

# Schultüte

Pronounced **shewl-TOO-ta** in German

## Schultüte: Kindergarten cone!

- In Germany, we start school at age 6. The first day of school is called *Einschulung* and it's a REALLY BIG CELEBRATION. It happens on a Saturday so everyone can be there.
- First, there is a ceremony at school with speeches, songs and the 2nd grade students welcome us to school and take us to our classroom to look around and play.
- After the ceremony everyone goes for a special lunch; my grandparents, aunties and uncles all came to celebrate with me!
- We also get a gift called a *schultutte*. It is a big decorated cone that has all the things we need to start school. Mine had books, pencils, ruler, eraser and even some candy. It's a really special treat.

Why don't you make your own & fill it with some of your favorite



Did you know that Kindergarten is a German word?? **Kinder** means children and **garten** means garden! So it means "children's garden".

## CRAFT

### SUPPLIES

Colored construction paper  
Stickers & gems  
Eraser

### DIRECTIONS

1. Decorate one side of your construction paper with stickers and gems
2. Write your name on it
3. Roll your construction paper into a cone shape and secure it with tape.
4. Stuff with erasers and some of your other favorite things

### Ways to enjoy your Schultüte.

A *schultutte* is a fun way to keep coloring supplies together for use at home.

Talk about who would come to your *Einschulung* celebration?

Talk about your first day of school (has it happened yet? What do you remember? Do you have the same teacher/same friends? If it hasn't happened yet; talk about the exciting things that will happen at school)

