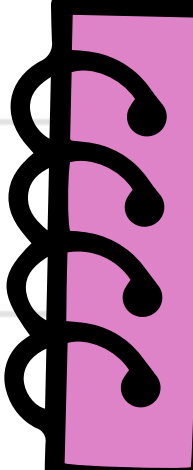
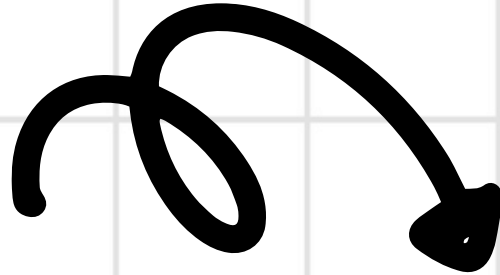
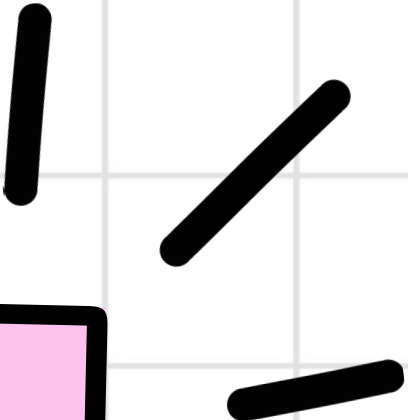


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Mini~Moments



of Magic



Small Shifts for a Joyful Classroom Community



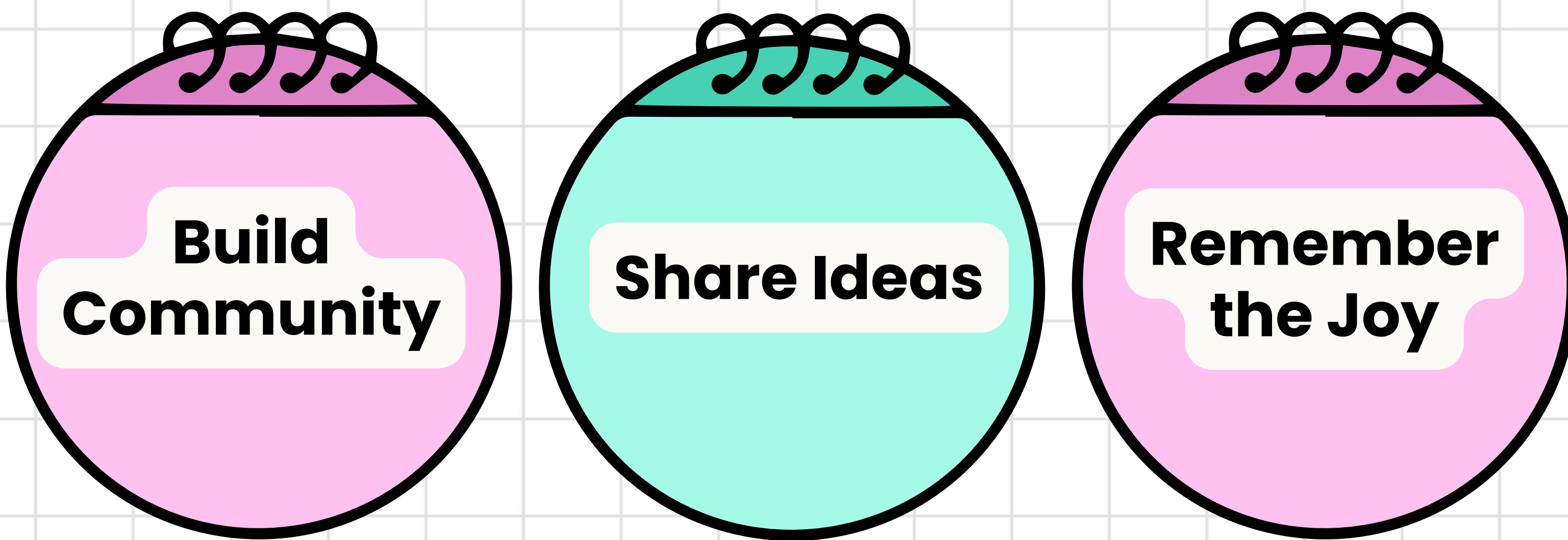
About Us

Adie Young and Julie Fitzgerald have been cultivating curiosity and classroom community for a combined 21+13 years, with the last eight spent in first grade together at Cassingham Elementary School in Bexley. Known for their heart-centered approach, Adie and Julie focus on the foundational belief that student achievement begins with strong interpersonal connections. They are passionate about creating high-energy, joy-infused learning environments where students feel safe to take risks and—most importantly—have fun while they grow.



