

Hoboken Public Schools



Kindergarten Orientation

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The philosophy of our Kindergarten program is to build a positive classroom community which supports social/emotional development while simultaneously facilitating cognitive growth. We are laser-like focused on establishing powerful learning environments which include the opportunity to learn through play. Lastly, but most crucial is the development of family partnerships to facilitate powerful connections both at school and home.

Testimonials from students

The Joseph F. Brandt School



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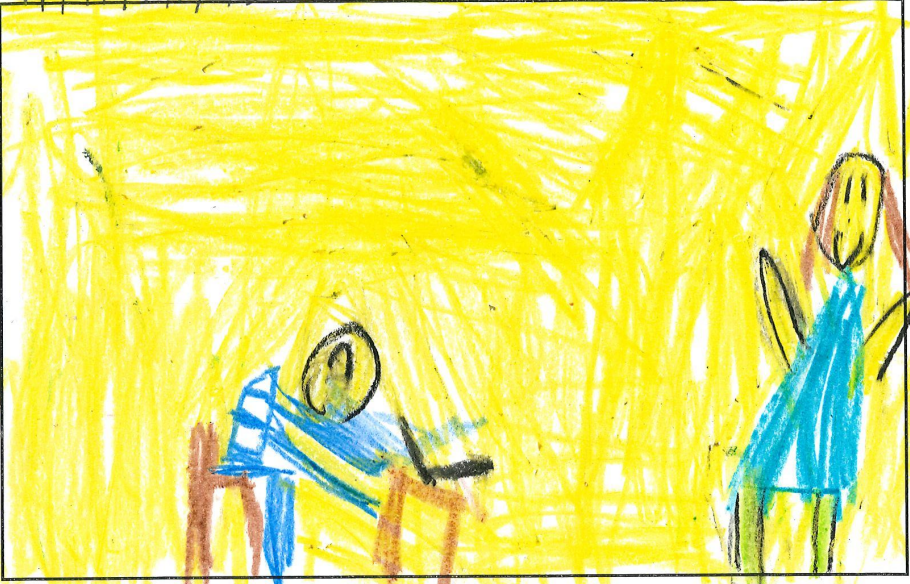
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Building brilliant, confident leaders...

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I love being a part
of the Brandt school
because I am ^{getting}
Smarter.

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It was hard
work, but very
exciting to be the
Brandt Student
of the month. I
had to work hard
and listen to directions.
I was so happy
to be it and I
am very lucky to
be the Brandt Student
of the month. Thank
you very much.

Thank you so
much this is
a dream come
true! I am also
very happy to be
in Brandt with
very kind teachers
and amazing
friends. I am so
happy with all
of you!



Before & After School Programs

→ Breakfast Program | 7:45 AM

Our schools open each morning at 7:45 a.m. for those that engage in the breakfast program. Certified staff members are on hand to monitor students while they eat breakfast, which is served by the district's food service provider, or simply prepare for the school day.

→ Passport to Learning | Dismissal - 6:00 PM


The Hoboken Board of Education operates a comprehensive after school program, Passport to Learning, at each school location from dismissal until 6:00 p.m. The program offers enrichment, structured play, homework help, and dinner. More information is available on at www.hoboken.k12.nj.us.

→ Food Service

Point of sales system allows parents to electronically add lunch money to a child's account and to monitor both funds and chosen food. You can find more information at www.hoboken.k12.nj.us

→ Lunch period for Kindergarten is 11:15 a.m.

Children at Brandt eat lunch in the classroom and are accompanied by a paraprofessional. There is also a dedicated custodian to ensure that the classroom is clean and ready for an afternoon of learning. Additional staff members monitor hallways to supervisor bathroom trips.



