



# Oh, Our Future Is Bright!

A rhyming text to help with the transition to the modular campus and then back to the brand new Conn Magnet Elementary in 2020!

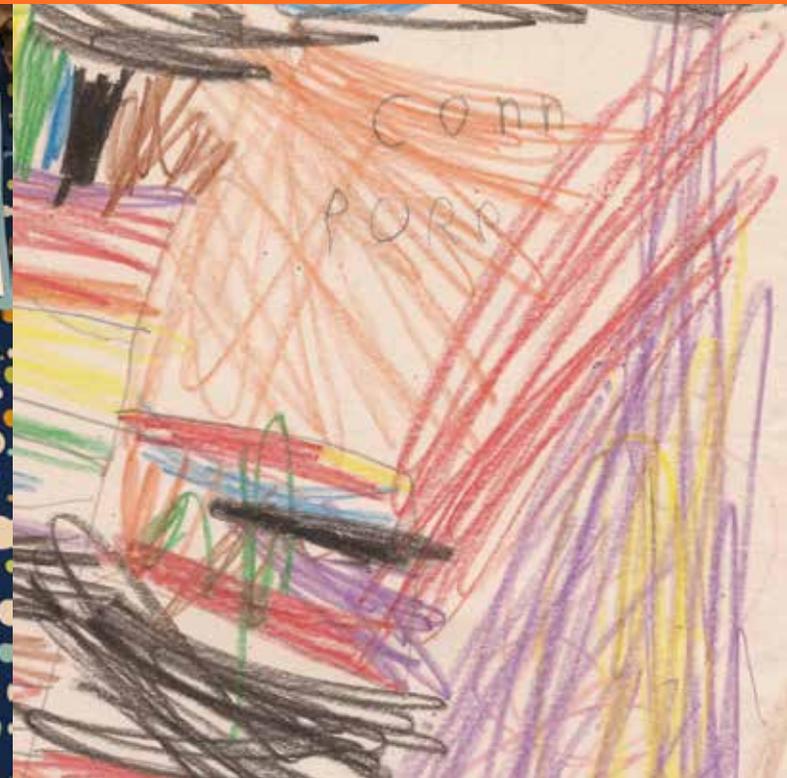
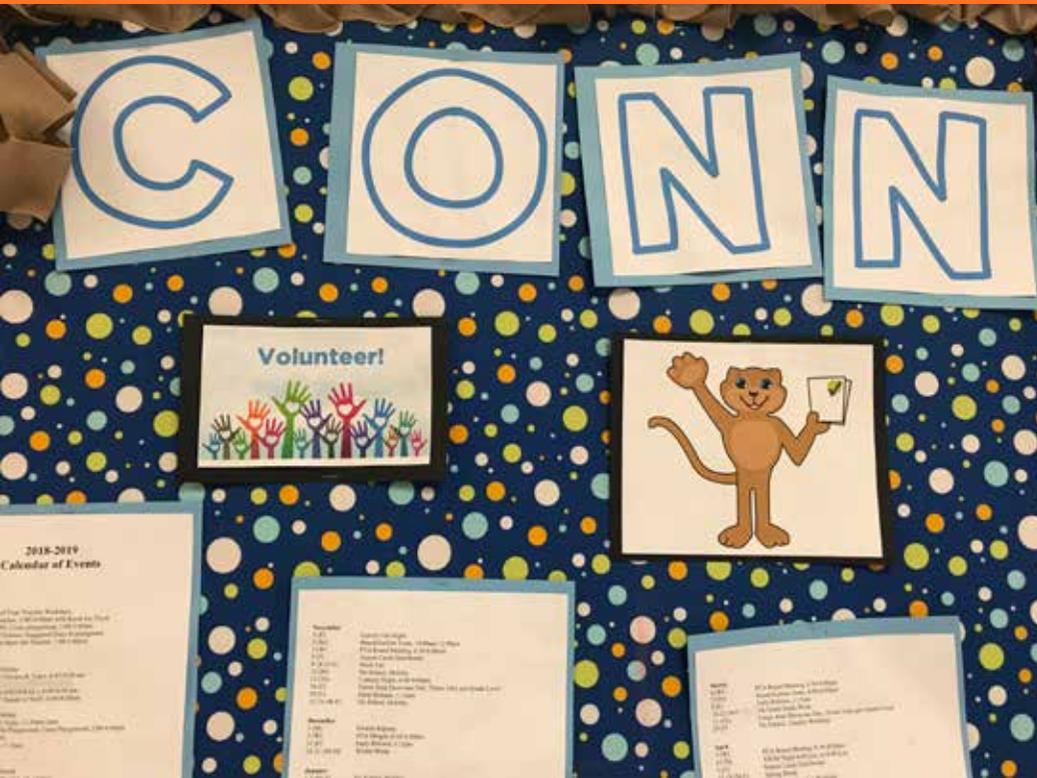
