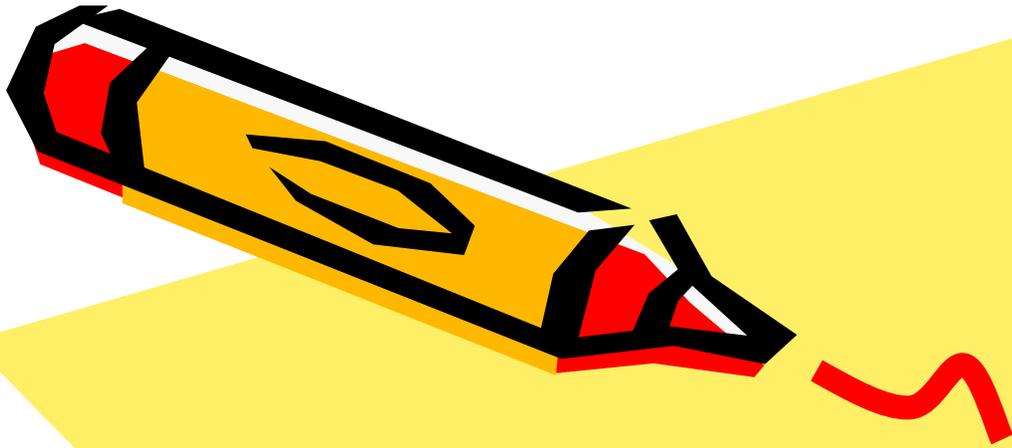


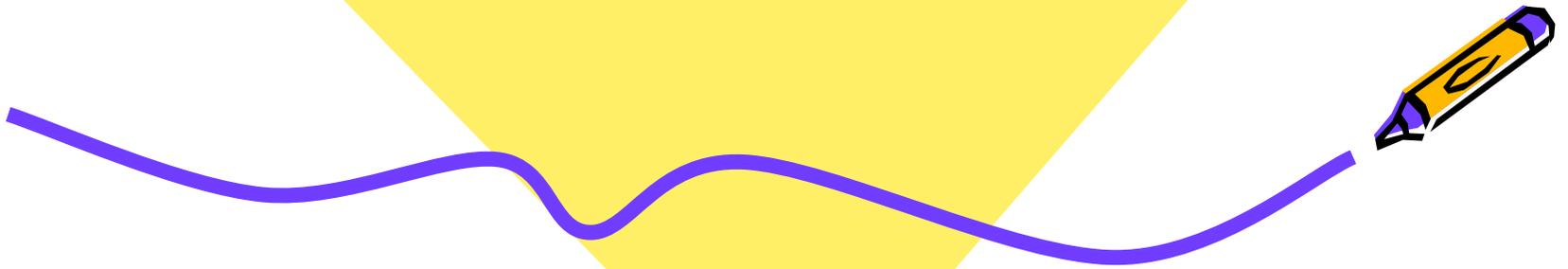
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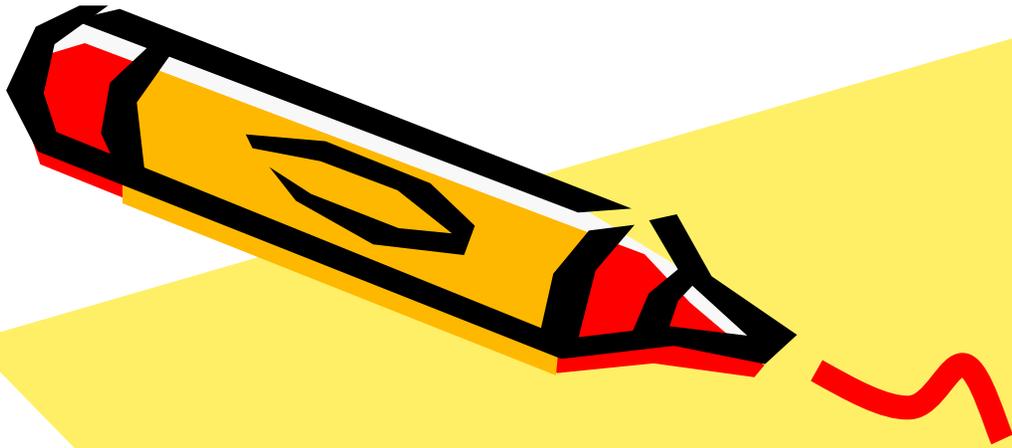
Early Childhood  
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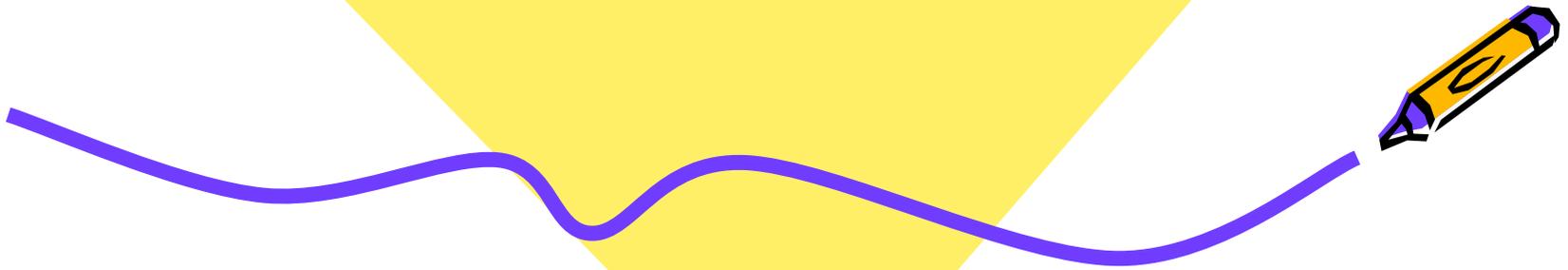