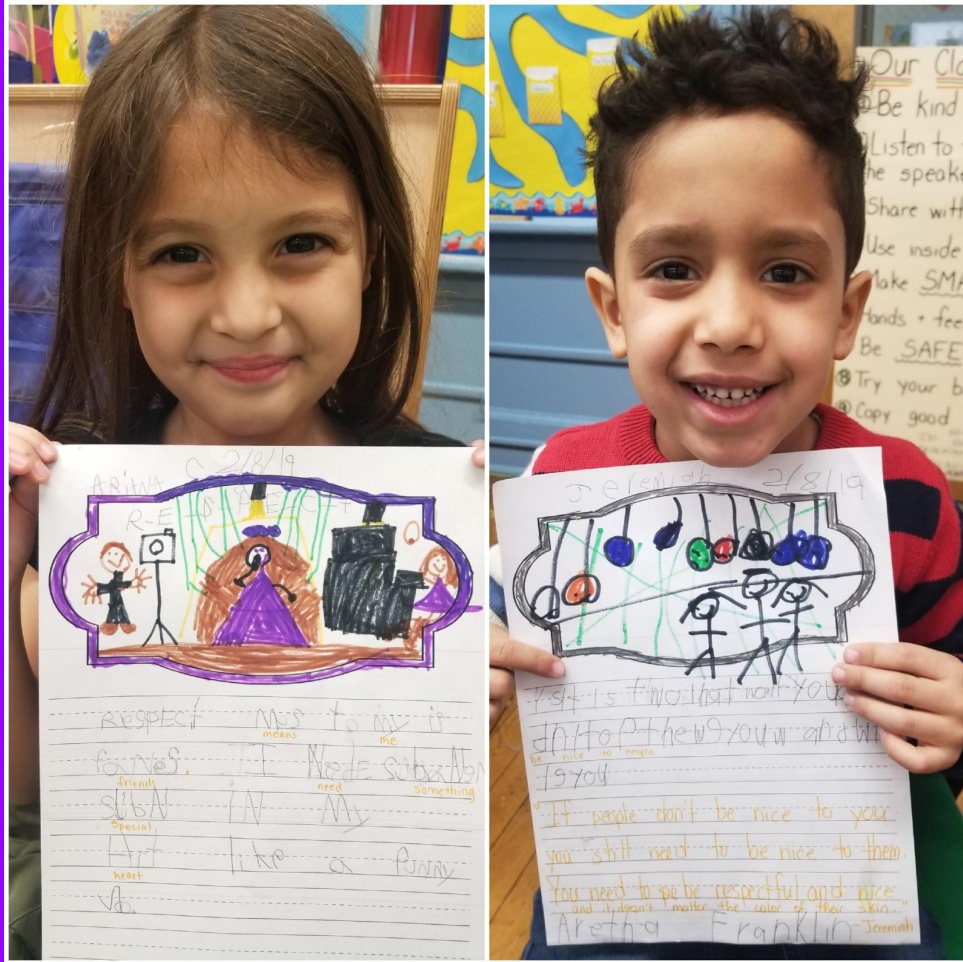
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& Lunch**

Acquisition of Gross Motor Skills

- Physical activity & gross motor skill development is critical for early childhood learners.
- Kindergarten children have access to the playgrounds, play equipment, and the gymnasium.
- Children play outside daily, unless inclement weather prohibits.
- Indoor recess time is maximized to insure physical activity.
- All recess includes both free play and structured activities.



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Kindergarten Program Overview



- NJDOE Guidance shares that Kindergarten classrooms be limited to 21 students..
- All **Kindergarten** classes are assigned a full-time paraprofessional.
- Academic program consists of Mathematics, English Language Arts, STEM Infused Science through the Project Lead The Way Program, Social Studies, along with the Move This World Program for positive social and emotional learning
- Specials programs consist of Physical Education, Art, Music, World Language, Theater Arts and an array of enrichment experiences that help children grow socially, emotionally, and academically
- Full-time school nurse, School Counselor, and access to the Child Study Team, as needed.

Highlighting English Language Arts

We deliver an integrated reading and language arts curriculum that focuses on literacy development, writing, communication skills and Library Media.

Curriculum

- 12, three-week units focused on a theme or topic.
- Units 1-5 focus on the alphabet and sight words until students transition to two letters and two sight words.

Glow & Grows

- Students engage in timed tasks aimed at growing the capacity of the writer and the data is used to inform the Challenge and Support (2x's a week) periods

English Language Arts:

Focuses on foundational skills of print concepts, phonological awareness, phonics & word recognition, and fluency.

Highlighting Mathematics

Mathematics approach is based upon the concept of fewer concepts at greater depth and these concepts are taught using a three-step learning process that includes concrete, pictorial and abstract strategies.

Curriculum

- Emphasizes problem solving skills and metacognition while fostering positive attitudes toward mathematical thinking.