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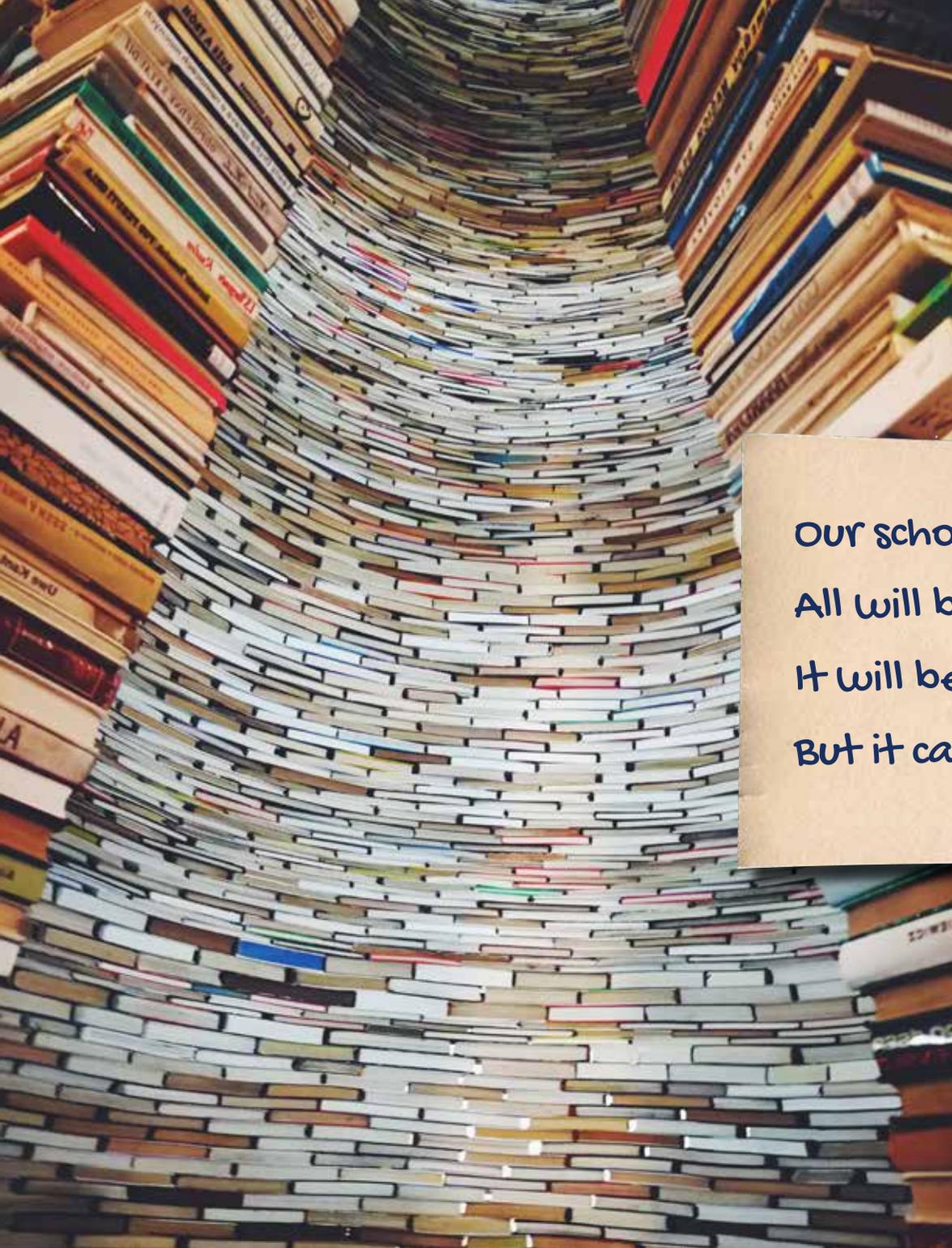
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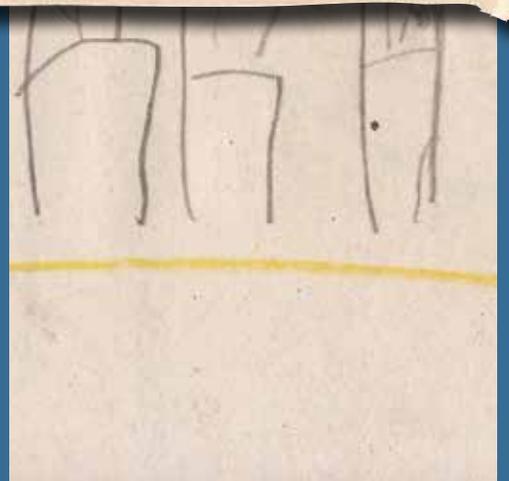


Hey, there, Conn Cougars!  
I have big news to share.  
This news is some news  
of which you might be aware.





