What Do Schools Have in Common?

Each school in the United States is special because it has its own students, teachers, and a principal who belong only to that school. Each school has a name, and it stands in a place all its own. But there are lots of things schools have in common, too. It makes no difference if they are in towns or cities or far away from both.

Schools usually have cafeterias where students gather to eat their lunches, whether it is sandwiches or something else like pizza. Some schools also have rooms for art, music, and computers. Students have classes in math, reading, science, and social studies.

Students all over the country carry backpacks to school, filled with homework, books, pencil boxes, and lunches. During the school day, in good weather, kids usually get to spend time outside on a playground. Many schools have after-school clubs for hobbies, homework, and sports.

Fifty years from now, the people who are babies today will be all grown up. What will schools be like then? Will kids still go to classes in school buildings? Will anyone still eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch? Will teachers send homework to kids by texting and will kids still turn the pages of books? We can all make guesses. It is impossible to know for sure. But one thing will always be true about schools in our country: they will always be places where kids can learn, read, think, and grow.