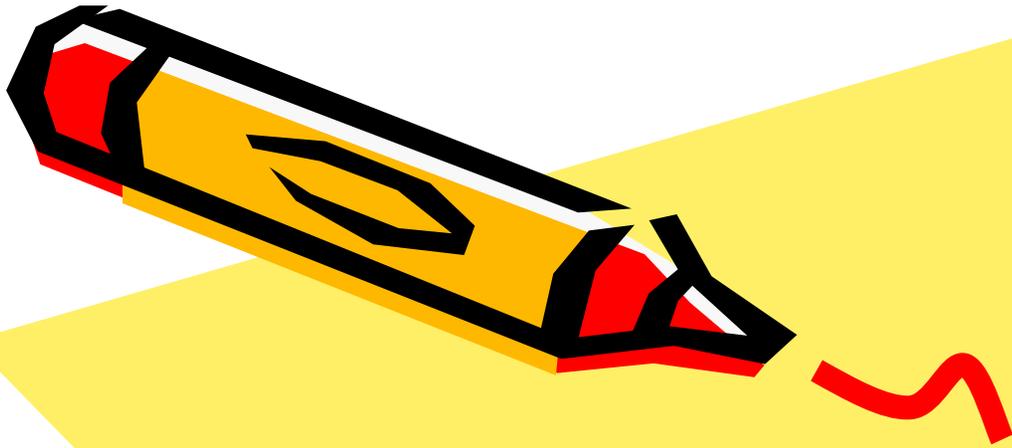
Are you worried because  
your child isn't talking yet?





Do you suspect your child  
might have a learning problem?

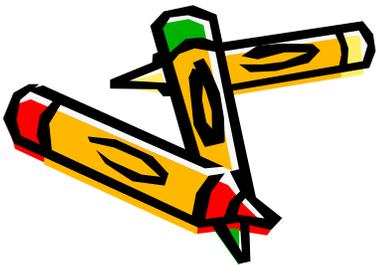
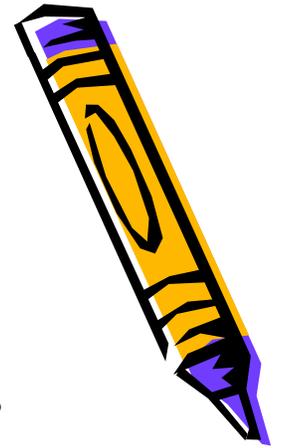




Does your preschooler seem to reach developmental milestones more slowly than other children?