Julie & Adie

Objectives



The image features three spiral-bound notebook pages arranged horizontally. The left page is pink and contains the text 'Build Community'. The middle page is teal and contains the text 'Share Ideas'. The right page is pink and contains the text 'Remember the Joy'. Above the pages is a large curly bracket. The background is a light gray grid with four black stars in the corners.

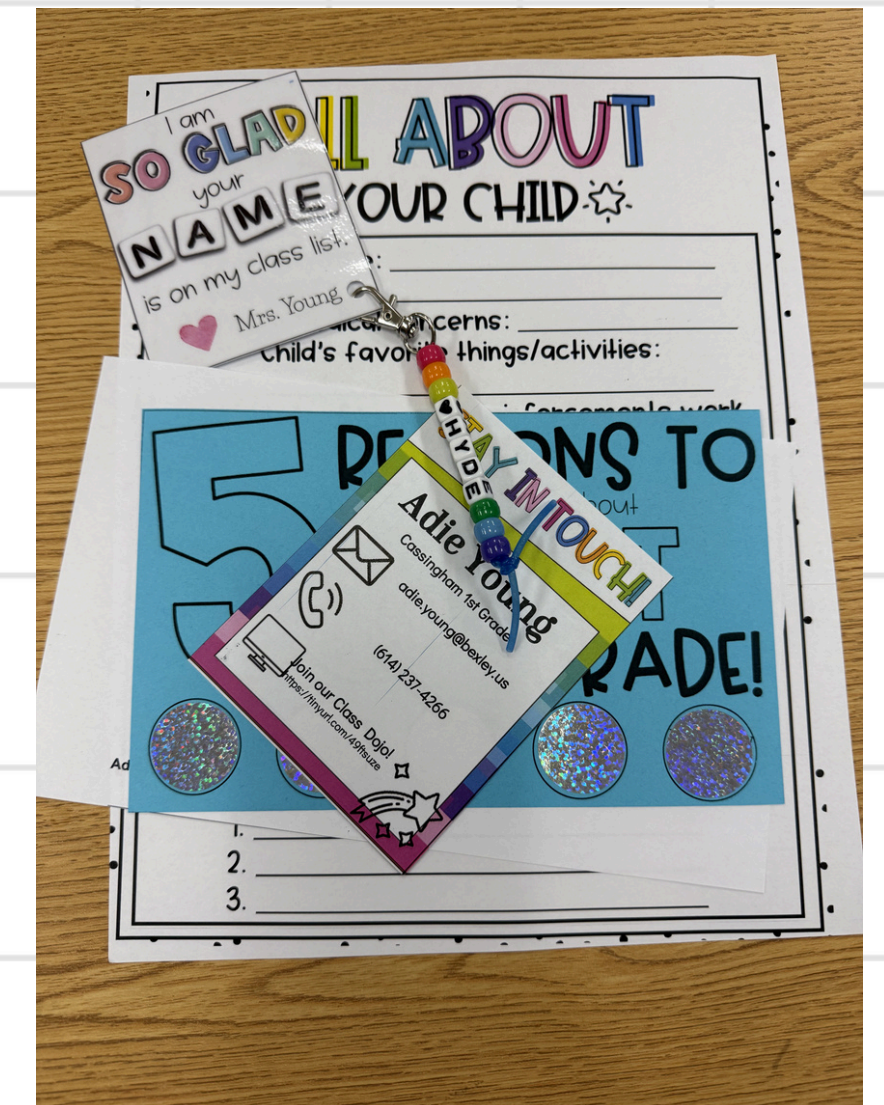
**Build
Community**

Share Ideas

**Remember
the Joy**

Intentional Beginnings

- Community builders before day 1
 - Set the tone
 - Build excitement!



