

Dear Families,

We will begin working on an autobiography writing project soon. Each child will write a story about his or her own life. We would like you to help us begin the project by doing the things described in this letter at home with your child.

1. To inspire your child's project, we are requesting personal photographs be sent to school. It would be most helpful if you could send in photographs that "tell a story" about your child. The autobiography will be all about him or her, so it would be best if your child appears in the photograph somewhere. Ideas for photos that would be great are:
  - Other people with your child (family or friends)
  - Your child doing something (playing baseball or dancing)
  - Photos of your child in a special place he or she has visited
  - Your child with a favorite object (a toy or book)
2. Write your child's name on the back of all the photographs and indicate one of the following:
  - KEEP = we may keep the photo and use as sent in
  - RETURN = we will reproduce the photo and return the original to you
3. After the photographs of your child have been selected, take time to talk about them. Share information about what is happening in the photos. Point out details.
4. Number the photographs. Work together with your child to complete the An Autobiography: Information About My Photos sheet. This will help your child write about the photos at school.
5. Send four photographs and the information sheet to school with your child by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Thanks so much!**