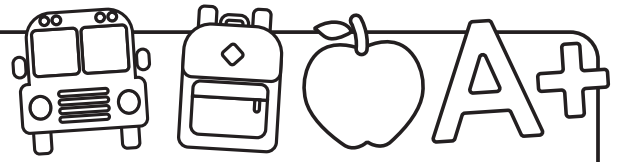


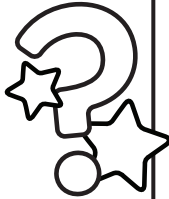
TOYS R US CELEBRATES: Back to School

WHY ARE WE CELEBRATING?



School is an important part of life where we get to grow, make new friends, and learn new things!

5 BACK TO SCHOOL FACTS:



- **The first public school was founded in Boston in 1635.** It was a boys-only school until 1972, when it became co-ed. It's still functioning today.
- **Most school days are marked by a ringing bell,** a tradition thought to have been started in 1908 by a superintendent in Indiana.
- While most kids in America walk, bike, bus, or get driven to school, **some students around the world take a boat, ride a gondola lift, or even zip line to class!**
- **The modern pencil was invented in 1795.** And though we call them lead pencils, they're actually filled with graphite. A single pencil can draw a line 35 miles long!
- **The first playground was built in England in 1859.** Now it's known that recess is an important learning element of the school day too.



5 PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- **Horace Mann:** Known as the "father of American public education," Horace Mann was a politician in the 1800s who advocated for universal, secular, free education for all kids.
- **Margaret Bancroft:** A Philadelphia teacher in the late 1800s, Margaret Bancroft fought for the right of all students to receive a quality learning experience, becoming a pioneer in the field of special education.
- **Anne Sullivan:** As the woman who taught Helen Keller, a blind and deaf child, how to read and write, Anne Sullivan is one of the most famous teachers in the world.
- **Ruby Bridges:** At 6 years old, Ruby Bridges advanced civil rights history by becoming the first Black student to desegregate an all-white elementary school in New Orleans in 1970.
- **John Holt:** As a teacher frustrated with the public school system, John Holt supported the ideas of flexibility and unique learning styles for kids, helping to grow the homeschooling movement.

Back to School WORD SEARCH

Test your knowledge with our Back to School word search!

Find the following words hidden in the puzzle.

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