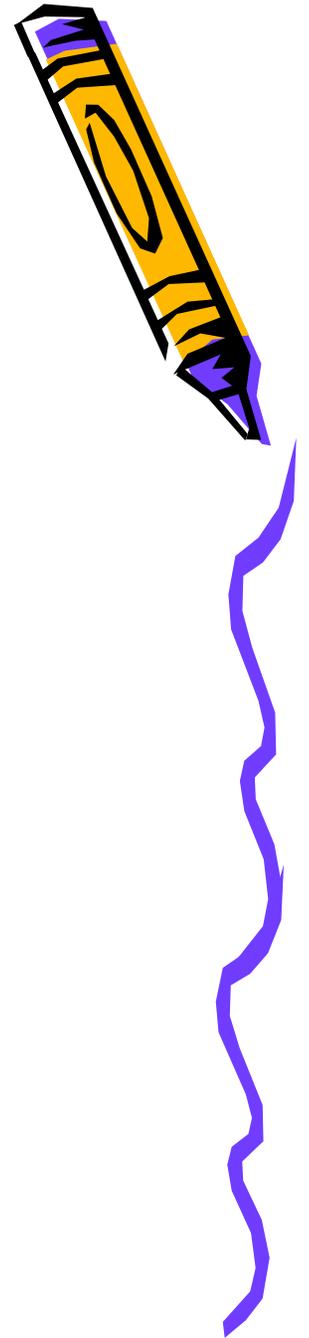
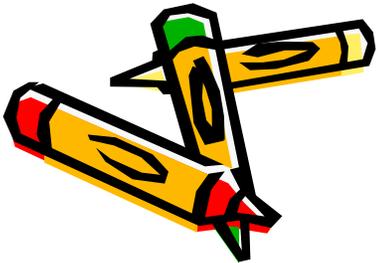


The Early Childhood  
Assessment Center of East  
Grand Rapids Public Schools  
can help you determine if your  
child needs special help.



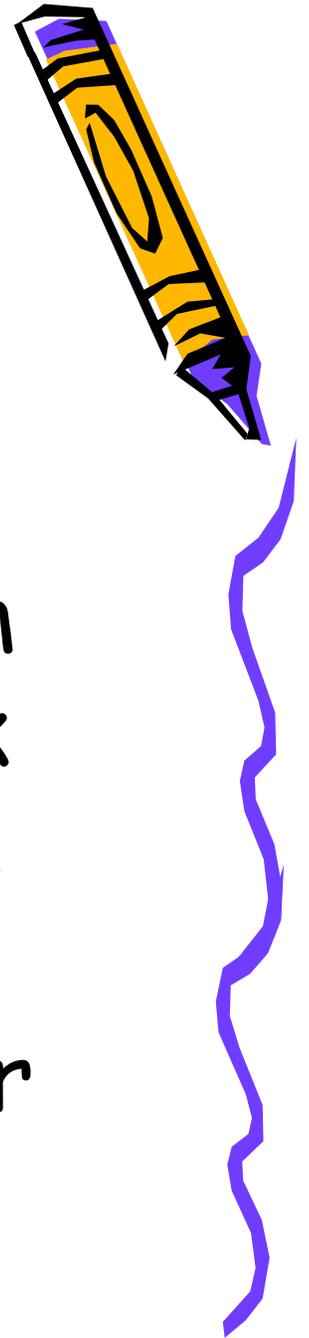
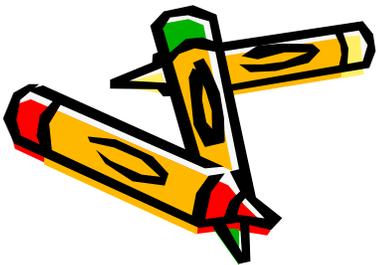
# Early Childhood Team

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Speech and Language Pathologist
- Kathy Wisniewski  
Director of Special Education and  
School Psychologist
- LV Wynalda,  
School Social Worker



