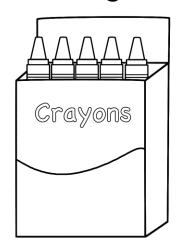
## Mrs. Crump's Thought for the Week



## Coloring is not "just" coloring!

When we color in preschool, we are looking for "fill-in" coloring. This is covering the entire outline with smooth, firm strokes. There are many reasons that this is important:

- It build fine motor muscles in the hands and forearm...Have you ever felt like your hand or arm was "tired" from writing? That is because you were giving the fine motor muscles in your hand and forearm a workout! When we color in preschool, our hands and forearms are basically going to the gym. Our stamina for handwriting is greatly increased as we build good fine motor strength.
- Instilling the concept of pride in a job well-done. A good work ethic is essential for success in school. All of our work in school should be given our best effort. This needs to be practiced and taught each and every day!