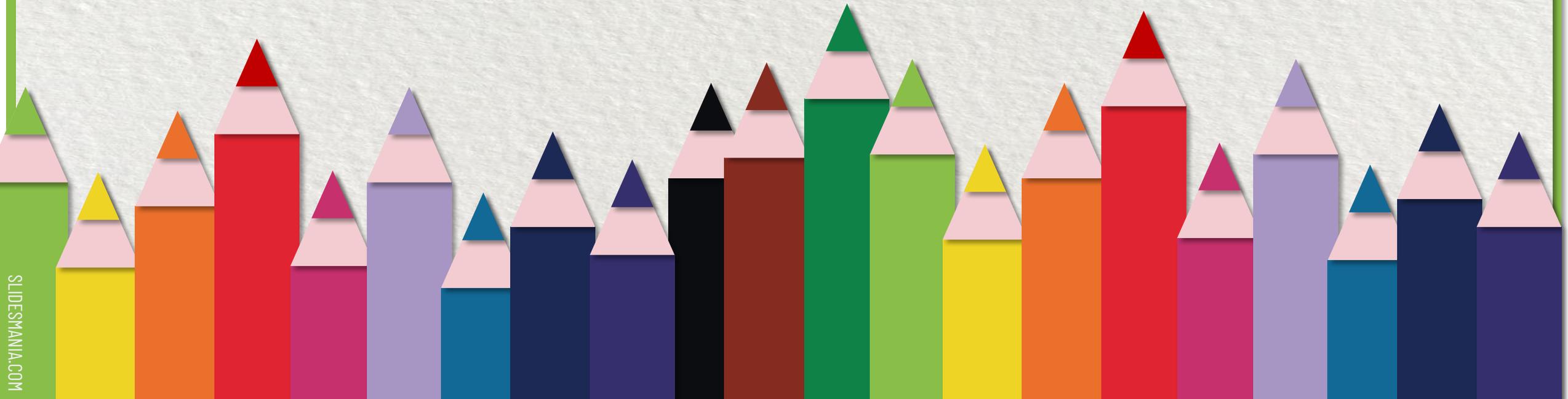
At Innovation Elementary School we strive to develop the innovators of the future through a focus on compassion, creativity, curiosity, and confidence.

We are a Responsive Classroom school.



INNOVATION EXEMPLARY PROJECT

Our Exemplary Project focus is **Innovate for Impact** . Our students use the Design Thinking process to explore ways to make positive change in our communities.



WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR A KINDERGARTNER?

Ensuring that all students feel safe, valued, and welcome

Providing joy and choice in learning

Working together with others

Introducing the skills of inquiry and critical thinking



WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR A KINDERGARTNER?

Social emotional skills
come first in Kindergarten

We prioritize ensuring
students know how to meet
expectations

We are a no homework
school - but reading
together nightly is highly
encouraged!



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE DAY

Morning meeting

Literacy block

Math block

Lunch

Recess

Specials (art, music, PE,
library)