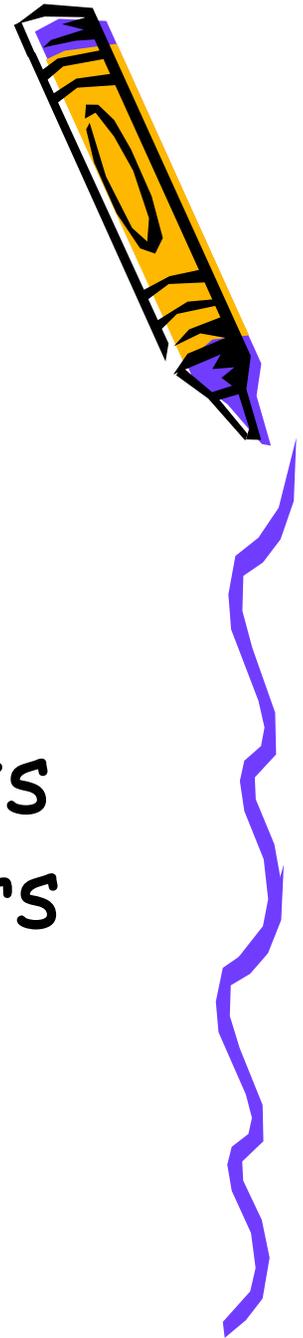
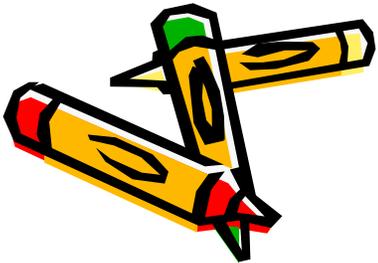
## Why create our Assessment Center?

**Answer:** Our ECAC Team wants to be able to work with your child from the beginning and create a "team" approach with our families.

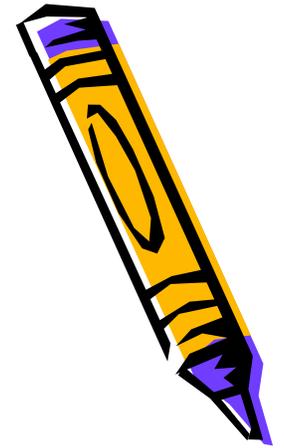


Who is the Assessment Center designed to assess?

**Answer:** The Assessment Center will serve students beginning at age two years ten months based on the child's needs.

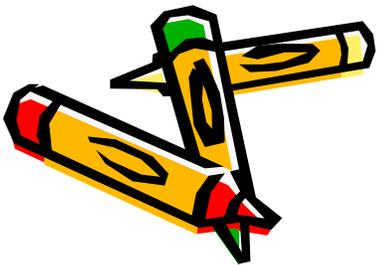


How do we know if our child meets the criteria?

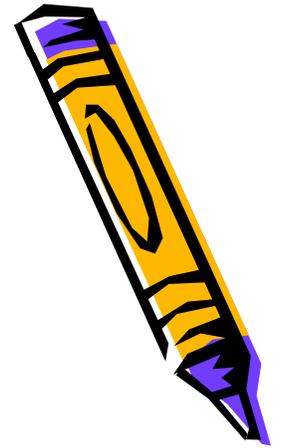


**Answer:** If delays are found in one or more of the following areas:

- Cognitive skills
- Communication skills
- Motor skills
- Self-care skills
- Social/emotional skills

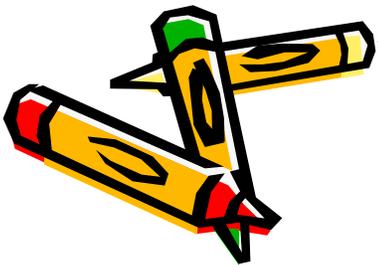


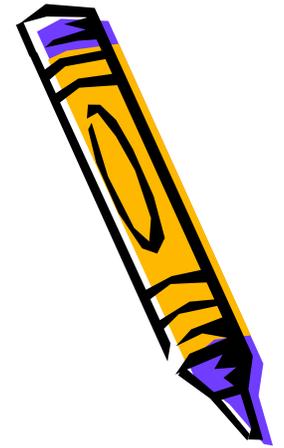
Where do I start  
if I have a concern?



