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## Reading at Home

Dear Families,

There are many ways that you can help your child to be more successful at school, but did you know that the best thing you can do is read with your child? There are many reasons why this is so important.

- There is a direct correlation between reading success in school and being read to at home.
- Children learn to read fluently with expression and intonation by their parents example.
- Reading together will reinforce the concepts that are being taught in school.
- A child's vocabulary and understanding will increase greatly.
- Reading will help to build imagination and creativity.
- Sharing reading time together will help to strengthen and build a warm relationship between you and your child.
- Reading increases knowledge and confidence.
- Time spent reading together will help to create a lifelong love of learning.

Helpful Reading Tips:

1. Try to read with your child everyday, even if it is just a short bedtime story.
2. Try to turn off the television and establish a regular reading time together each day. Turn the pages slowly discussing the text and illustrations.
3. Share some of your favorite children's books with your child. They enjoy sharing in the stories that you knew and loved as a child.
4. Make a special trip to the library or local book store for story time and special activities.
5. Start out slow and then build the amount of time you spend reading with your child.
6. If you are reading a longer book, try reading a chapter a night.
7. Discuss the story with your child as you are reading. Ask questions and make predictions together.
8. Get excited as your child begins to share in the reading process with you, recognizing familiar letters and words. Be careful not to labor over the reading and interfere with the enjoyment of the story.
9. Look up challenging words in the dictionary to learn their meaning and usage.
10. Whether your child is listening to you read, "reading the pictures", or reading the words to you; be sure to let your child know how much fun you are having. Enjoy this time together, loosen up, be dramatic, be silly and have fun!

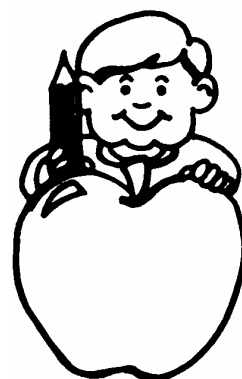


## Welcome Mats

1. Photocopy the hat pattern (available in the "Back to School" packet) onto white construction paper.
2. Have students color the hands, draw their face, color the border and letters, and write their name.
3. Then cut the pieces out and attach them to a 2" x 18" strip of construction paper. The hands are placed with one facing upward as if waving and the other holding the right hand side of the name tag.
4. Wear the hat all day and then take it home! (This same pattern could be used to make a necklace or puppet if you prefer.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



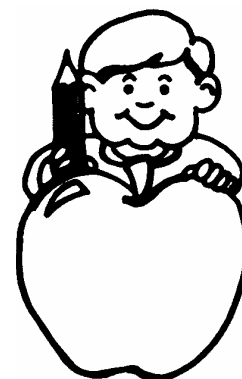
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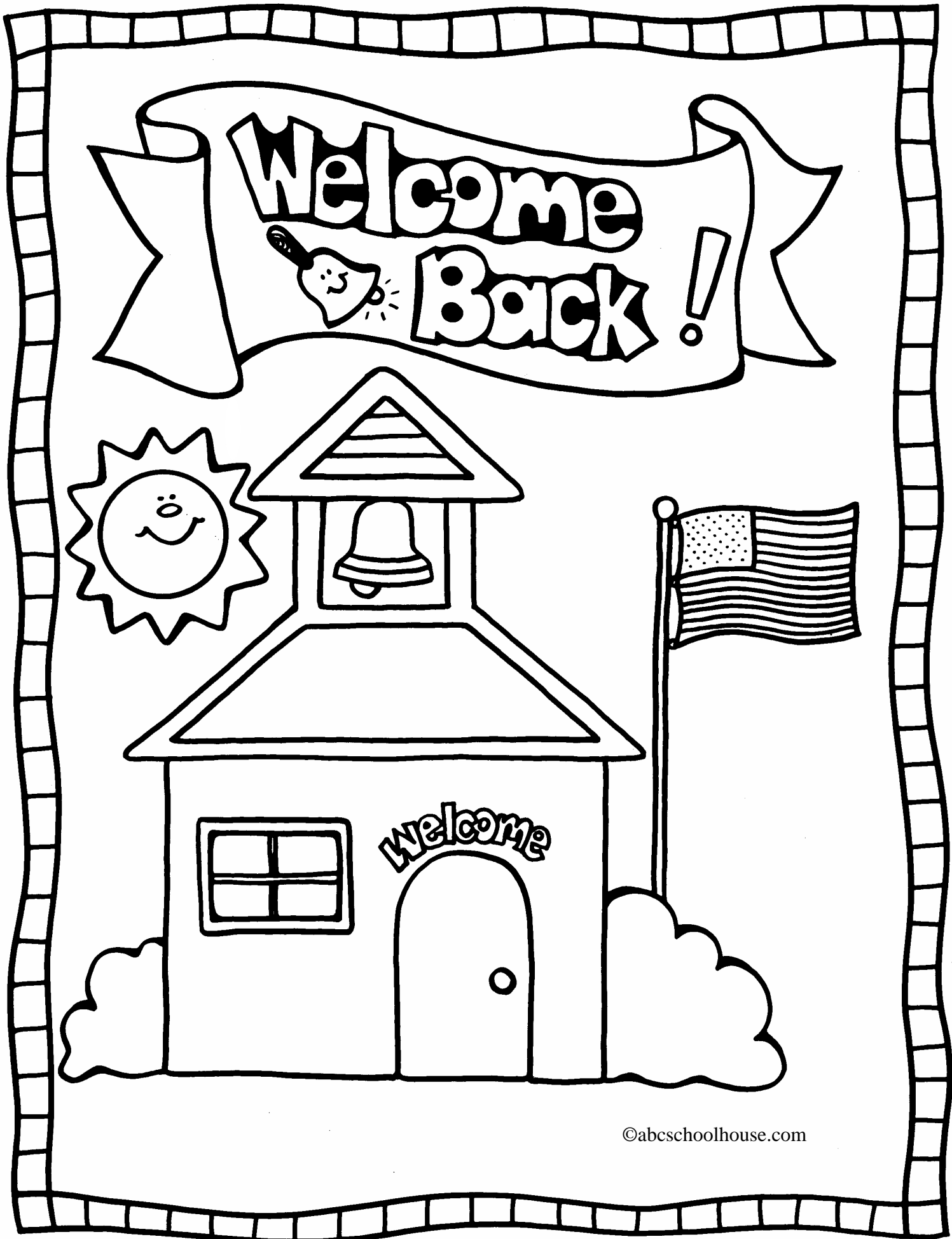
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Directions: Write a list of the things you need to bring to school each day.