Intentional Beginnings

- First day Olympics
 - Community + joy



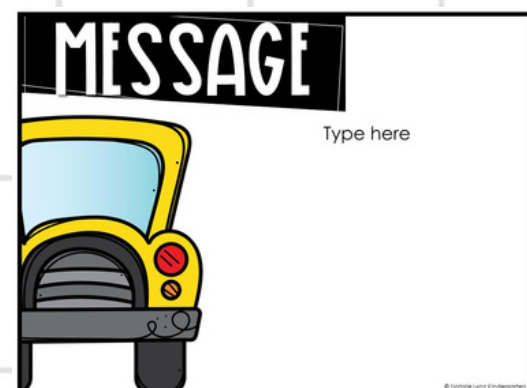
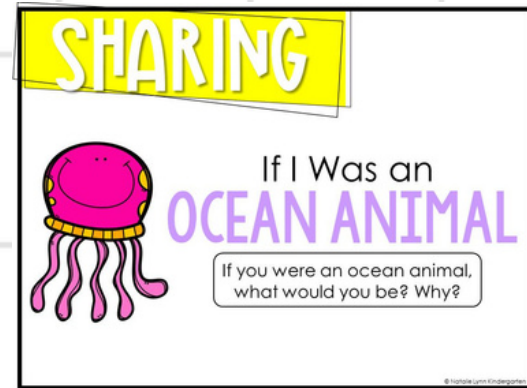
Intentional Beginnings

- Slow start
 - STEM tubs, etc.
 - Build connections
 - Time for you



Intentional Beginnings

- Prioritize Morning Meeting
 - Community
 - Routine
 - Greeting, Sharing, Game, Breath, Message



Greeting Ideas

GREETING



HELLO,
Butterfly

Use your hands to make butterfly wings. Flutter your wings at your neighbor to say hello!

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GREETING



FIST
Bump

You and your neighbor will make a fist. Lightly bump your fists together as you say hello.

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GREETING



A Piece of My
HEART

You and your neighbor will each make half a heart with your hand. Put them together to make a whole heart and say hello.

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We'll Cheer Hooray!



_____ came to school today.
We're so glad,
we'll cheer hooray!

We see good friends here today.
We're so glad,
we'll cheer Hooray!

The Frog

Jump in front of a classmate to the right of you.

Face your partner and say, "Ribbit, Good morning, _____"



Friends in Our Class

Friends in our class (snap, snap),

Friends in our class (snap, snap),

Friends in our class, friends in our class,

Friends in our class. (snap, snap)

There's _____ and there's _____,

There's _____ and there's _____,

There's _____ and there's _____,

We're all here to learn! (snap, snap)



TA DA!

Heeeeere's _____!

Class responds
with "_____ TA DA!
(making "TA DA" action)



Game Ideas

ACTIVITY



Let's Sing:
**HEAD,
SHOULDERS,
KNEES, AND TOES**

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Desert Island



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Inspector Froggy



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Clap,
Snatch

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Let's Play:
TELEPHONE

The teacher will whisper a phrase to a student. They will whisper it to the person next to them and so on until it gets all the way around the circle. The last person will say what they think the phrase was.

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ACTIVITY



Let's Play:
**WHAT'S
MISSING?**

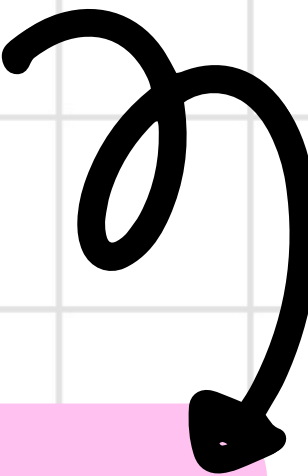
Students will close their eyes and the teacher will hide something from the board or the room. Students will open their eyes and guess what is missing.

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Intentional Beginnings

- Community builders before day 1
- First day Olympics
- Slow start
- Prioritize Morning Meeting



Go slow to go fast!

Rituals of Fun

- Choosing a student – Wheel of Names
- Recordable buttons – get creative!
- Class celebrations of success
- Module launches





CASSINGHAM CUBS
AIRLINES

Passenger

Boarding Time

Gate

Flight

12.00 PM

12

A1 234

From

To

Bexley, OH

Across the Globe



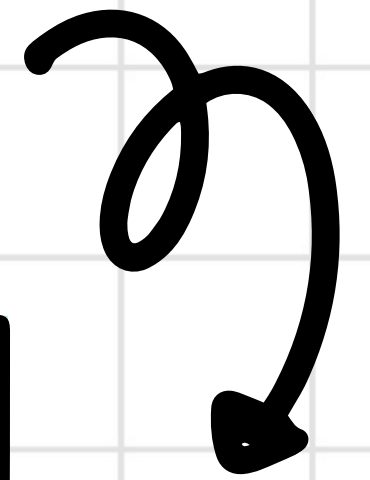


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A World of Books Module launch