Answer:

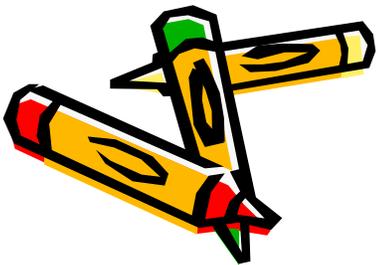
- Call 235-3535 and speak with the special education secretary
- A member of the ECAC team will follow up with the family and communicate the next steps in the assessment process



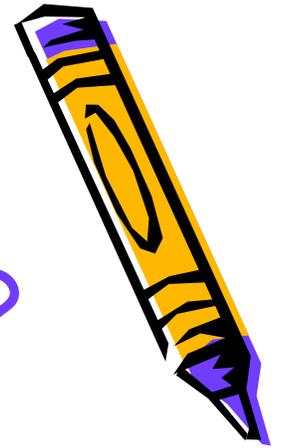


What should I expect from the ECAC Team if there is a need for further evaluation?

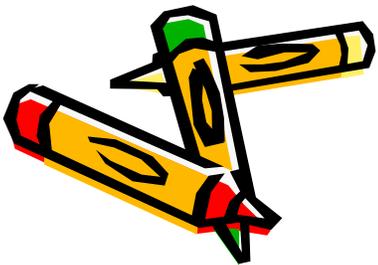
**Answer:** You will be asked to sign a referral, so we can complete evaluations with your child. A written report will be completed and shared with the family.



If services are required, what might the ECAC team recommend?

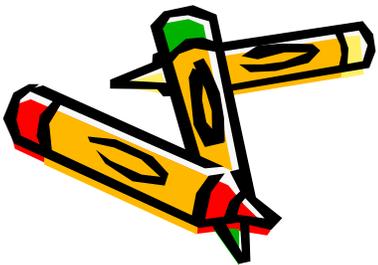


**Answer:** Services could include Consultation, Early Childhood Home and Community Services, Early Childhood Special Education, or Related Services.



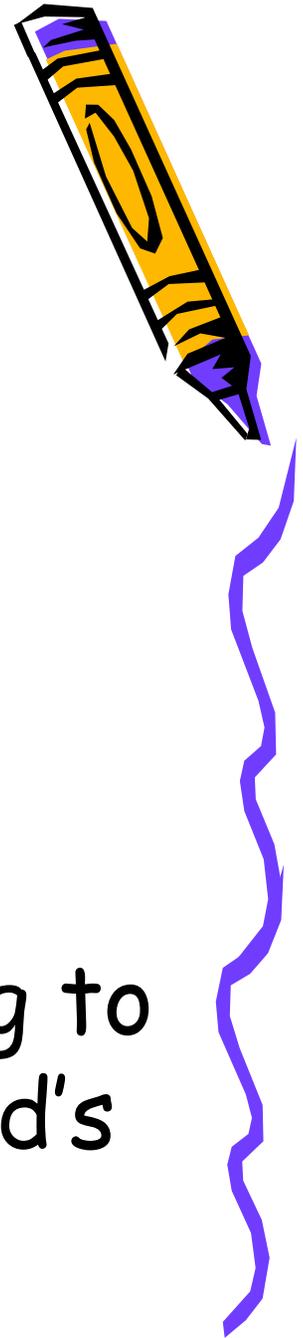
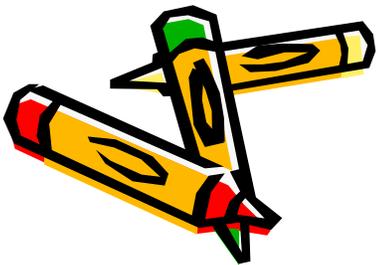
Is there a cost for the screening or the evaluation?

