

Limud News



Limud Week 1
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"We are here to learn how to think Jewishly."

This was the phrase Rabbi Huberman coined to welcome back the students of CTI on Sunday, and the adjective sparked a visible curiosity on their faces. What does it mean to think Jewishly?

It means, as Rabbi Huberman told them, to share. To share holidays, like Rosh Hashanah and Chanukah, with your family and your temple community. To share arts and crafts with your fellow classmates and friends. And, most importantly, to share kindness.

That was how the 2018-2019 Limud school year began: with a powerful message. And it transferred throughout all the classrooms as the students began their first day.

Morah Pam welcomed her incoming and returning first and second graders with a reminiscent discussion on how they spent their summers, from celebrating birthdays to vacations and cruises. After filling out their All About Me charts with supplies from sparkly new pencil cases, the students welcomed CTI's shinshin for the year: Noa. Her first activity with the students allowed them to share what they already know about Israel and ask questions about what they'd like to learn after drawing a picture of it on an index card. Some, like Olivia and Emily, drew pictures of sweet treats to ask about Israel's food, and others, like Eliana, colored in sandy beaches and curling waves to ask about the beaches on the country's shore.

With Morah Leslie, the third and fourth graders filled in what they were "geared up" to learn about this year as part of a robot-centered craft. Like Morah Pam's students, many of the boys, including Dan, wrote about wanting to hear more about Israeli food, while Miriam wondered about what their street markets are like. Among all the students, learning more of the Hebrew language itself resided as a class goal, and it was already taking place across the hall with Morah Hannah. There, the third and fourth graders put their minds together to recall letters from the alphabet to spell out אָבִי- "father"-as their first activity of the school year.

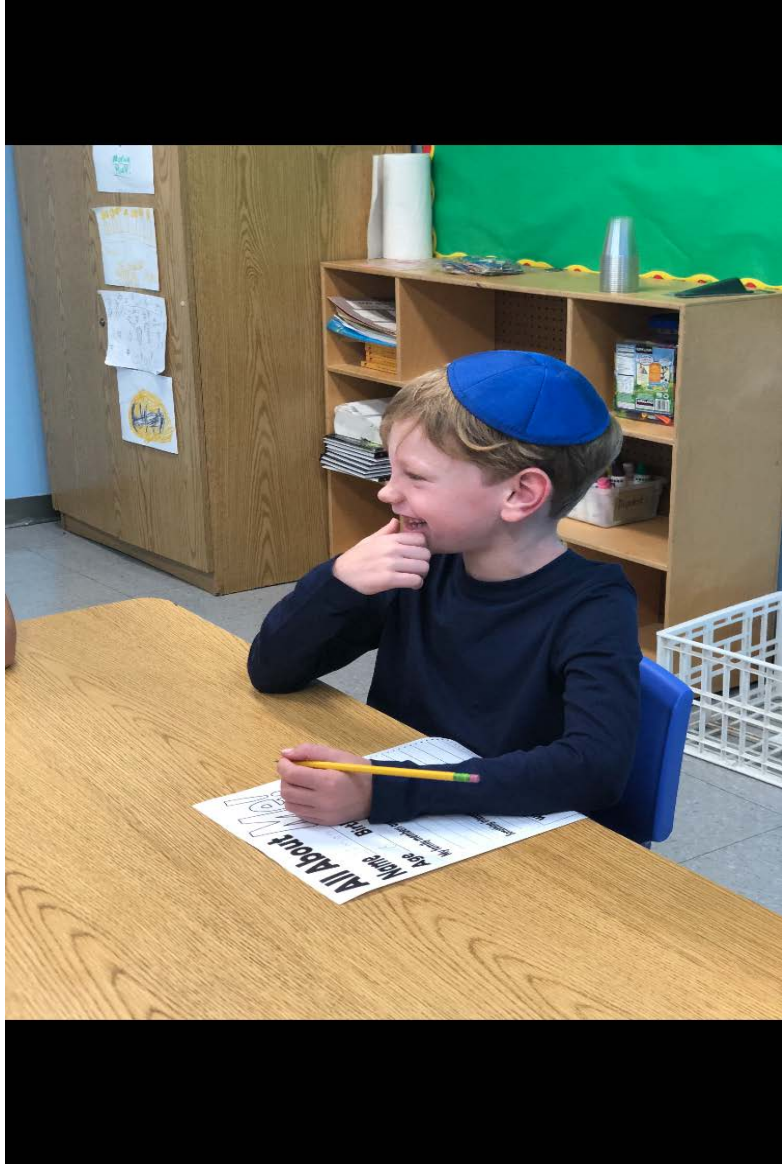
Hebrew learning was also a common theme in the introductions of Moreh Avi's fifth and sixth graders as they talked about what they'd like to accomplish this year, and what they admired about Jewish culture. Joseph commented on his liking of the Israeli flag, and Jordan shared his adoration for cooking Jewish foods-meals that students like Helen and Jacob both agreed on loving.