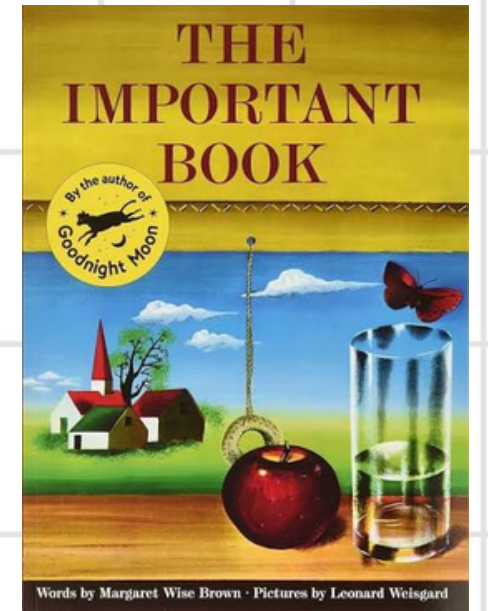






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Turn and talk:
How does it feel to receive a gift, compliment, or kind words from others?





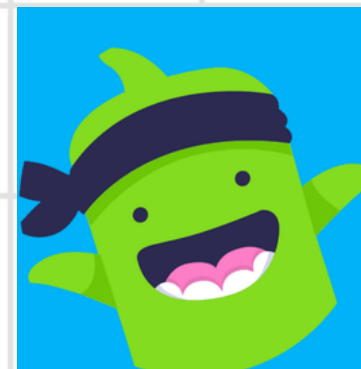
Your friend,



Your friend,

Little Extras ~ Big Impact

- Thank you cards
- Charlie Brown Thanksgiving
- Out of school events
- Pictures/videos

