

Title: My College Backpack

Making the Idea of Attending College Come to Life

Grade range: PreK through 3rd Grade

Time: 30 minutes



Synopsis: Students will learn about their path to college and create college backpacks filled with things they think they will need to go to college. This activity is important because it normalizes the idea that the children can go to college. It plants the seed in their young minds that tells them higher education is attainable. They understand what college is and walk away knowing even in at a young age, they are already on the path toward college.

Materials:

- Board or Chart Paper
- Chalk or Markers Crayons, colored pencils
- Glue Scissors
- Elementary School Road Map to College handout
- College Backpack handout
- Things I Will Take With Me To College handout

Instructions:

1. All members of the adopting team should come to the school dressed in a t-shirt, hat or sweatshirt from their Alma Mater. Start the activity by discussing what school each adopter attended, what their major was and why they chose it and how it is important to their career.
2. Ask these questions:
 - a. Can someone tell me where you will go after you graduate from our school?
 - b. After middle school, where will you go?
 - c. And after high school, where will you go?
 - d. Refer to the map worksheet and have the children identify where they have gone to school in the past and where they would like to go to school in the future.
3. Review the pathway to college handout, and the Elementary School Roadmap to College handout and College Backpack handout. Adopters sit with their small groups and help children color in their backpacks.
4. Now that students have colored their college backpacks, discuss the types of things they would want to put in they backpacks to take with them to college.
 - a. Look at the Things I Will Take With Me To College handout and each of the students will choose what they want to put in your backpacks, cut them out and glue them onto your backpack. Students can use the blank spaces to

create their own items. Take time to discuss the importance of the items as it related to their education.

Note: Depending on your students' academic level, choose beforehand whether you want to use the picture or word version of the Things I Will Take With Me To College handout for them to choose items and glue them onto their backpacks. Review the different items and answer any questions regarding the items.

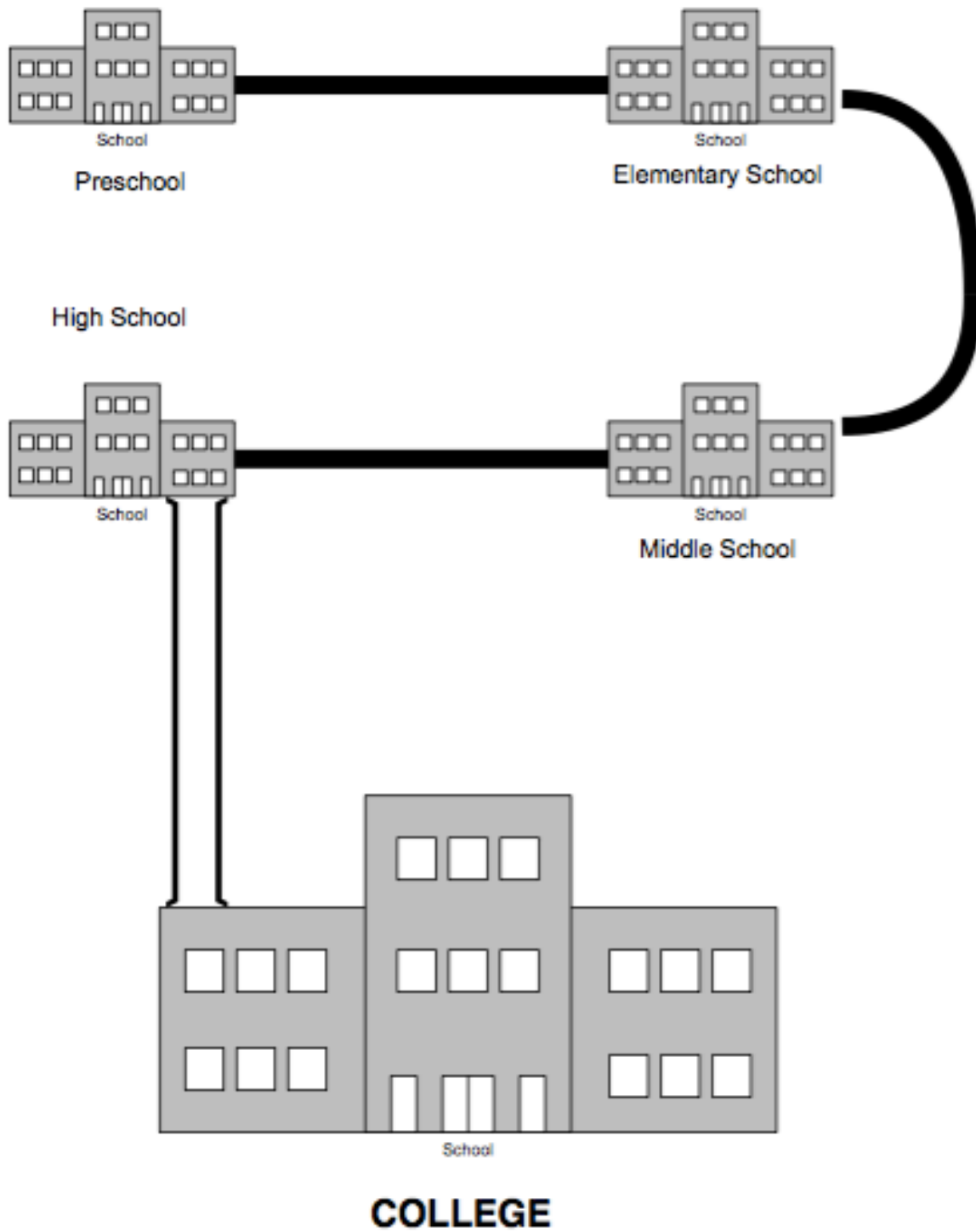
5. Share out your backpacks: Now that the students have created their College Backpack, have some of them share what is in their backpack and why they think they will need those things to be successful in college.

