



Saginaw Public Schools  
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# Early Childhood & Elementary Summer Academy

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# A look into summer

## Jump Into Kindergarten

Active & Engaging  
Learning  
Developmental Skill  
Building  
Outdoor Exploration  
Brave Brains Social  
Emotional learning

## K-4 Curriculum

ELA  
Math  
STEAM  
Science  
Social Studies  
Social Emotional  
Life Skills

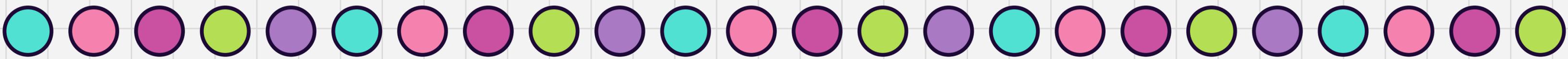
## K-4 Extra Curricular

Field trips  
Dance  
Yoga  
Martial Arts

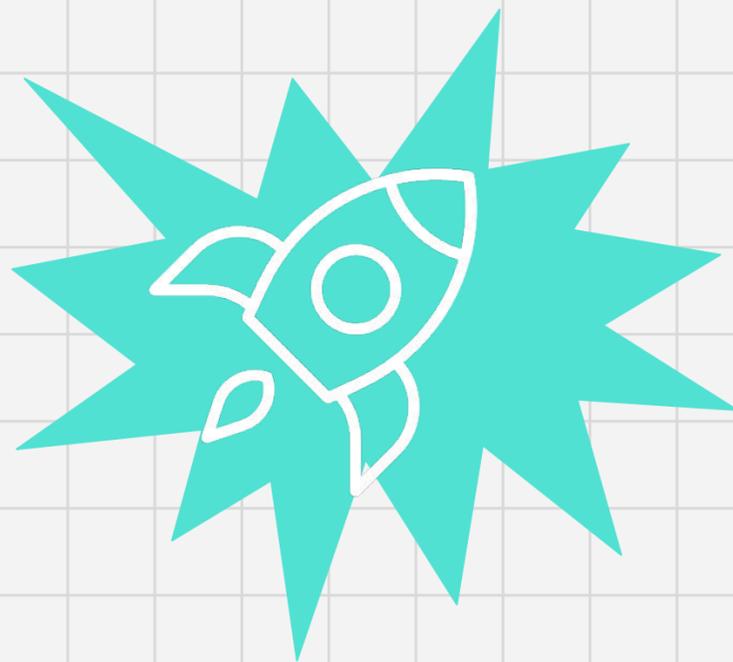


# Jump Into Kindergarten



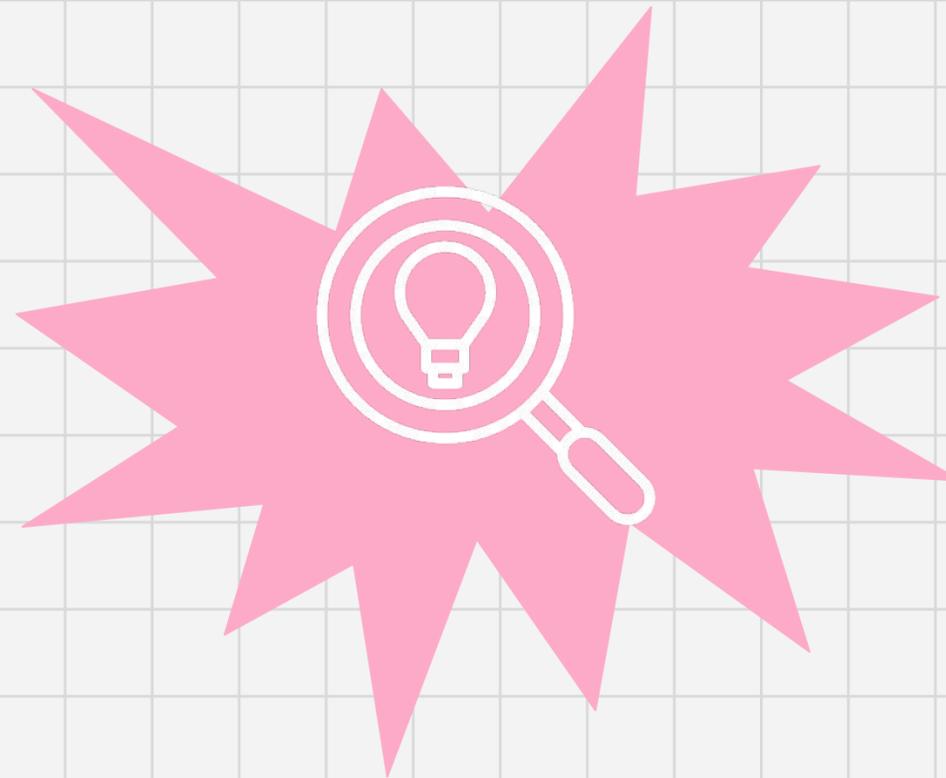


# Pre-K Curriculum



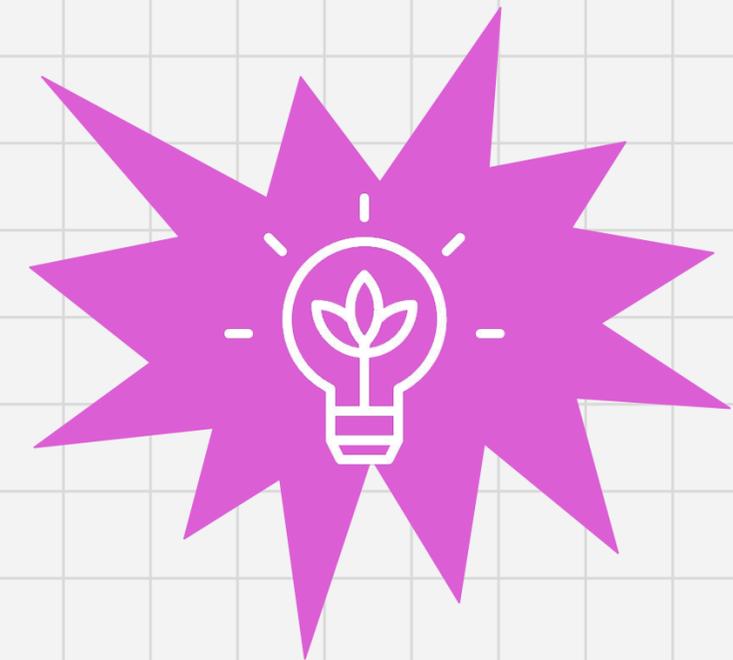
## Investigator Club

Developing young readers by fostering imagination, active play, and social emotional skills



## Handwriting Without Tears

Learning through multisensory readiness activities



## Field Trips

Dow Gardens, The Planetarium, The Playground in Midland, The Children's Zoo, and Showtime Gymnastics