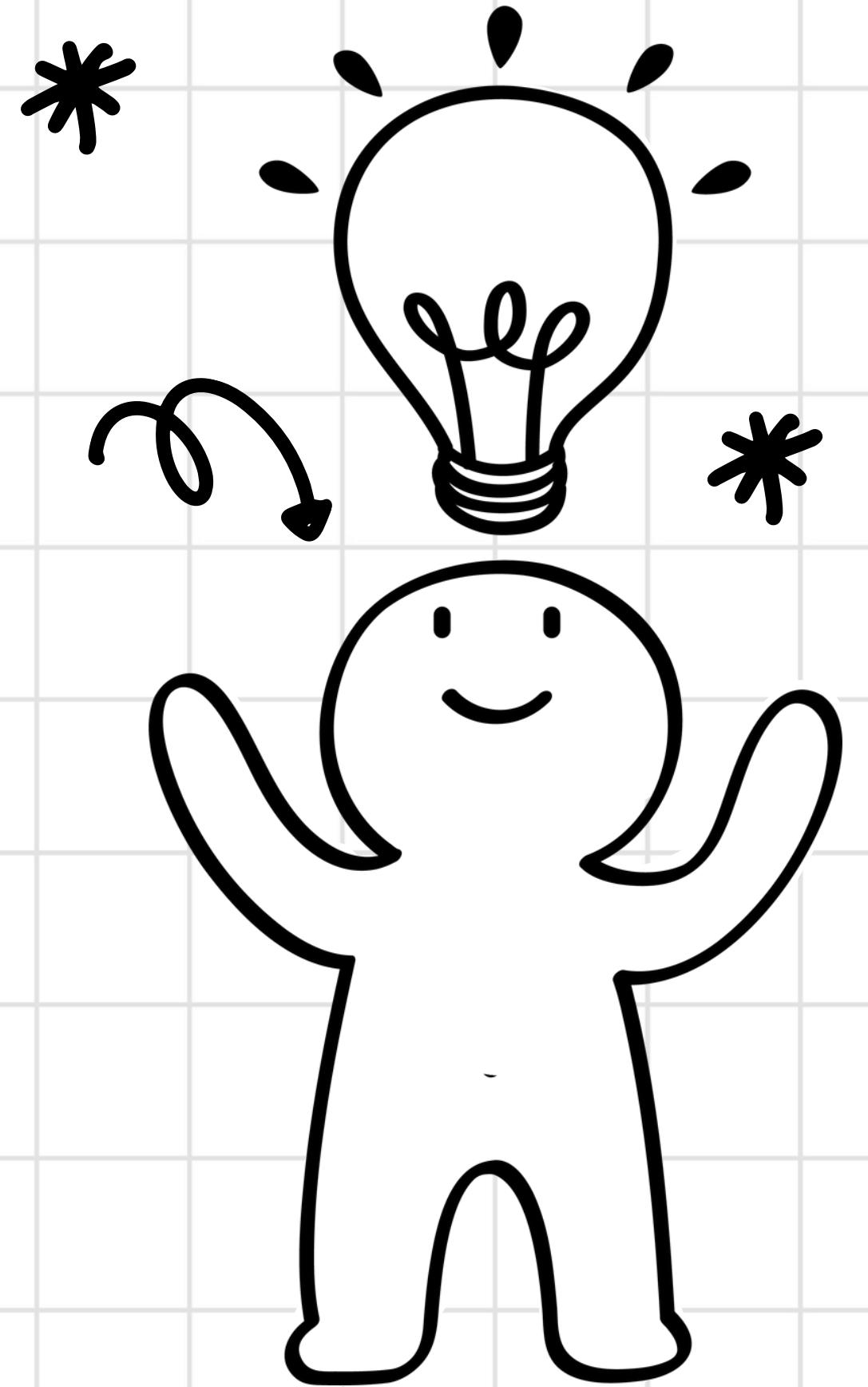


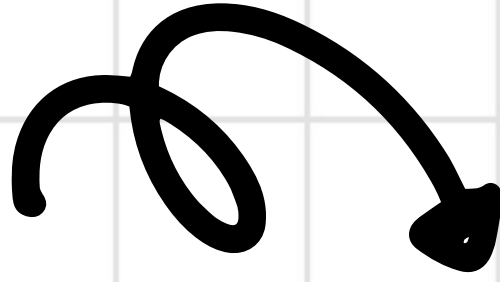
FIRST GRADE SMILES ARE THE BEST!