In Cantor Gustavo's seventh grade class, the students were already asking questions. The class reviewed the customs of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, discussing the symbolism of the book of life. The book, as the Cantor explained, is a metaphor for receiving and giving forgiveness. He recalled stories of families who passed their grudges through generations of their family, and Rabbi Huberman arrived just in time to offer truly eye-opening commentary. "It takes up too much space in your heart," he explained of remaining angry at others even after they ask for forgiveness. He told the story of his grandfather, who ignored the Anti Semitic remarks of his Montreal neighbor in favor of being kind. Through this, the Rabbi told the students yet another powerful message to carry with

them as Yom Kippur approaches: "You know what my grandfather said? 'Just because you hate me, doesn't mean I have to hate you.'"

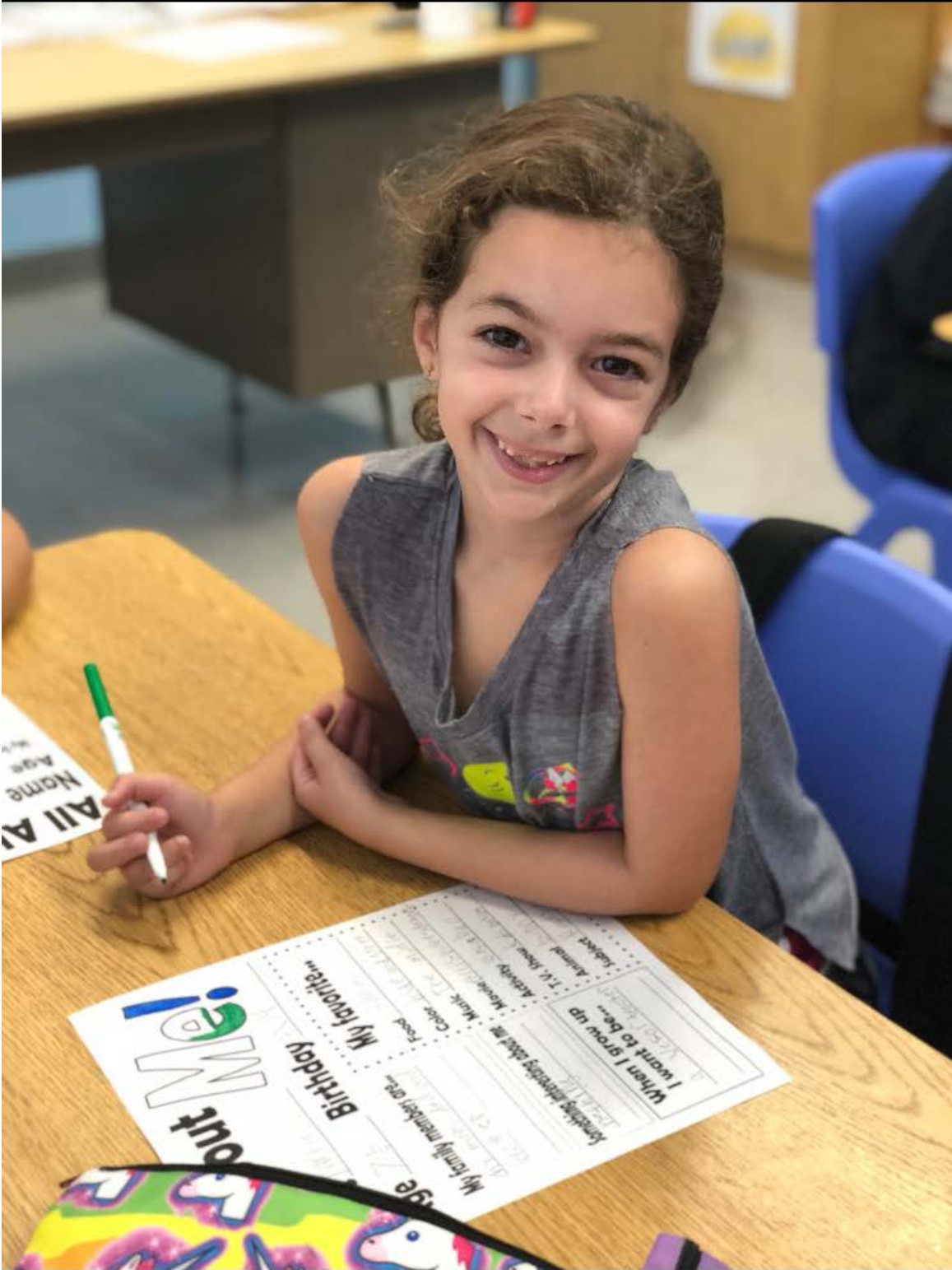


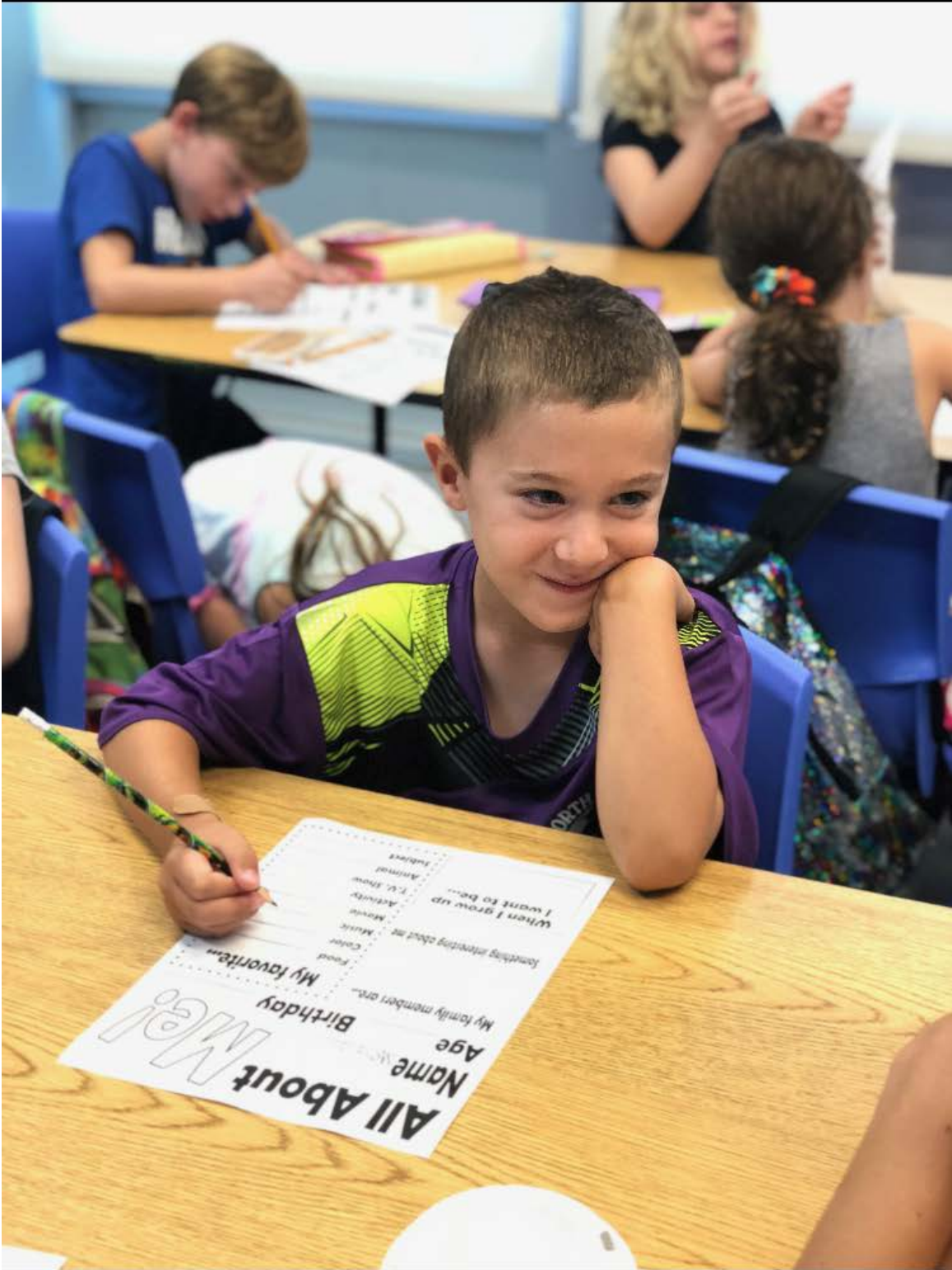






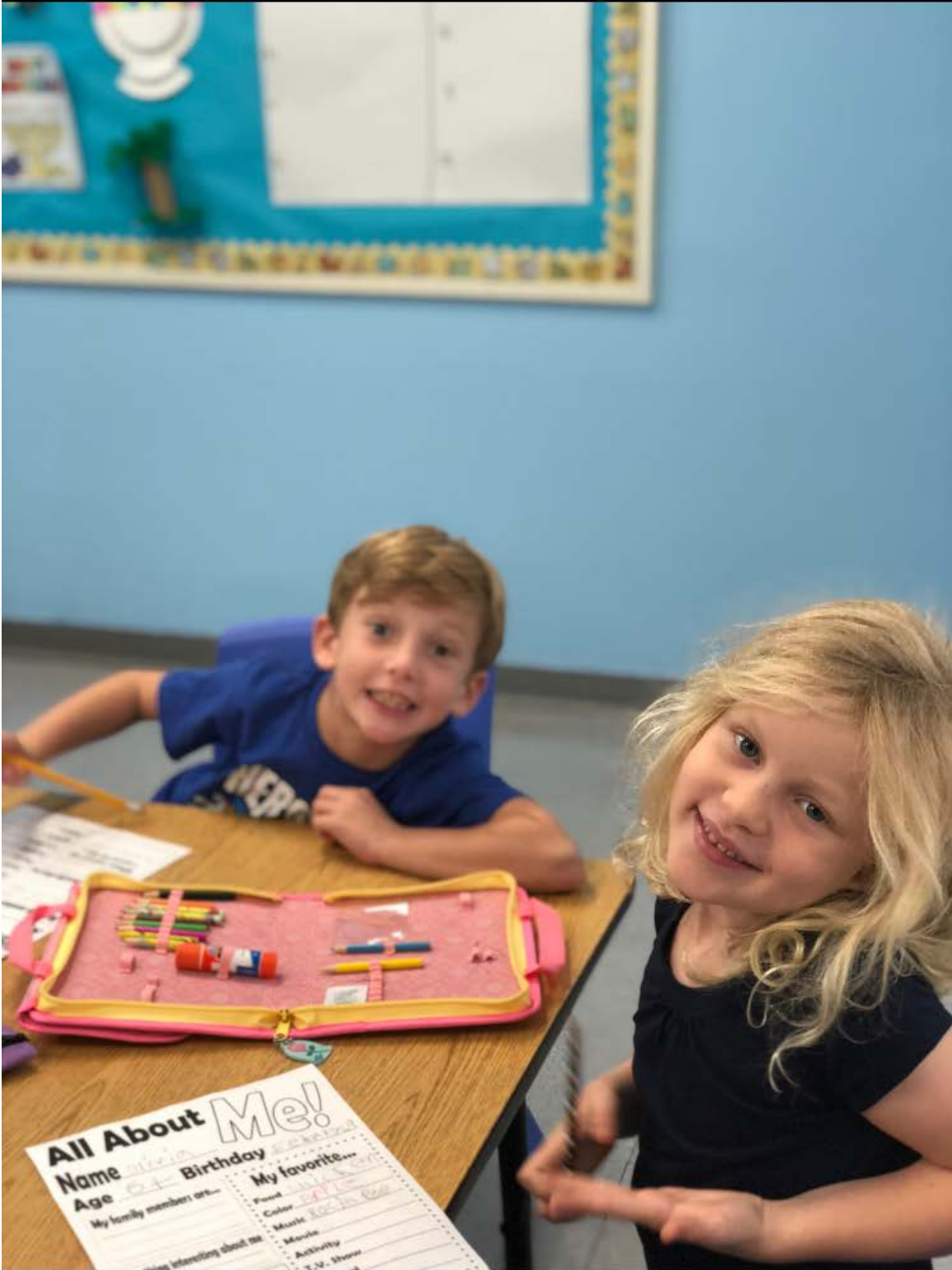






All About Me

Name _____
Age _____
My family members are... _____
My favorite _____
Color _____
Food _____
Something interesting about me _____
Music _____
Movie _____
Activity _____
I want to be... _____
T.V. show _____
Animal _____
Subject _____



All About Me!