# Jump Into Kindergarten Stone Elementary

**The Investigators Club**

**Handwriting without Tears**

**Letters-Numbers-Colors**

**Read Alouds**

**Take Home Books**

**Fine Motor Gross Motor**

**Hands on Activities**

**Outside Exploration**

**Field Trip- Dow Gardens, Planetarium, Walking Field Trips, Showtime  
Gymnastics, The Children's Zoo, and The Playground**

**Story Hour Guest**

**PreK Coach for Social Emotional**



# The Investigator Club

## Get Ready for Kindergarten!

This program meets standards in ten domains, including literacy, math, science, physical, and social and emotional development. GRFK provides 20 full or half days of instruction and assessment, extensions, books, manipulatives, and interactive online components.

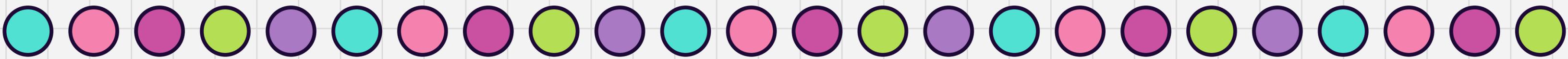
The program includes support for at-risk students, differentiation, and dual language learners. Provided book packs for families and leveled readers for advanced literacy and STEAM experiences for transitional kindergarten.