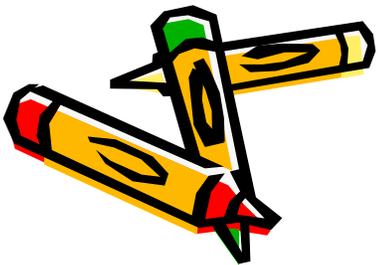
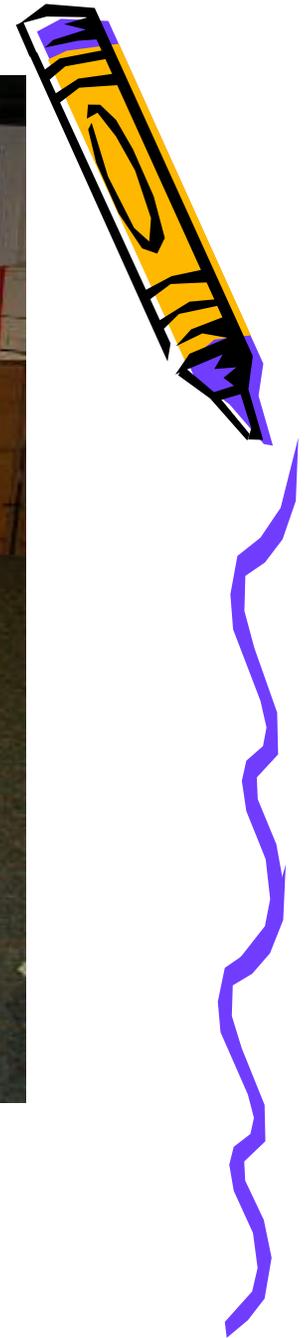
**Answer:** No, there is no cost for the screening or the evaluation.



What other resources are available for parents if we have questions?

**Answer:** In addition to the resources provided by the ECAC team, our EGR Public Library offers a special section for parents wanting to learn more about their child's learning experience.





These adorable faces are some of our youngest EGR students

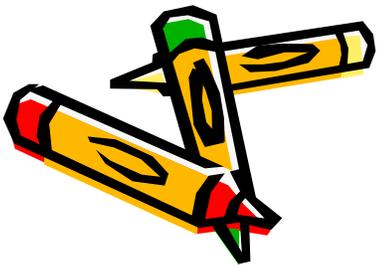


"We have seen a huge improvement in our child's language since starting school with you."

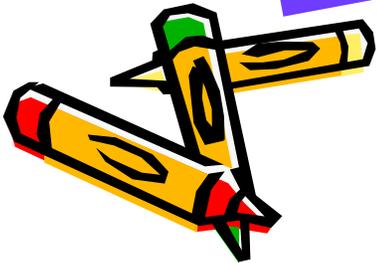
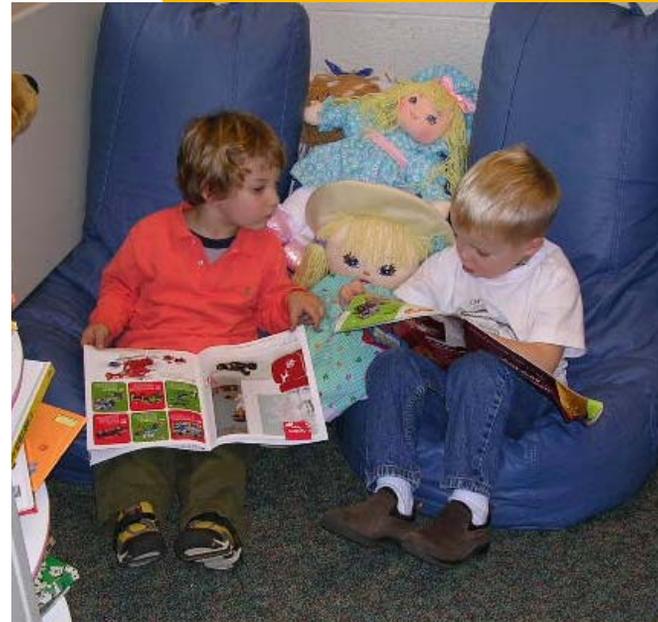
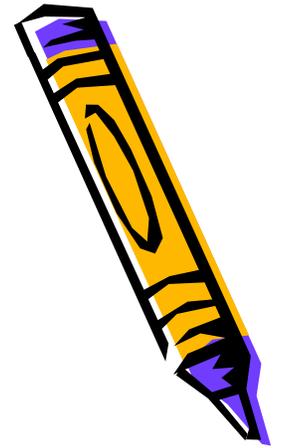


"We have been very impressed with the curriculum."

"Our child is making great progress – the program is awesome!"