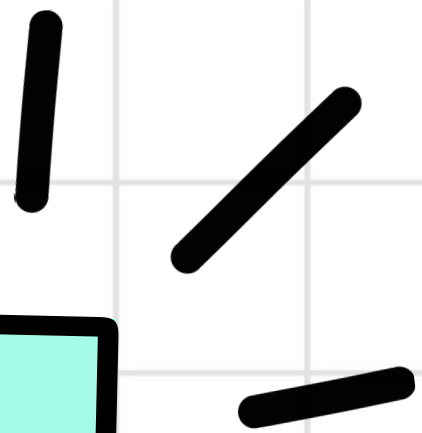


**What
brings you
JOY?**





We believe that

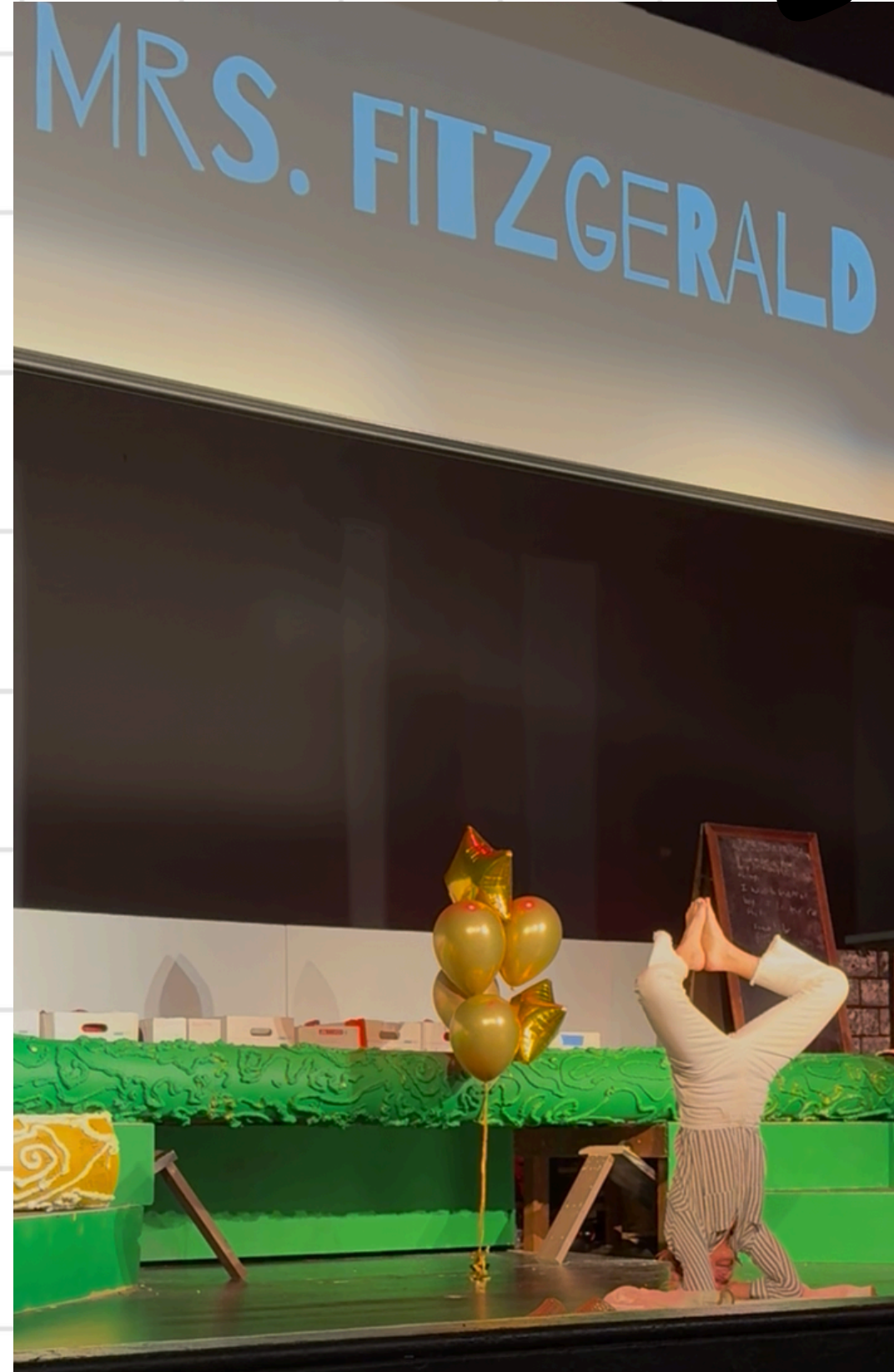