# Staffing

- 5 Teachers
- 5 Associate Teachers
- 1 Social Emotional Coach
- 1 Site Supervisor
- 1 Secretary
- 1 Security Officer





# Elementary Curriculum



# Kempton & Loomis

Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 2:00pm

**SAVVAS Reading** (integrating social studies)

**Handwriting Without Tears**

**Take Home Books/Read Alouds**

**Moving with Math**

**UFLI Foundations phonics**

**intervention**

**Science: Frog Dissection**



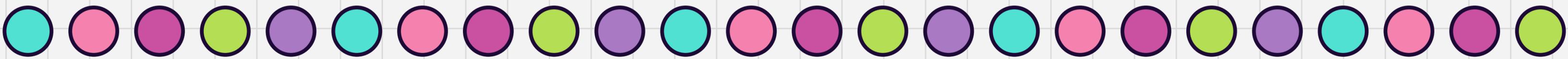
**Camp Invention & Life Skills**

**Pre & Post Test Math & ELA**



# Daily Schedule

K	1	2	3	4
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Reading	Intervention	Math	Writing	Camp Invention
Math	Reading	Intervention	Dance, Yoga, Martial Arts	Writing
Intervention	Math	Reading	Camp Invention	Dance, Yoga, Martial Arts
Lunch			Lunch	
Writing	Camp Invention	Dance, Yoga, Martial Arts	Reading	Intervention
Dance, Yoga, Martial Arts	Writing	Camp Invention	Math	Reading
Camp Invention	Dance, Yoga, Martial Arts	Writing	Intervention	Math
Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal



# Savvas

- ***Savvas Summer Impact Reading*** provides a standards-aligned curriculum that helps students master grade-level instructional priorities in literacy/ELA.
- High-Quality Instruction that helps to build listening comprehension and fluency skills, and content-rich texts improve students' reading skills
- Adaptive Personalized Learning with proven-effective, *SuccessMaker Reading* provides individualized instruction and growth