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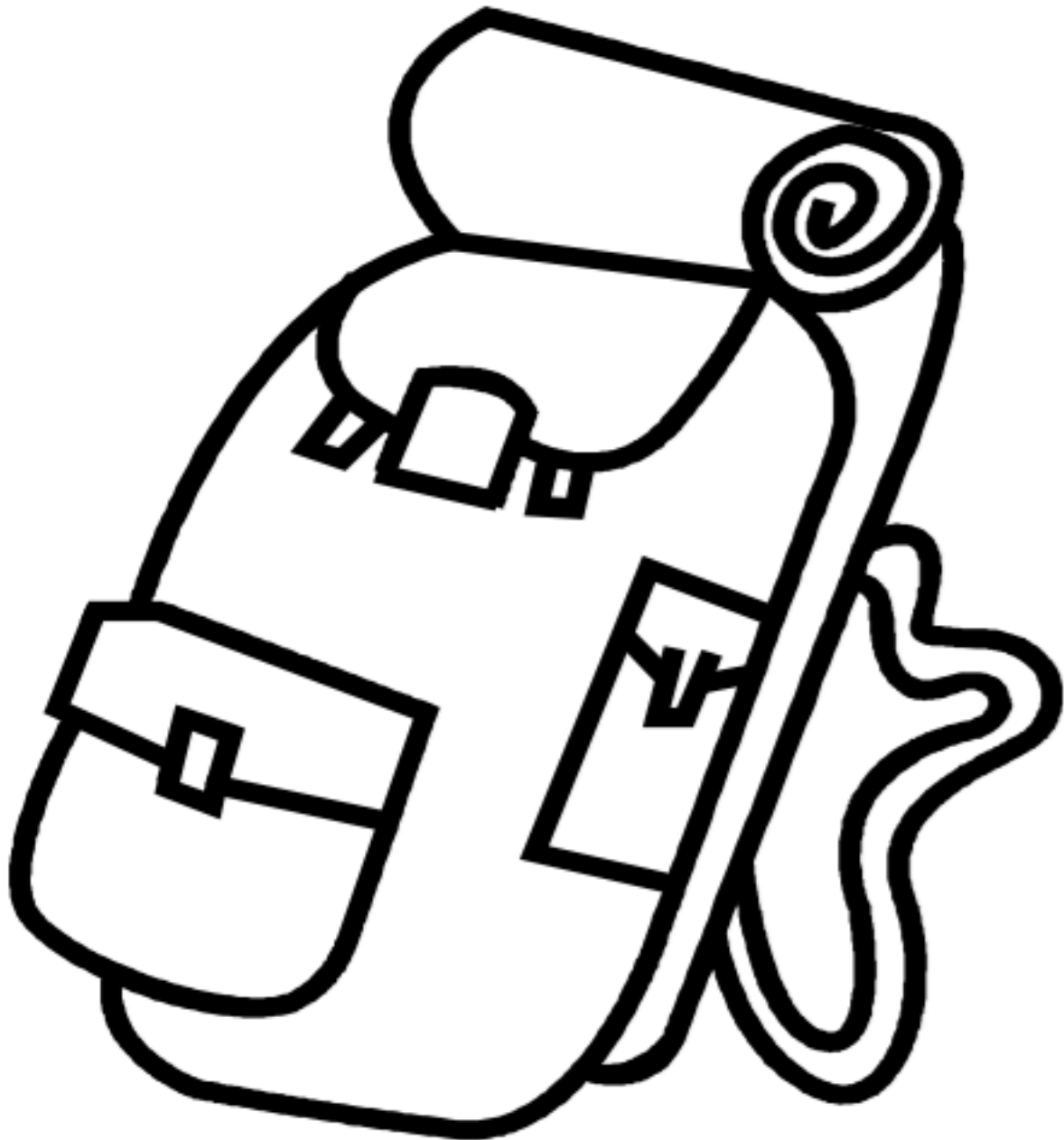


Elementary School Road Map to College



College Backpack

NAME _____



Things I Will Take With Me To College

(Picture Version)

Choose what things you might want to take to college with you and glue them onto your college backpack. If you think of other things, write them in the blank boxes and glue them onto your backpack too.





Things I Will Take With Me To College

(Word Version)

Choose what things you might want to take to college with you and glue them onto your college backpack. If you think of other things, write them in the blank boxes and glue them onto your backpack too.

BOOKS	PENCILS	NOTEBOOKS	FOLDERS
BLANKETS	PILLOWS	FOOD	CELLPHONE
COMPUTER	CALCULATOR	HIGHLIGHTERS	INDEX CARDS
CALENDAR	PAPER	GLUE	SCISSORS
TAPE	POST-ITS	STAPLER	STUDENT PLANNER
CLOTHES	DICTIONARY	SHOES	PAJAMAS
JACKET	WATCH	WALLET	ALARM CLOCK
TOOTHBRUSH	T.V.	MP3 PLAYER	PENS