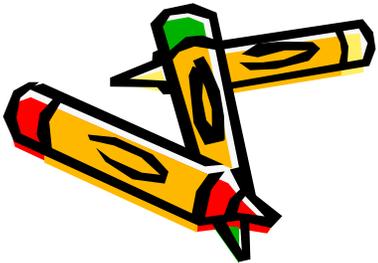
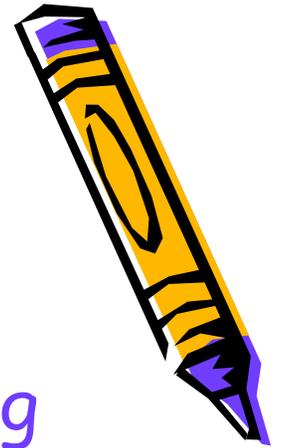


"We're thrilled with our son's progress and happy he's in your program! Great changes in level of frustration (lower) on his part and people can understand him now."



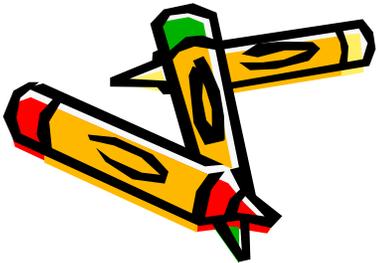
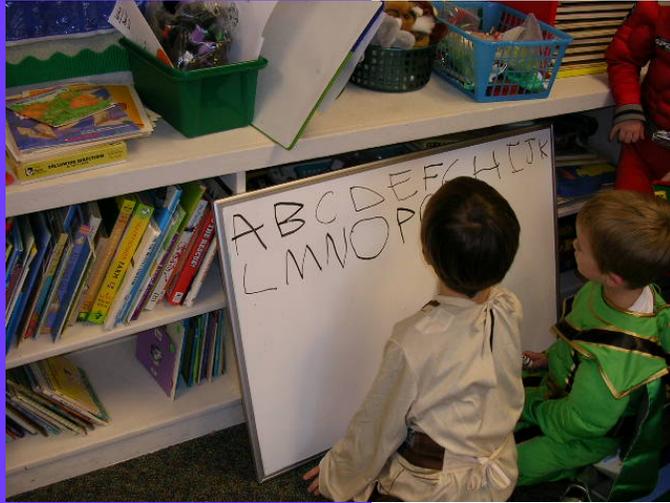
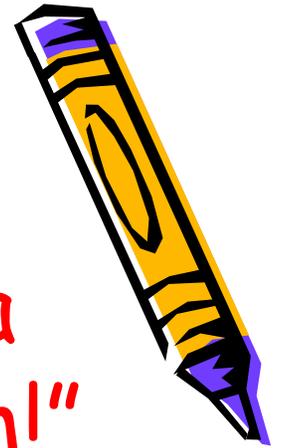