# Moving With Math

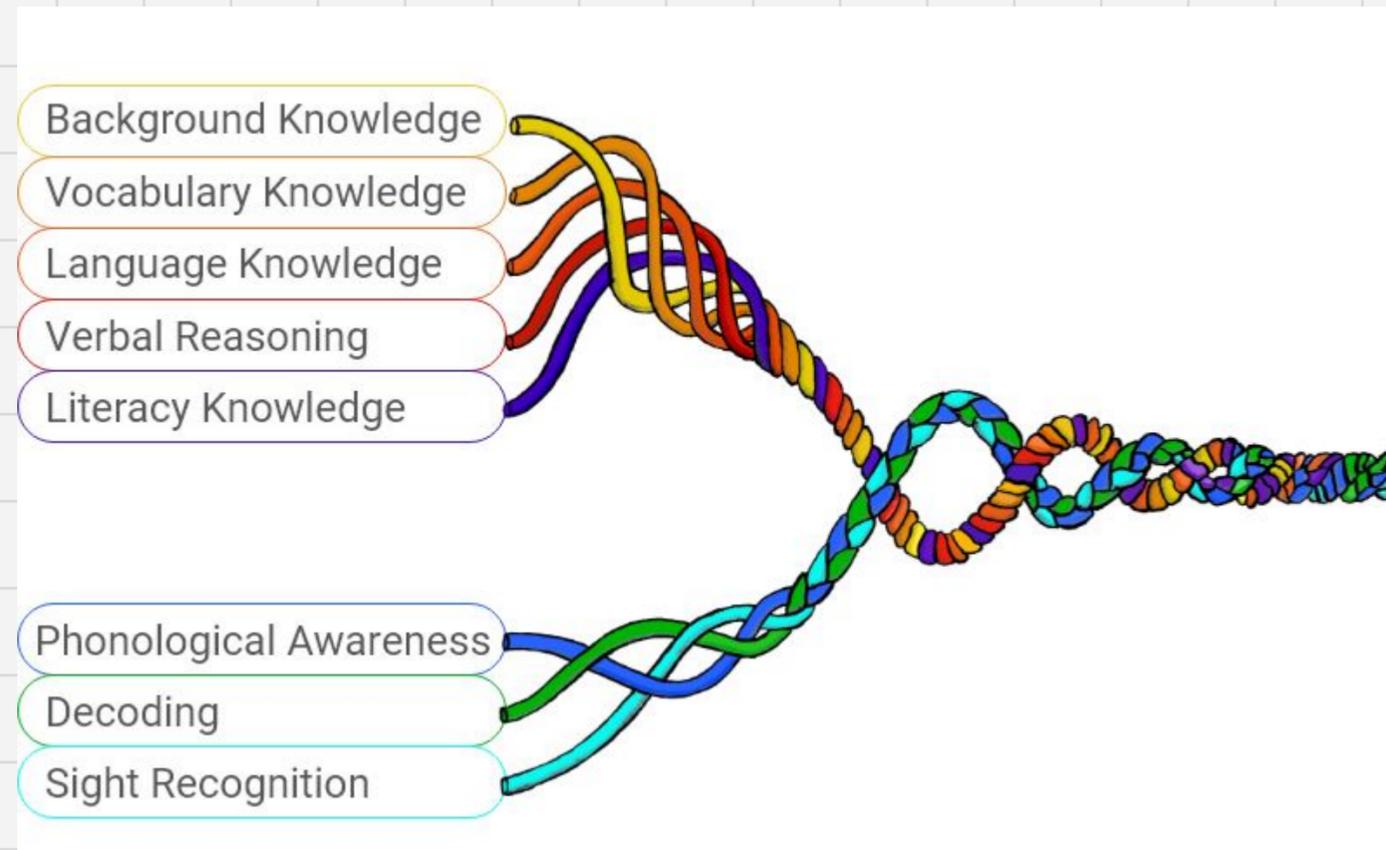
For over 40 years, Moving with Math has been providing successful educational math solutions for students, teachers and administrators. The heart of this success has been the steadfast commitment to using true concrete manipulatives with the **Concrete-Representational-Abstract** instructional methodology to develop conceptual understanding of essential objectives. As students *hold manipulatives* in their hands, *talk aloud* and *draw pictures*, they develop an understanding of key concepts at the concrete level and are then guided to understand the abstract written symbols used to show math.

**Formative assessments**, correlated to objectives, drive **explicit instruction** and **progress monitoring** and daily reviews help verify conceptual understanding and aid in long term retention. Easy-to-use Teacher Guides save time with **comprehensive lesson plans** and provide Professional Development every day with **lightly scripted lessons** highlighting the important steps in teaching with manipulatives.

CRA Instruction Model



# Handwriting Without Tears



Handwriting is one of the foundational skills that leads students toward automatic word recognition.

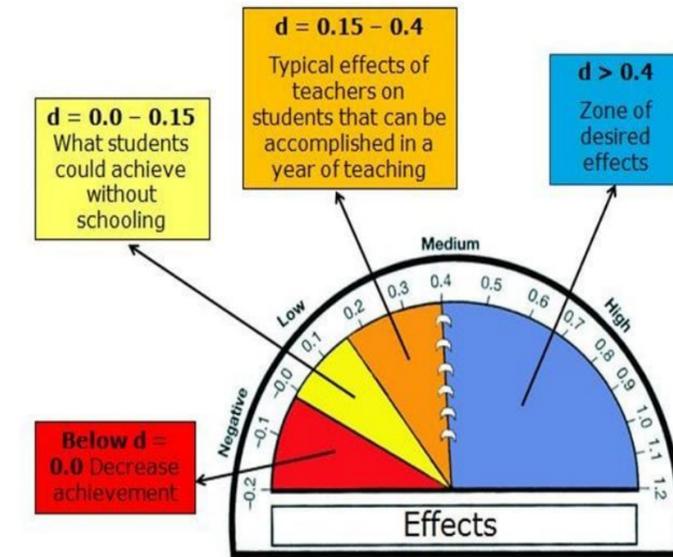
It falls in the bottom skills portion of Scarborough's rope. As students practice letter formation with Handwriting Without Tears, they reinforce the alphabetic principle. This practice ensures automatic recall of symbols for sounds, facilitating knowledge transfer as they progress.