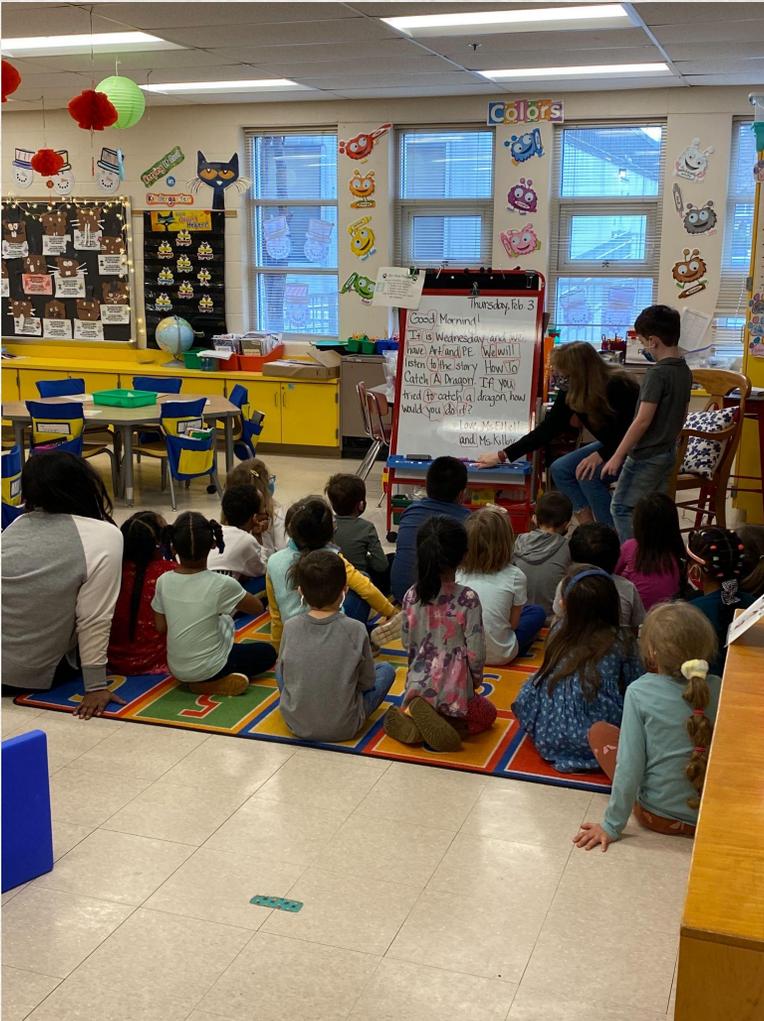
Science

Social studies

Closing circle



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE DAY



Morning meeting : An important part of community building and starting the day on a positive note.

Greeting, share, activity, morning message



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE DAY



Literacy and math : Building a strong foundation.

- Letter & word recognition
- Phonemic awareness
- Counting forward and backward
- Pattern recognition



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE DAY

Lunch and recess : Students can get lunch from school or bring their own. No matter what they eat, encourage a well-rounded lunch. Don't be surprised if they don't eat everything the first few weeks!



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE DAY

Specials : We will rotate between PE, music, art, and library



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE DAY

Learning to work together: We will establish routines & reinforce how to work together in a community.



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE DAY

Using our creativity to learn!



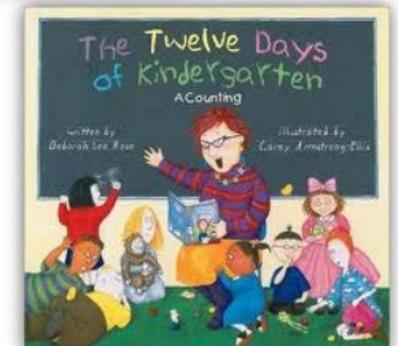
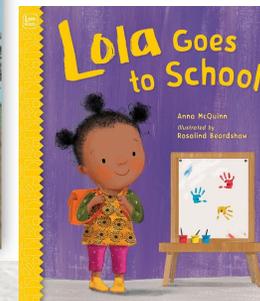
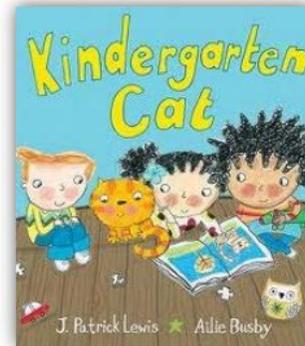
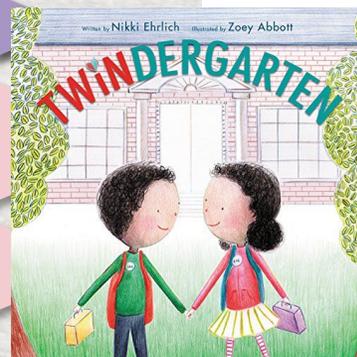
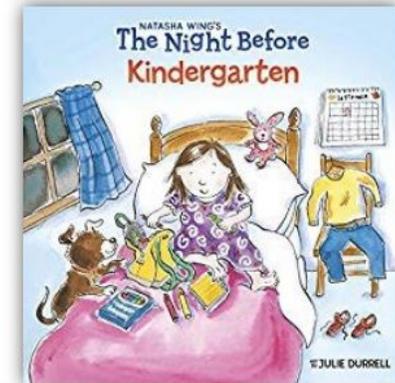
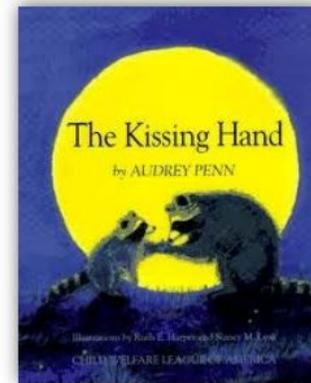
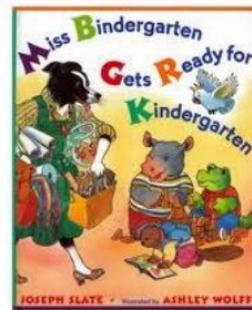
HOW TO PREPARE FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

- Set a healthy routine - 10-12 hours of sleep, nutritious breakfast, snack

- Mornings and evenings - enough time to get ready, reading before bed

- Talk positively with your child about the first day of school - they will be welcomed and supported
- Acknowledge that your child may have a variety of feelings about school