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Age 4 My favorite...
Food Apple Pie

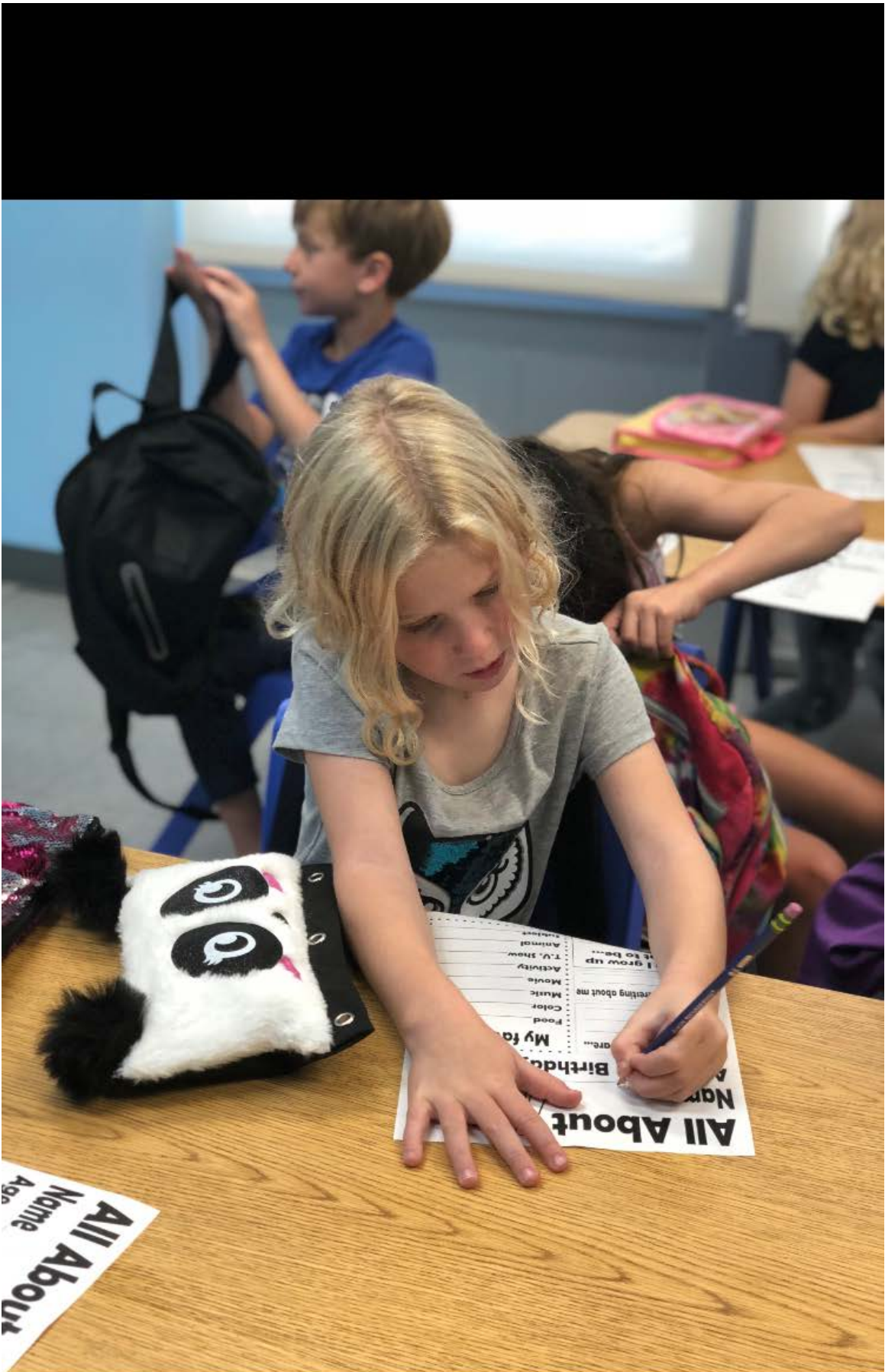
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Music Rock & Roll

Something interesting about me... Movie _____

Activity _____

T.V. Shows _____



All About Me
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All About Me
Name _____
Age _____
My favorite color is _____
My favorite food is _____
My favorite animal is _____
My favorite music is _____
My favorite activity is _____
My favorite TV show is _____
My favorite animal to be is _____
My favorite thing to do is _____
My favorite thing about me is _____





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