# UFLI Foundations

- UFLI (**University of Florida Literacy Institute**) Foundations program is both **research** and **evidence** based. UFLI was developed by the University of Florida Literacy Institute, and piloted in one school for a year and then released to all 21 schools in that district the following year.
- **Research**-the skills are interleaved, so students are provided multiple opportunities to practice foundational skills with explicit instructional strategies.
- **Evidence**- Schools implementing UFLI Foundations saw **significant growth** in student literacy rates. Student growth data was collected during progress monitoring using DIBELS which demonstrated the program was an effective tool to build foundational reading skills.

## Finding Best Practices

### Barometers of Influence



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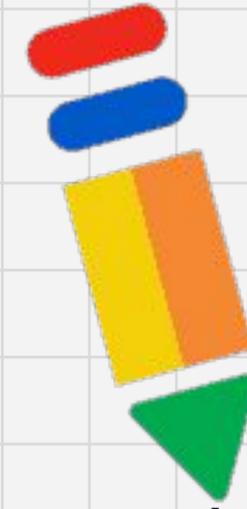
## Effect Sizes using UFLI Foundations

(Standard deviation above the control group.)

- Kindergarten 1.2-1.44
- First Grade 1.42-2.04



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## BRIDGE TO Writing

- **Bridge to Writing** is a comprehensive K-3 writing curriculum that cultivates strong writers through research-based instruction, making writing lessons easy for teachers and engaging for students. It is grounded in the latest research on how children learn to read and write and aligned to state and national writing standards.
- **Bridge to Writing** combines grammar concepts with writing process instruction, and uses sequential and systematic methods to teach the fundamentals of writing, starting with sentence structure and scaffolding from simple to complex.

# Camp Invention



Like all National Inventors Hall of Fame® education programs, Invention Project is designed to lead students to build the I Can Invent® Mindset — a growth mindset encompassing essential skills and traits demonstrated by innovators including our Inductees. This mindset is instilled through hands-on exploration and strengthened through application.

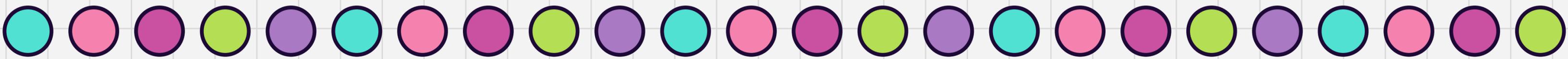


Invention Project equips educators to foster each aspect of the I Can Invent Mindset, enabling students to unlock their full potential, discover the power of their own creativity and confidently overcome challenges in any area of life.

- Robotic Aquatics
- Mystery Present
- Shake Rattle & Roll
- Zoom
- SolarBot
- Lost Treasure
- Robotic Pet Vet
- Plot Coasters
- Stick to It
- Optibot
- Champions
- Fair Games
- NIHF's Automotive Design 101
- Road Rally



This is a fun and engaging, standards-aligned STEM summer program created for schools looking to bring excitement to both students and educators. Camp invention will help our K-4 students explore their natural creativity and gain confidence through hands-on, open-ended exploration, while empowering educators to do the same.



# Extra Curriculars



# Keep the Body Moving

## Martial Arts

Develops confidence, mental strength, tenacity, humility, respect, discipline and much more.



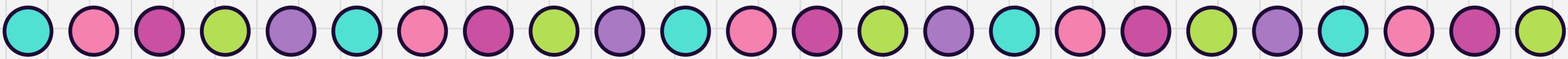
## Yoga

Develops physical skill, strength, balance, coordination as well as emotional benefits such as focus, mindfulness, stress reduction and self-esteem.