RECOMMENDED READING





WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED - NOW

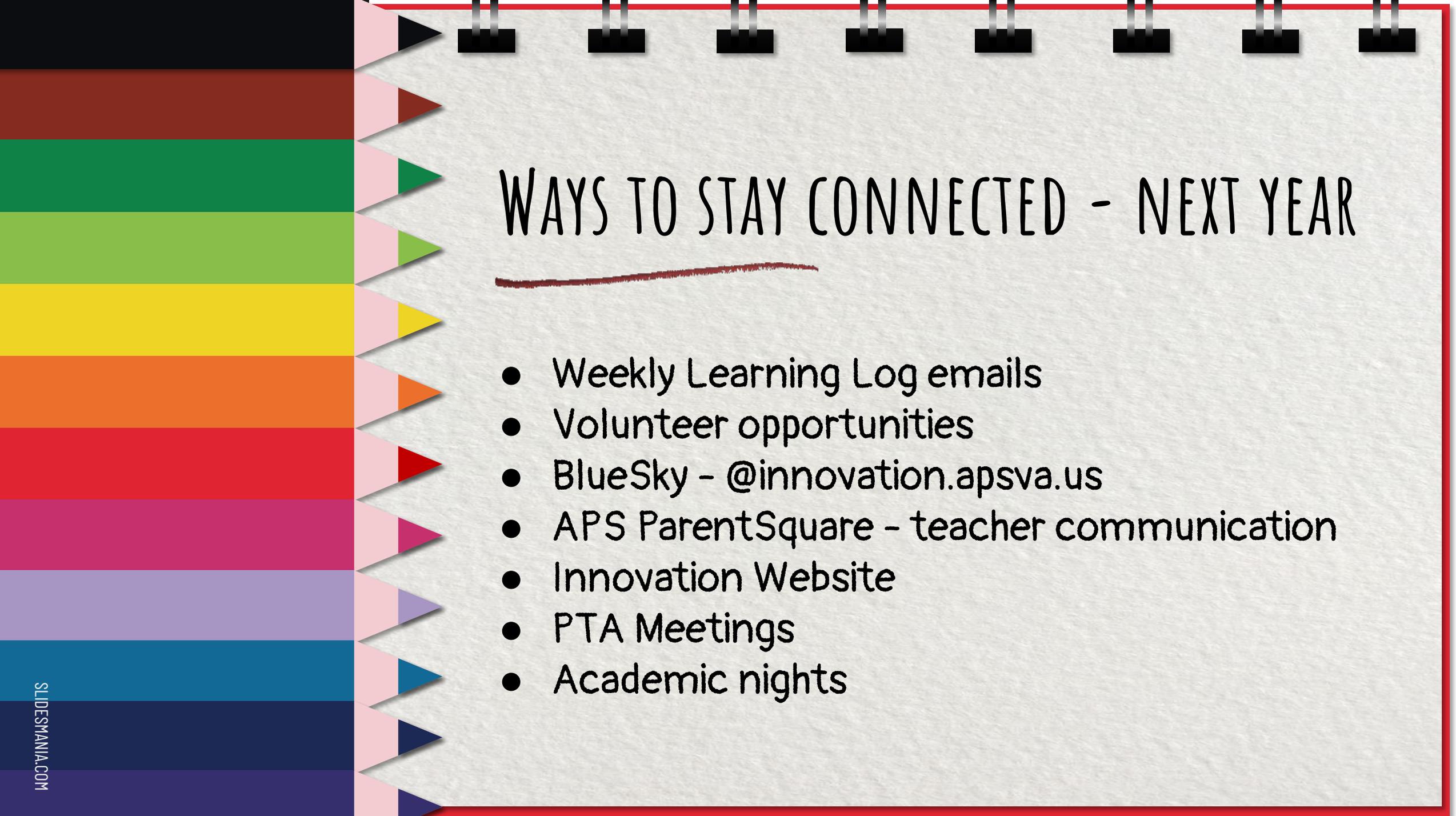
Join the PTA

- [Learn more about the PTA here](#)
- PTA organizes play dates during the summer

Plan for the school year

[School year 2026-27 calendar is available on the APS website.](#)

Check out our website - [innovation.apsva.us](#)



WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED - NEXT YEAR

- Weekly Learning Log emails
- Volunteer opportunities
- BlueSky - @innovation.apsva.us
- APS ParentSquare - teacher communication
- Innovation Website
- PTA Meetings
- Academic nights



REGISTERING FOR KINDERGARTEN

Registration for kindergarten is open!

Children whose 5th birthday is on or before Sept 30th may register for kindergarten

There is no deadline for registering, but sooner is better

All registration and health requirements must be met before a child is admitted to school



WHAT DO I NEED TO REGISTER?

All documents and requirements are available at:
www.apsva.us/registering-your-child

- APS registration form
- Proof of Arlington residency
- Proof of age and name of your child(ren)
- Parent/guardian ID
- Pre-K experience form

Once all documents are uploaded, our registrar, Lily Nightingale, will contact you for an appointment. You can also call with any questions: 703-228-2702.

EXTENDED DAY

Before and after care program

Separate registration

More information at www.apsva.us/extended-day



THANK YOU!

You can find us at:

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Questions??