Glow & Grows

- Students engage in timed tasks aimed at growing the capacity of the young mathematician, and the data is used to inform the Challenge and Support (2x's a week) periods.

Mathematics:

Focuses on hands-on, concrete activities to teach number sense, comparing numbers and data, flat and three dimensional shapes, patterns, and simple mathematical operations.

Highlighting Science & Social Studies

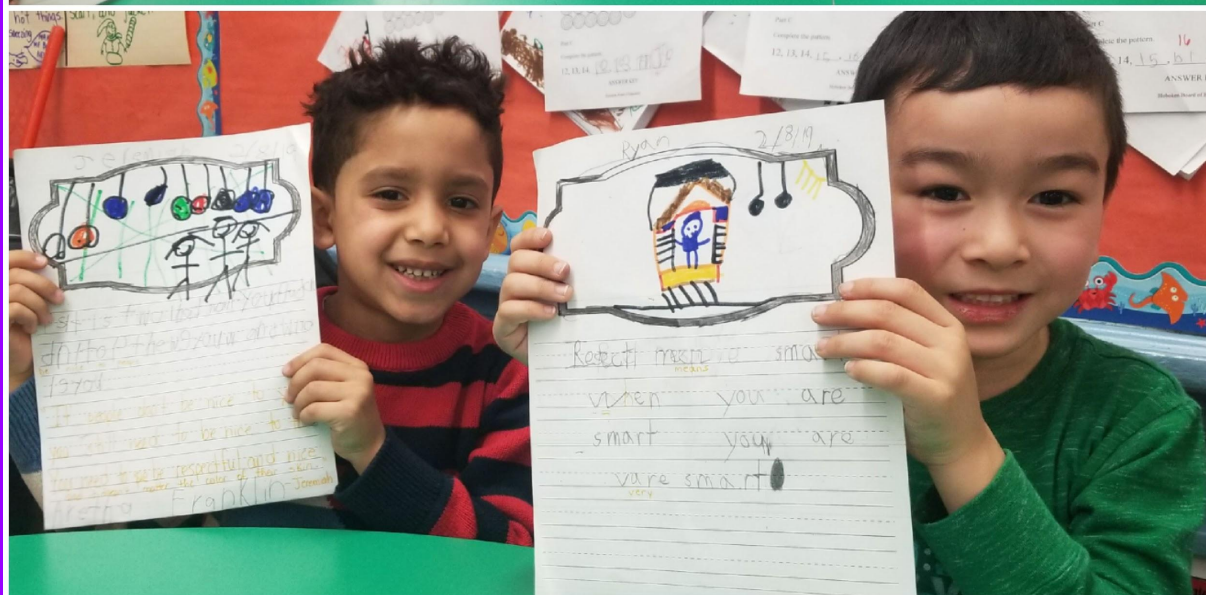
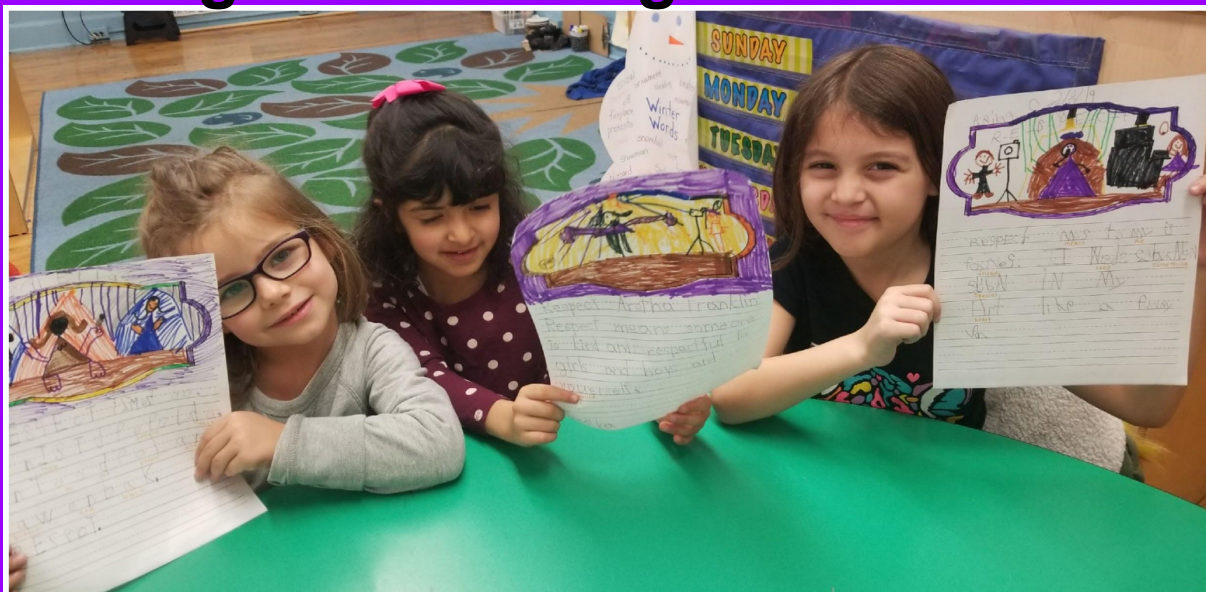
Science