Our school will be rebuilt.  
All will be all right.  
It will be better than before,  
But it can't happen overnight.





A construction crew will rebuild our school, starting soon.  
Does this mean we all must head to the moon?  
No! We don't need to go far; this you'll soon see.  
Just to Spring Forest Road; it's still in Raleigh.



**Map to Conn Interim School**





So, we'll pack up our books into boxes.  
We'll take all our papers and all the Xeroxes.  
We'll move all the desks and the tables and chairs;  
About the only thing we won't take is the air.  
Though we might be sad to vacate this space,  
We'll soon be together again, just in a new place.





We know we'll get used to our interim school.  
Change can be fun! Change can be cool!  
Our short-term school will be different but also the same.  
To adjust to change gracefully, that is our aim.  
Before you know it, we'll be back here—and to great acclaim.



Here are some things that will not change.  
Our bell schedule will not rearrange.  
School doors will still open at 8:45.  
By 9:15 be in class ready to jive.

The school day will go on much as before.  
At 3:45 you'll head out the door,  
To get on the bus or maybe carpool.  
An adult will tell you just what you should do.



Some of you who rode to school in a car may now use the bus. It depends on your family's needs, so please don't make a fuss. Due to the campus layout at Spring Forest Road, if you walked to school before, you'll have a new mode. Car, cab, bus, or daycare van, here's the thing you must understand: however you get back and forth to school safely is grand.



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There's a morning routine I feel I must mention. If eating breakfast at school remains your intention, A temporary cafeteria awaits you; have things your way. You can still eat breakfast at school on some or all days.

And of course lunchtime will proceed just as before. You can bring lunch or buy food from choices galore.



If you go to care before school or maybe after school too,  
Ask a grown-up you trust what it is you'll now do.  
For some kids their daily schedule will stay just as it was.  
For others there could be a change—and that's because,  
The modular school could be a hike from their house.  
It's understandable if this might cause them to grouse.



But we're Conn  
Cougars; we won't stay  
stuck in that place!

New situations are  
something we're  
learning to ace.

While it's true that  
change can be hard on  
anyone at first,

Overcoming challenges  
is something in which  
we're well-versed.

And here's something  
about which we all can  
say "Yay":

Our specials and  
focus areas are  
here to stay!



Now to address a concern that may be top of mind:

It's true we must leave our great playground behind.

You may be wondering, you may feel some fear—

Does this mean we'll have no recess for a year?

Of course not! An important part of school is to play.

We won't skip outside time for even one day. (weather permitting!)

*Think positive*



About our Swing Space, here's more regarding what to expect: Our interim school has eight buildings, you may recollect. The front one houses the office and media center as well. Five buildings have classrooms in which you'll excel. The seventh building is the cafeteria where we'll all eat. Building eight is the gym, the place to be an athlete.



*If you're feeling uncertain about our temporary space,  
It could help to see some pictures, and I know just the place.  
Simply visit Conn's website and click on "Our School."  
You'll then have access to what is one useful tool.  
Click "Our Future is Bright," and then scroll down a bit;  
See "CONNstruction Information" and know this is it.*

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But if you're a thinker, all this change may give you pause. Why must we move for a year? What is the larger cause? The answer is this, about some things there's no doubt; One of these is that old buildings sometimes wear out. Our old school was no longer state-of-the-art. An example is sometimes the heat or AC would not start. This means we were too cold or too hot, you see; Our new school will feel just right for you and for me.



An abstract painting with vibrant, textured brushstrokes in shades of blue, red, yellow, and green. The composition is layered and expressive, with some areas appearing more saturated than others. The overall effect is one of dynamic energy and color contrast.

And the new Conn will go beyond shiny new floors and halls.  
It will be much more than fine façades and strong walls.  
We know that after CONNstruction's completely complete,  
Our school will have new safety features that cannot be beat.

And there's more to look forward to at our brand-new school:

Common areas and a maker space for magnet projects too.

Another new feature to help us stay on the same page

Is a cafeteria/multipurpose room that has a big stage.

There'll be outdoor classrooms and dining spaces, a courtyard as well.

We'll have an art patio where your creative ideas can gel.





A big thing that throughout our journey will stay the same

Is our **PURR** expectations, one of Conn's claims to fame.

Each day we will be ready to learn, **P**repared, and on task.