## Dance

Develops motor skills, along with benefits of cognitive and social skills like memory, concentration, and teamwork.





# Field Trips



## Detroit Zoo

Students will explore diverse habitats, observe amazing animals up close, and learn about wildlife conservation and environmental stewardship. This hands-on experience fosters curiosity about the natural world while highlighting the importance of protecting our planet's incredible biodiversity.

## Sloan Museum

This 107,000 square feet hands-on science and history museum re-opened in 2022 after an extensive expansion and renovation. The new Sloan Museum of Discovery features [four primary interactive galleries](#) and a 6,000 square feet special traveling exhibit gallery. The museum is located on the campus of the Flint Cultural Center within walking distance of several entertainment, arts, and educational centers.



## Impression 5

**Impression 5 Science Center** is a dynamic, interactive space for families to play, create, and challenge their understanding of science. Our mission is to facilitate learners in scientific exploration through hands-on exhibits and participatory educational programming.



## Michigan Science Center

Discover, explore and appreciate STEM in a creative and dynamic learning environment using informal learning techniques that emphasize hands-on, minds-on interactivity and engaging exhibits.



# Staffing



- 20 Teachers
- 4 Interventionists
- 2 Special Education Aides
- 2 College Tutors
- 2 Social Workers
- **Truancy Officer**

- 2 Behavior Interventionists
- 3 Instructional Coaches
- 1 Overall Site Supervisor
- 2 Site Supervisors
- 2 Secretaries
- 2 Security Officers

# Whole Child Support

Social Worker

Academic Interventionist

Behavior Interventionist

College Tutors

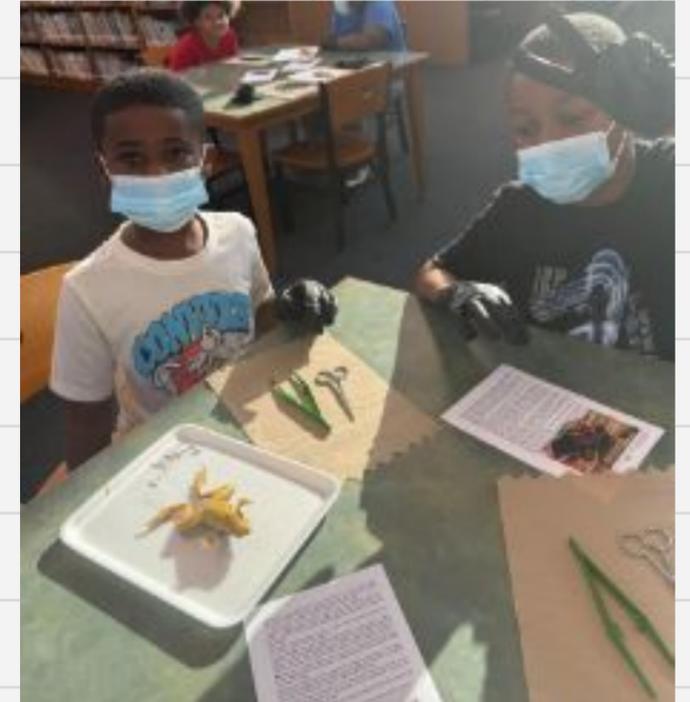
Breakfast & Lunch

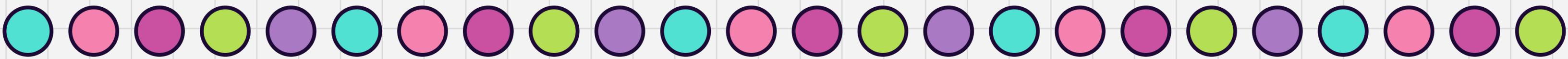
Movement & Health

Security

Transportation

Truancy Officer





**Thank you**

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“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.” – *B.B. King*