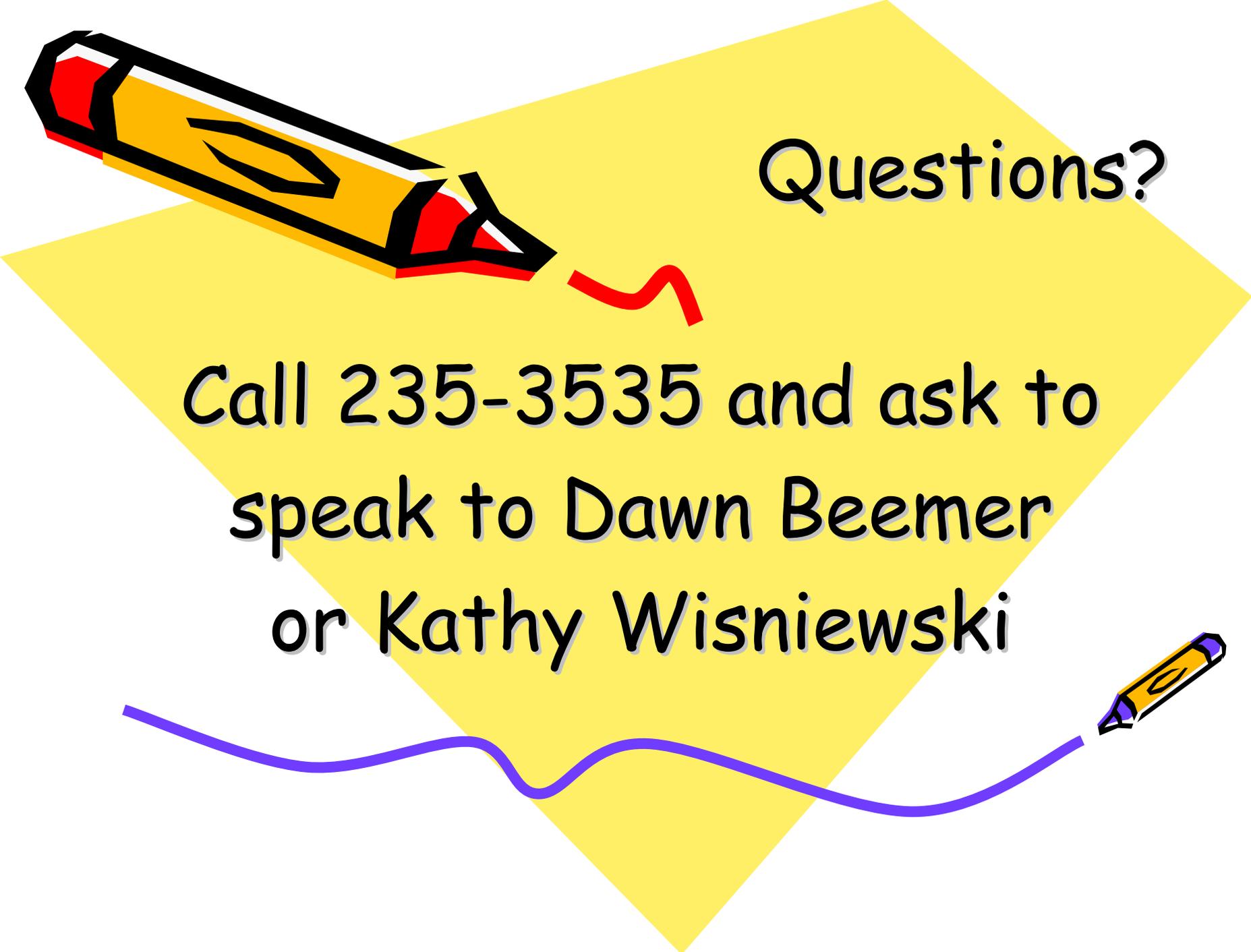
"My child loves coming to class - thank you for making school so much fun!"



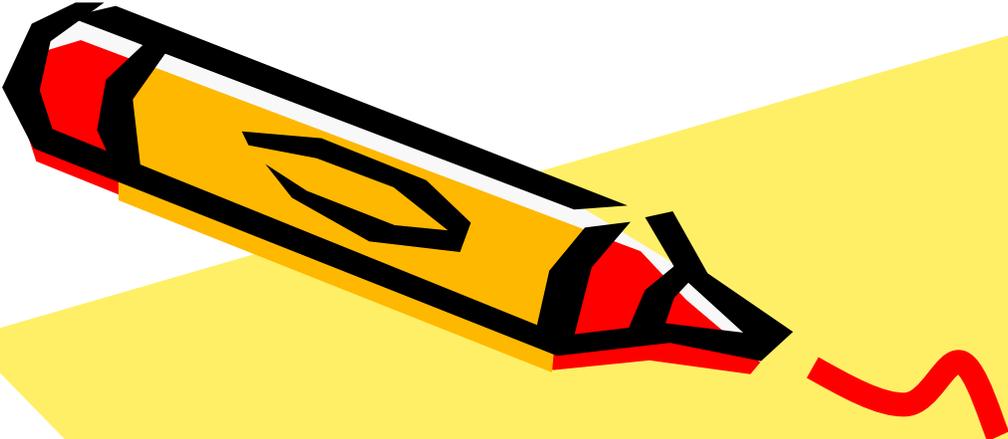


"Thank you to a wonderful team!"





Questions?



Call 235-3535 and ask to  
speak to Dawn Beemer  
or Kathy Wisniewski