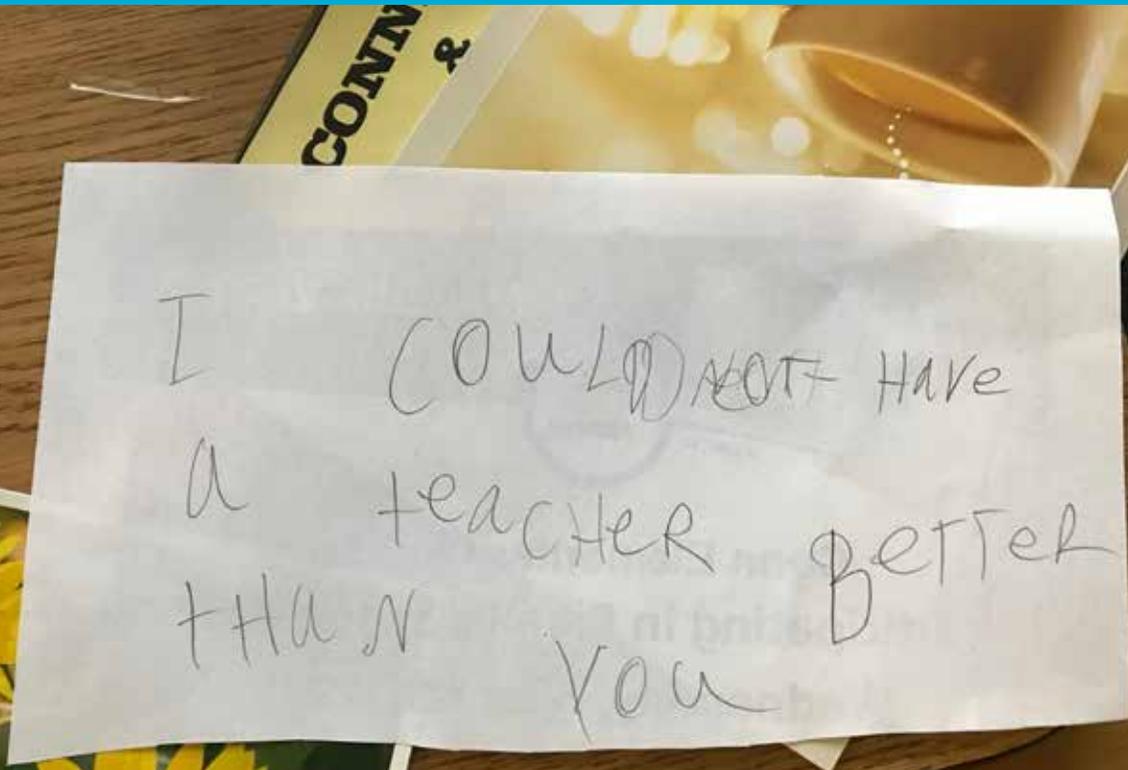
Will we be **U**sing safe bodies? You don't even have to ask!

Always **R**especting ourselves, our teachers, and other kids too,

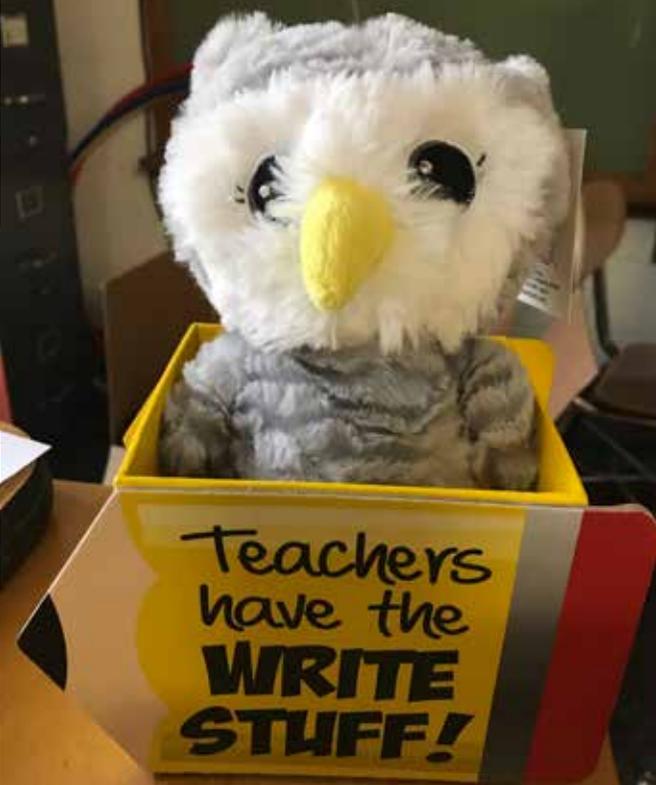
Being **R**esponsible and showing we're aware of just what to do.



So, we know we'll be seeing new ceilings and walking new floors.  
We'll encounter strange walls and pass by new doors.  
But open those doors and you'll find faces you know,  
And adults you recognize to help you learn and grow.  
If there's one thing for sure that I know to be true,  
Adults who care will be there to take good care of you!



I COULD NOT HAVE  
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THAN YOU



# IN PURSUIT OF MAGIC

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