

# K-GRAMS

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## A New Year of Smiles!

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### Welcome to K-grams!

As we move into our fourth year, K-grams continues to bring the campus and surrounding communities together through a suite of kids programs that pair up college and elementary school students. Through its fundamental programs, including pen pal letter exchanges, classroom projects, weekly mentoring and reading sessions and Kids-Fair, K-grams establishes "edu-active" (educational and interactive) experiences for students, teachers, parents, University staff, and over 100 student groups.

Your enthusiasm and dedication to this program creates a positive atmosphere for the elementary school students, who are excited to write to you, talk with you about college, work with you on special projects, and be your friend for the year. Their interaction with you is an important part of their classes' curriculum and also gives them something to look forward to at school.



K-grams loves kids!

In addition, K-grams allows college students to develop close friendships with other members of the program, establishing a special community within the University of Michigan. Welcome to the largest mentoring and learning program on campus. We hope that you will take advantage of its many opportunities and can't wait to see you this year!

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Keep on smilin'!

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Reading, Writing, Swingin', Smilin'!



## ☺ LETTER DUE DATES ☺

### Fall Term 2001

Monday, September 24

Monday, October 22

Monday, November 19

### Winter Term 2002

Monday, January 14

Monday, February 11

Monday, March 25

# Pen Pals • Projects

## Residence Hall

Alice Lloyd

Bursley

Couzens

East Quad

Mary Markley

Mosher Jordan

South Quad

Stockwell

West Quad,

Betsey Barbour,

and Helen Newberry

## Elem School

Vetal

Northside

Holmes

Mitchell

Carpenter

Ford

Dicken

Bryant

Pittsfield



## K-grams' Timmy meets Regis

to find out about classroom projects



**Q: So Timmy, what is a project?**

A: Well Regis, a project is an opportunity for **ANY** college students to visit elementary school classrooms and engage K-5 students in a valuable educational experience.

**Q: Why should college students attend projects?**

A: Projects are.....

- \* A GREAT opportunity to meet YOUR pen pal
- \* A chance to be a role model for kids
- \* A way to take a break from the stress of college life and play with kids
- \* TONS OF FUN!!

**Q: What are examples of projects?**

A: Some past projects include:

- \* Mock Presidential elections
- \* Solar system models
- \* Math jeopardy to help 4th graders study for their MEAP test
- \* Our favorite . . . RECESS!!

**Q: How can I get more info about projects?**

A: Go to the K-grams website and click the "Special Programs" icon. As projects are set up, info will be available on the website. Also, you can contact [smile@umich.edu](mailto:smile@umich.edu) if you have any questions.



Pen pals enjoying their letters!

**K**ids - little and big  
**-**  
**G**iving  
**R**eally  
**A**wesome  
**M**oments to  
**S**hare for a lifetime.



Solar System project at Dicken Elementary.

# BookMARK

# • Kids-Fair

## Mentor



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Smile...



BookMARK, **Mentoring And Reading with Kids**, is another great way to get involved with K-grams. Spend time in an elementary school classroom reading and mentoring students on a one to one, or small group basis. Sessions will be taking place every day of the week, so you can fit it into your schedule. Volunteer when and as often as you like! Exact times will be announced in late September.

For more information, or to be on the BookMARK email group, drop us a line at [bookmark@umich.edu](mailto:bookmark@umich.edu).

## Joke Corner

What did the number zero say to the number eight?

I like your belt!

What do you call cheese that is not yours?

Nacho cheese!

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher?

He can't control his pupils!

What do you call 100 rabbits jumping backwards?

A receding hare line!

Visit our online guestbook and tell us your jokes!

## Mark your Calendar...

Come meet YOUR pen pal on Friday, March 22, 2002 at the 4th Annual K-grams Kids-Fair. Over 1,000 elementary school kids and 100 student groups will come together at Crisler Arena for a day of fun and learning!

Kids-Fair 2002 will be like no other! The theme this year is "Around the World" so all the booth activities will have an international flare. If you would like to get more involved, or help plan Kids-Fair 2002 send us an email at [kidsfair@umich.edu](mailto:kidsfair@umich.edu), or check out the Kids-Fair photo album on the K-grams webpage: [www.umich.edu/~smile](http://www.umich.edu/~smile).



Elem Kids and their pen pals sing "Hail to the Victors!" at Kids-Fair 2001.



March 22, 2002  
Crisler Arena

# September/October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	10	11 Pen Pal Kick-Off (SQ)	12 Pen Pal Kick-Off (Stock/Mark)	13 Pen Pal Kick-Off (MoJo)	14	15 Football vs. W. Michigan
16	17	18	19 Pen Pal Kick-Off (EQ/Bursley)	20 Pen Pal Kick-Off (Lloyd/Couz)	21	22 Football vs. Illinois
23	24 1st Letter Due! 8p.m. Rez Library	25	26	27	28 Letter Drop off at Elementary Schools	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6 Football @ Penn State
7	8	9	10 Festigrams Diag 11-3 p.m.	11	12 Letter Pick up at Elementary Schools	13 Football vs. Purdue

## T-SHIRTS!



Show your K-grams  
love!

ONLY \$10!!!

Check out the online calendar for upcoming Project  
and BookMARK times @ [www.umich.edu/~smile!](http://www.umich.edu/~smile!)

## DID YOU KNOW?

### K-grams' random facts

- K-grams was founded in 1998 by Rishi Moudgil, a undergrad student.
- K-grams was given the "Outstanding Student Organization" award from U of M in 2001.
- K-grams has delivered over 35,000 smiles since 1998!
- K-grams schools are in Ann Arbor, Willow Run (Ypsilanti), and Detroit school districts.
- K-grams is short for Kids Programs.
- You can stop by the K-grams office Mon.-Thurs. 2-5p.m at on the 4th floor of the Union.

## Festigrams!

Come visit K-grams on the Diag!

On Wednesday, **October 10th**, K-grams hosts Festigrams! From **11 a.m. until 3 p.m.** we'll be grammin' it up with fun games, exciting contests and lots of smiles. You'll also be able to sign up for classroom projects and BookMARK sessions.

Stop by on your way to class and join in on all the festivities!

**Be there or be square!**