- Science units are based upon the Next Generation Science Standards
- Focus is placed on scientific methods and processes, as opposed to the memorization of facts
- Science units are enhanced by Project Lead the Way's *Project Launch* hands-on STEM modules

Social Studies with Technology Infusion

- Social Studies units are based upon the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards
- Focus is placed upon the integration of reading and writing as students begin the journey of self-to-world study, across the five strands of social studies:
 - ◆ Geography
 - ◆ Civics
 - ◆ Economics
 - ◆ History
 - ◆ Multiculturalism

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Promoting Readiness at Home

- Help prepare your child to take off his/her coat, use the restroom, and open lunch and snack containers independently
- Praise your child when he/she exhibits independence
- Read to your child daily
- Label your home
- Make math & problem solving activities part of your child's day
- Engage in rich conversations with your child
- Ask your child open-ended questions
- Allow your child to express his/her opinions in a respectful manner
- Let your child see you as a reader and problem solver
- Teach your child to reflect upon events and activities

Assessments

- **DRA 2**

Formative reading assessment enabling teachers to systematically observe, record, and evaluate changes in student reading performance.

- **Anecdotal Assessments**

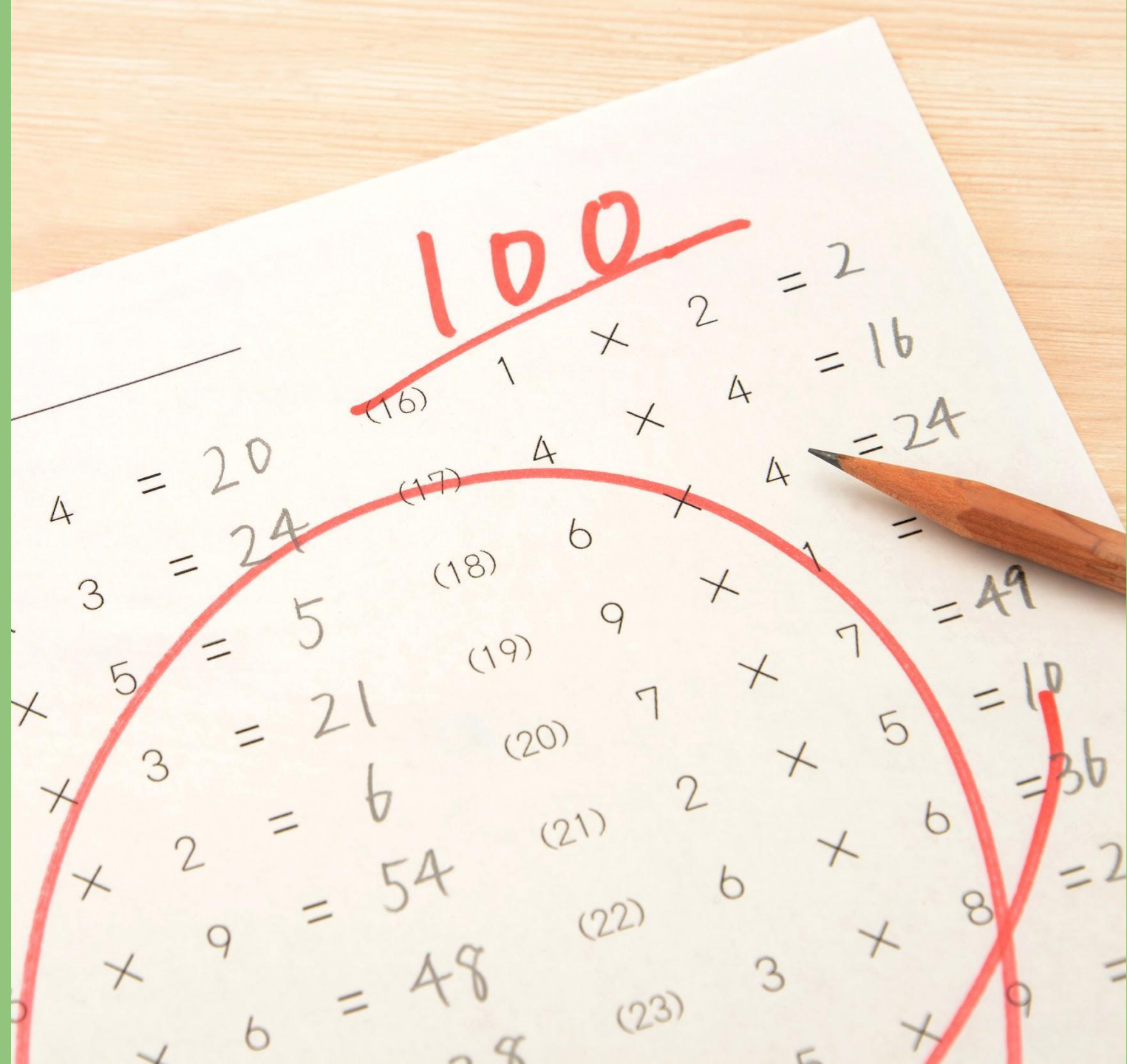
Organic, holistic assessments documenting growth in targeted areas as evaluated by teachers.