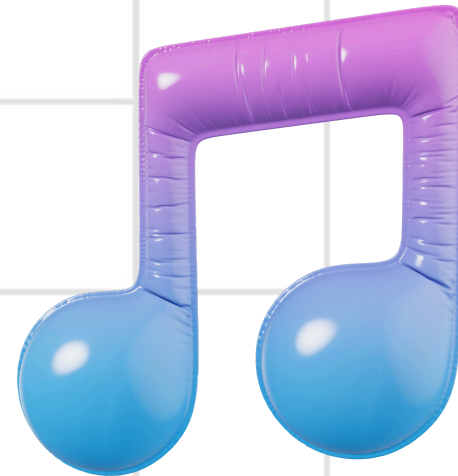
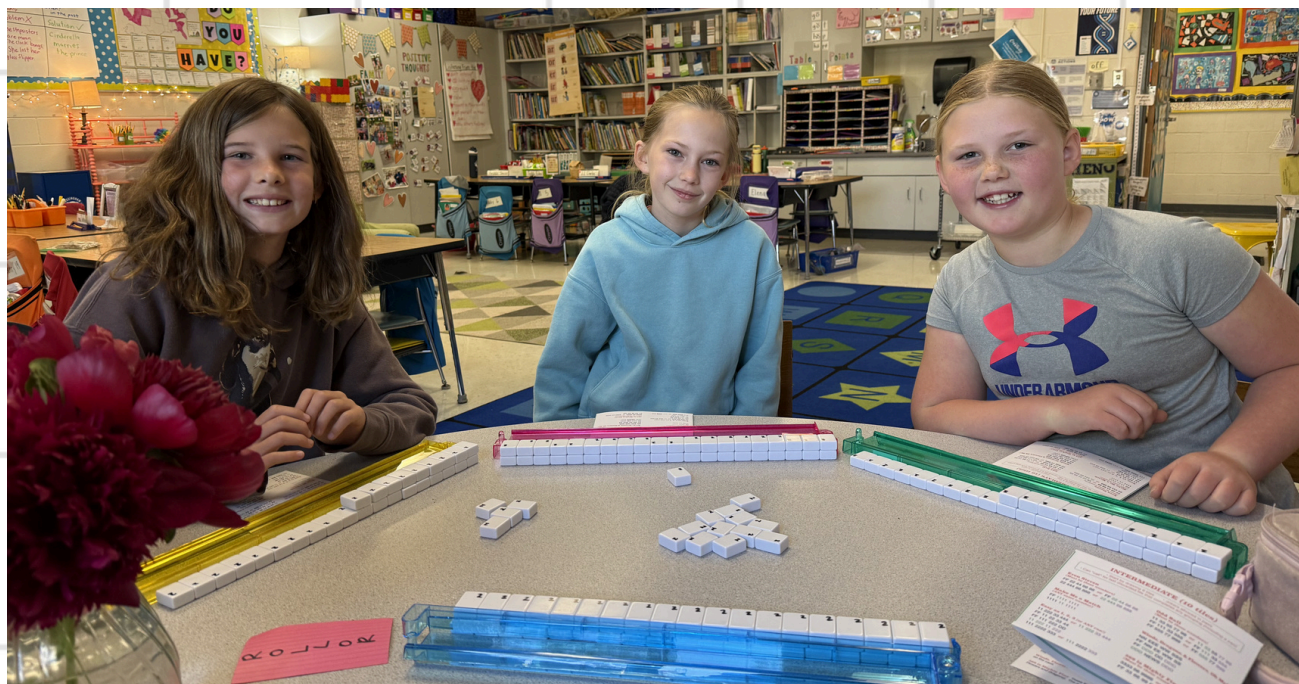
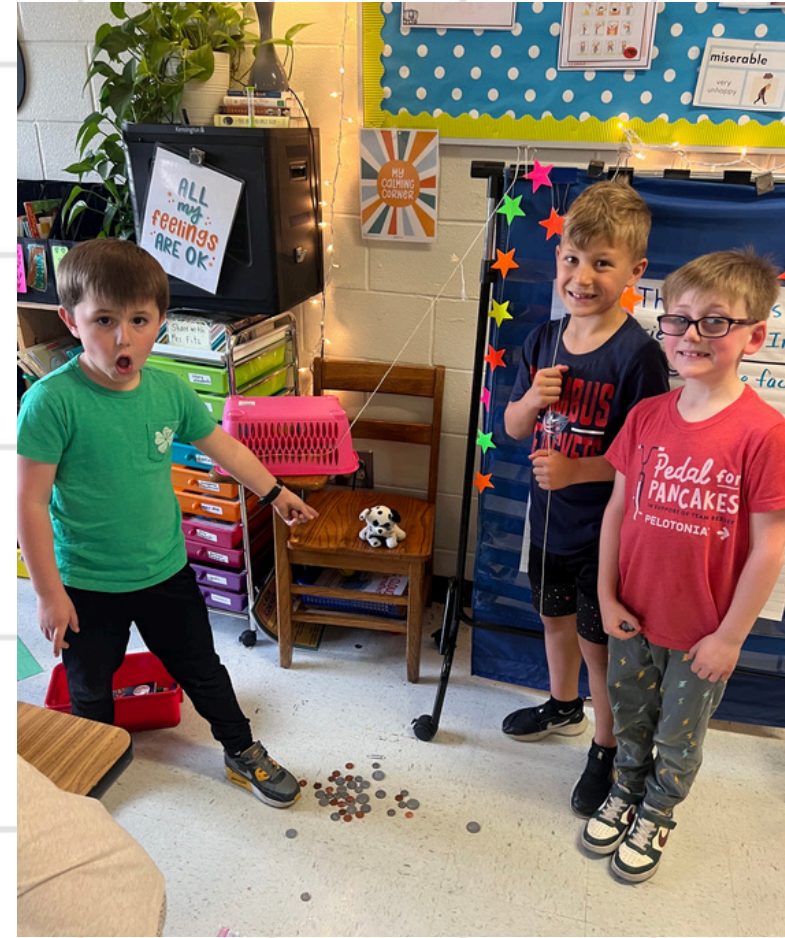
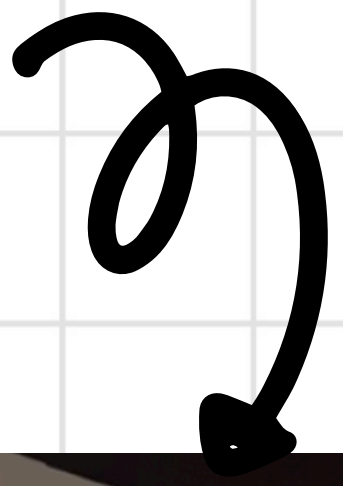