- **Benchmark Assessments**

Used in ELA and Math to ensure that we engage in rigorous differentiation and provide tailored challenges and/supports.

- **Individualized Learning Pathway**

We approach the support of learning through daily school-wide enrichment informed with these data points.



Parent & Guardian School Involvement Information:

- Parents are encouraged to be involved
- We have a vibrant & growing Parent Organization. Please email brandtparents@gmail.com for more information.
- Parents may serve as a classroom parent
- We love to hear about parent or guardian talents & skills and how we can use these to support our learning community
- Parent & Teacher conferences are held in October and scheduled as needed
- Teachers & administrators always stand ready to assist parents
- Homework and projects are often intended to be family activities

Stay in touch with us

Website: www.hoboken.k12.nj.us please see the “community relations” tab on the main page for more ways to communicate with us and stay up to date with information.

Principal's Weekly Newsletter: Please keep an eye out for Mr. Bartlett's Smore Newsletter every Friday.

OnCourse: Please make sure all of your contact information is up to date in our OnCourse system to receive all emergency info and weekly updates.

Digital Backpack: Our Digital Backpack is a monthly listing of upcoming events, school calendars, and more. Be sure to check it often to stay up to date on all that is happening in our district!

A group of diverse children, including a girl in a green and white striped shirt, are sitting around a table. They appear to be looking at a tablet or laptop together. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and a bright, indoor setting.

Stay in touch with us via social media

Twitter:

Please follow us on twitter [@hobokenschools](https://twitter.com/hobokenschools) to view pictures and see live school updates.

Facebook:

Visit us at www.facebook.com/hobokenpublicschools to see updates and stories from around the district. Be sure to visit and like our district page.

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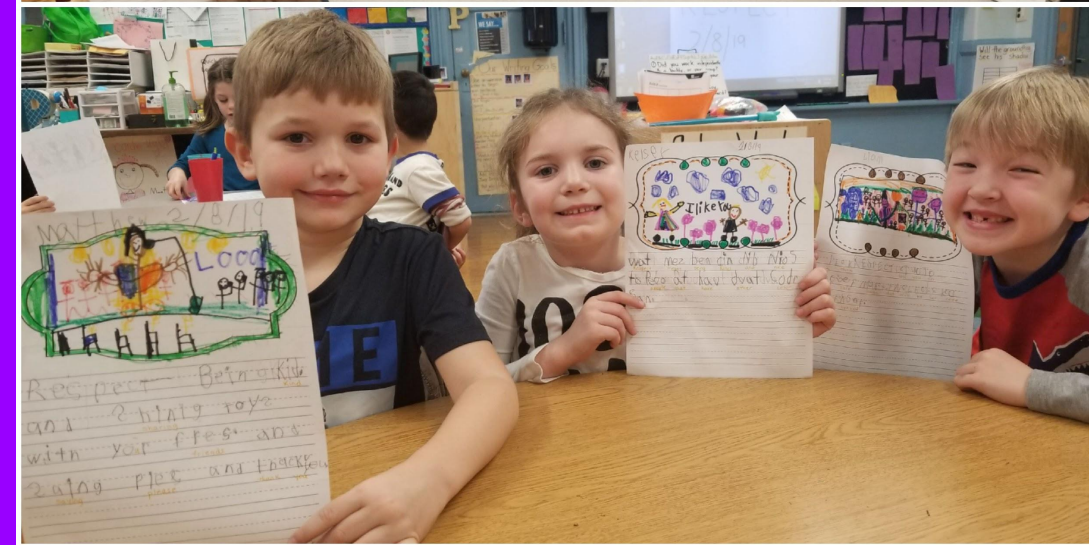
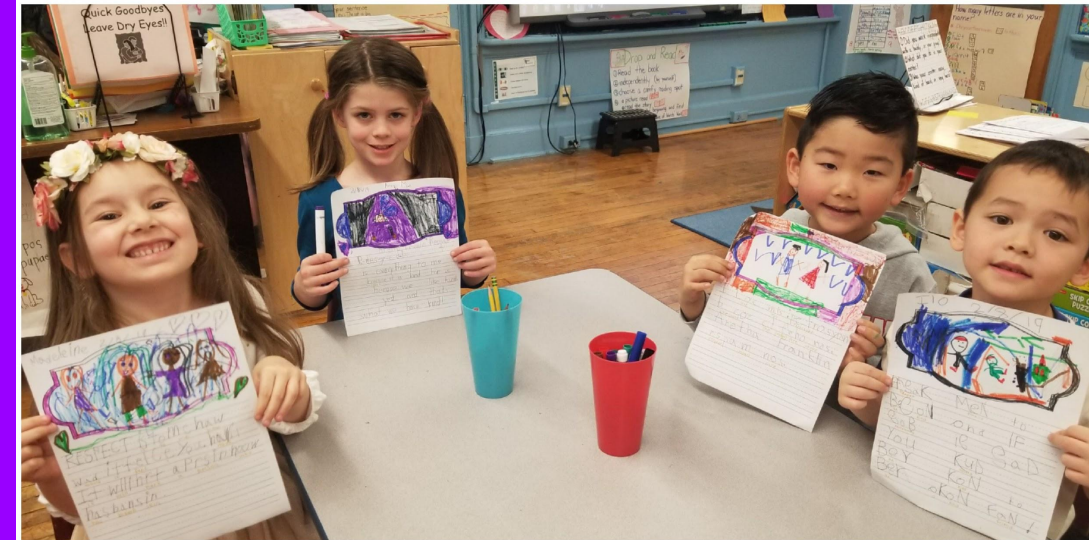
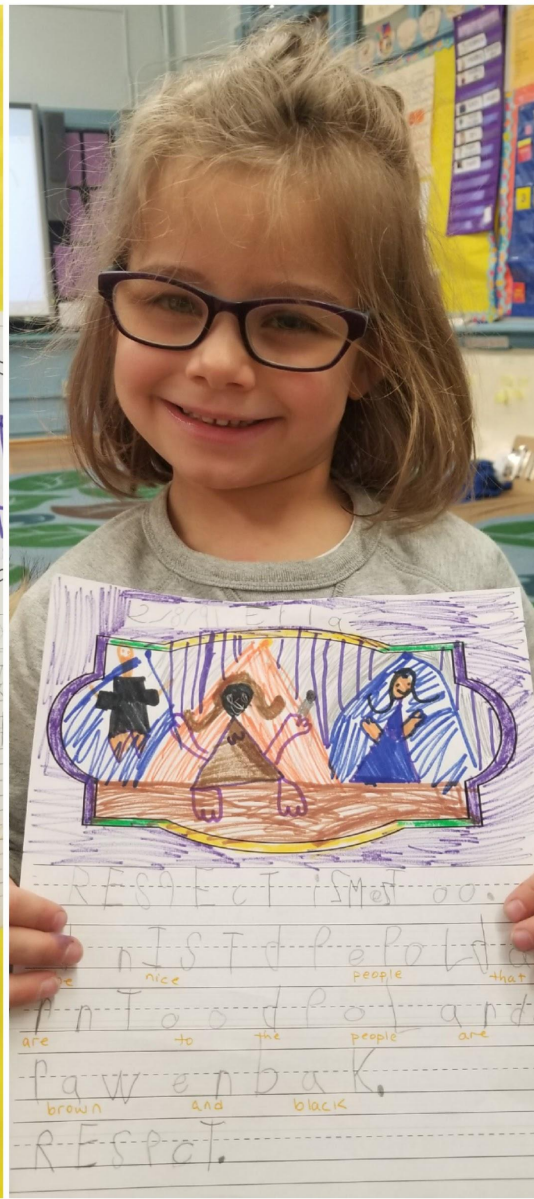
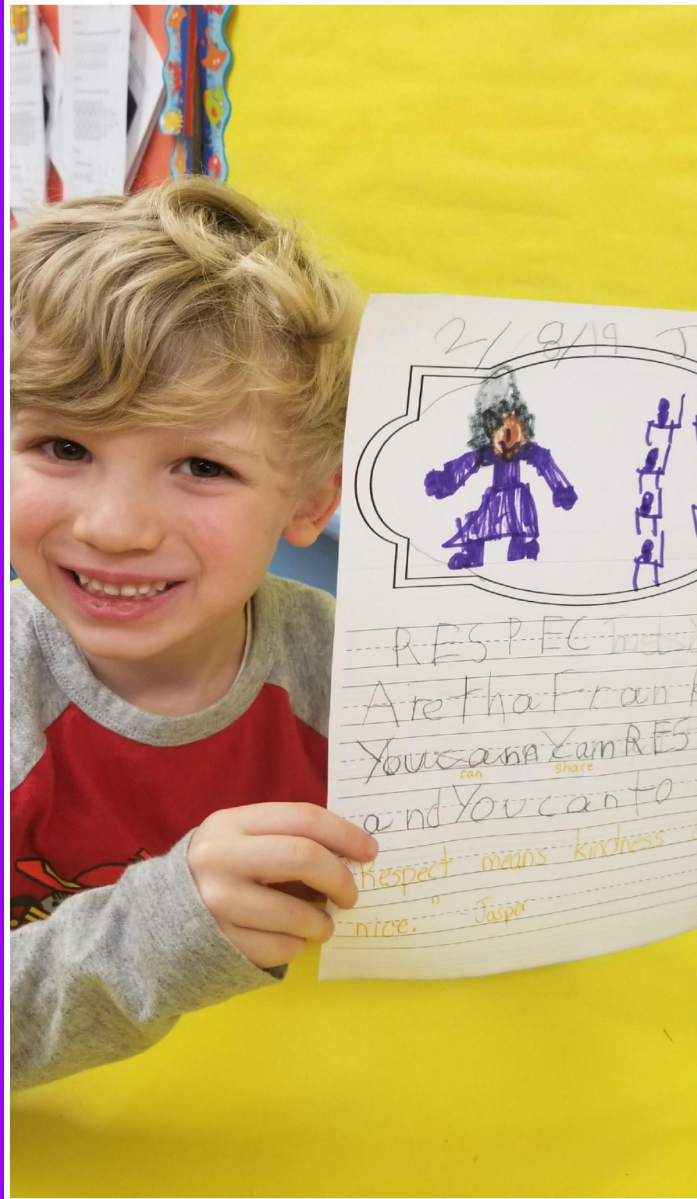
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Important things to keep in mind for the start of Kindergarten @ Brandt

Arrival and dismissal always occur outside. Please be mindful of the weather every day. Please make sure you are on time for both arrival and dismissal.

For the safety and health of the school community, visitors are not allowed inside the school without an appointment. Parents and caregivers will not be allowed into the lobby unless they have a scheduled appointment that is verified by security staff and the main office.

Parents are responsible for reporting daily absences to either Mrs. Caporrino or Ms. Pala, school clerks, at (201) 356-3696 or (201) 356-3673.

Brandt School will host Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 20, 2021 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

Students should dress appropriately for a school setting. Sneakers must always be worn for physical education classes.