Your joy is their joy!

Joyful classrooms need joyful teachers!
How can you incorporate the things
that bring you joy into your classroom?



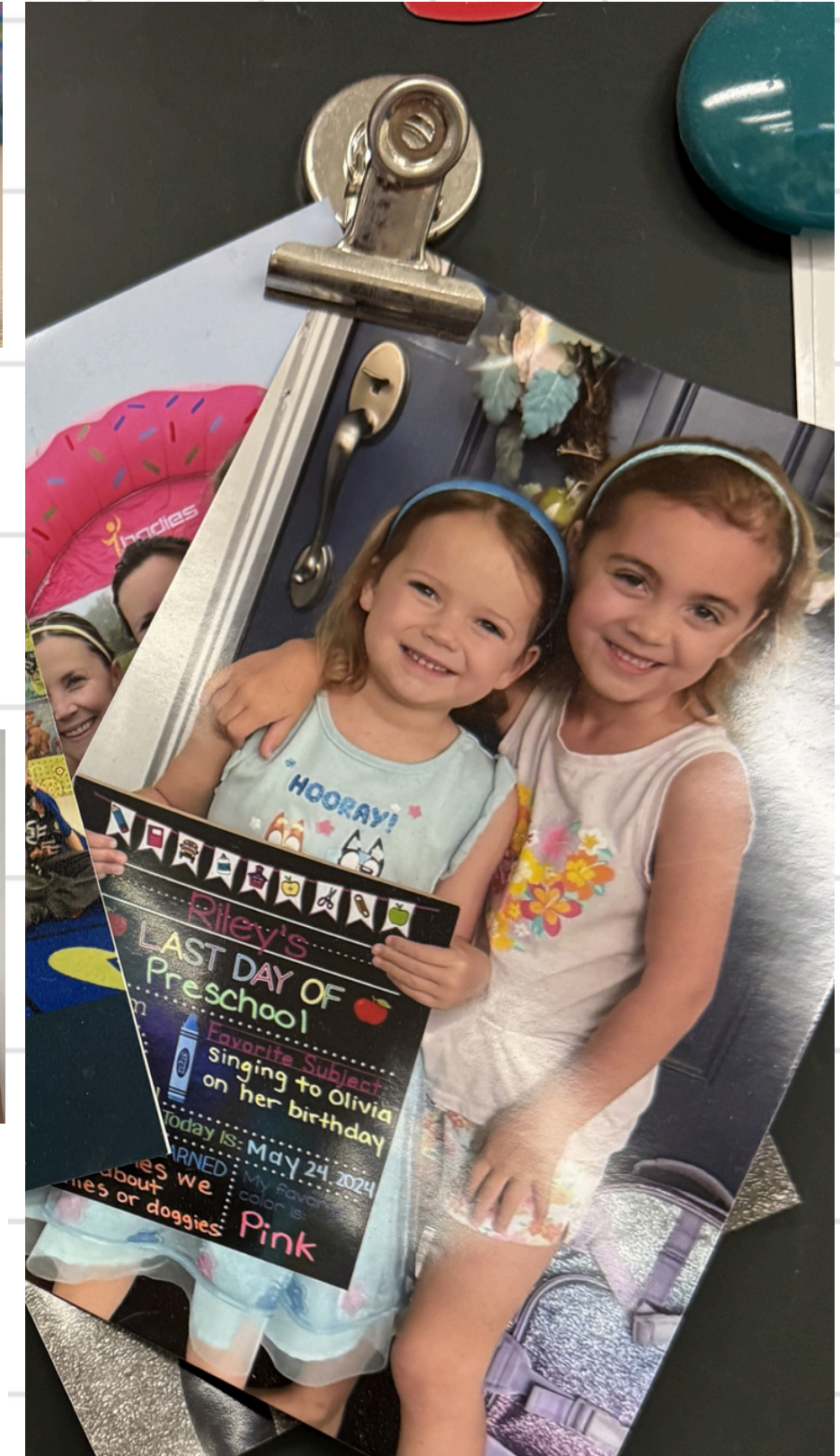
Julie's Joy



Adie's Joy



Rainbow Basics



Best Day Ever

Joyful Mind Map

What did (or would) it look like?

What did (or would) it sound like?

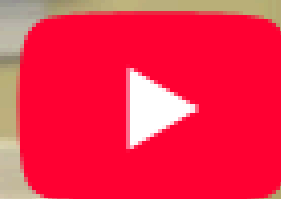
What did (or would) it feel like?

How can you start small to get to more days like this?



KID PRESIDENT CHALLENGE: Spread Joy!

SoulPancake



Watch on  YouTube

Thank you for joining us!

Here's to a more

JOYFUL year!

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