



Kindergarten
Handbook
2012-2013



Welcome

I am glad school has started and we can get back into a routine. My family and I had a great summer.

I am thrilled to be teaching your child kindergarten. I know this is going to be a great year of fun, learning, and most importantly drawing closer to the Lord.

Please feel free to set up an appointment for a conference at any time. I do have a child at CBA this year and am unable to stay after school without an appointment. If it is a question that can be answered over the phone, please feel free to call. My home phone number is (580) 772-0187.

**Please note that anything in this handbook is subject to change. They are kindergartners and I will adapt anything necessary to meet their needs, at my discretion.

Take Home Folders and Tuesday Folders

Take Home folders are RED, and need to be returned to school the following day. The students MUST have these folders at school everyday.

Tuesday folders are BLUE, and need to return on Wednesday.

Please make note each folder has a section for items that need to be returned to school.

Library

The kindergartners will start checking out books on August 22nd. They will be allowed to check out one book. If they have returned the one they have out, they will be allowed to check another. Library days are on Monday-Thursday. We will have Show and Tell on Fridays when we start.

Nursing Home

It is planned for us to do a nursing home visit. I will announce at a later date which nursing home, and when.

Reading Goals

Pizza Hut Book-Its

October-December 25 book goal

January-March 30 book goal

Reading to your child at this age is very important. Exposure to literature while a child is learning to read is crucial. I would encourage you to read to your child daily.

Homework

The scissor box will be the only homework for the first nine weeks. I will have one box that will rotate through all the students. The scissor box will have a pair of scissors and some scissor exercise papers for them to practice on. Please have them finish cutting out the papers the night they bring it home. Return the cut up papers, box, and scissors to school the next day. This will be something fun, and will help each student with their cutting skills. We have one classroom rule with scissors: Only cut paper. Please reinforce this rule at home.

The kindergartners will start having reading homework sometime in the second nine weeks. They will have reading homework on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This does affect their reading grade.

Discipline Plan

Each kindergartner begins the week with three cards. A student will lose a card if he/she breaks a rule or if Mrs. Brown feels it necessary, because of other disruptive reasons. If the child keeps the barn card and the yellow card by Friday, the child will be able to choose out of the “treasure chest”. If the child loses the barn card only on or before Friday, Mrs. Brown will choose out of the treasure chest for the child. If the child loses both the barn card and the yellow card the child will be unable to receive a treasure that week. Each week they start over with the barn card and the yellow card. I am hopeful all my students will have all cards every Friday.

They also have an orange snack card. This card can be replaced each day. If a child has lost both the barn card and the yellow card, and needs to pull a card they will pull their orange snack card. This means they will not receive the P.M. snack for the day. This card can be replaced each day. If a child pulls the card after the P.M. snack, they will lose it for the next day. I have found some students need a new chance each day.

Snack Policy

In order to promote health and healthy eating in our children, we have implemented a policy in our daily snacks. We are going to teach the children the difference between what we will call “anytime snacks” and “sometime snacks”.

Sometime snacks are those snacks that we should enjoy only sometimes, such as once a week or on special occasions. I would appreciate it if you would follow the guidelines that are being set for our snack time. The children are asked to bring anytime snacks Monday-Thursday. On Friday, they may bring a sometime snack, but only if they wish to do so. Sometime snacks will also be permitted on special days such as birthdays and holidays. Below I have enclosed a list of anytime snacks and Sometime snacks. This list is only a suggestion.

Anytime Snacks

Fresh, canned, or dried fruit (cut and ready to eat)

Fresh vegetables (Cut and ready to eat)

You may bring fruit or vegetable dip with these if you wish

Whole wheat or low fat crackers (the flavored kind is fine)

Snack mixes made with popcorn and whole grain cereal

Chex mix

Various trail mixes

Low fat breads and muffins

Flavored rice cakes

Pretzels

Granola and granola bars

Popcorn

100 calorie packs

Any other healthy snack

Yogurt

Cheese

Sometime Snack

Snacks full of processed sugar

Cookies

Cupcakes

Pop

Cookie or cake bars

Popsicles

Pudding

Little Debbie's

Any other sugar or fat filled snack or junk food

Each snack calendar will let you know what to bring for the PM snack.

Since our class size is small, I will include myself on the snack calendar. I would also like to include a “pick day”. Pick days are days when children can pick from any of the extra snacks. For example, if you buy a box with 10 please send them all so we can include extras in the pick box. Don't buy extra on purpose.



Snacks

The A.M. snack will be sent out on a snack calendar and each student will bring the snack box home the night before. This also needs to follow the snack policy guidelines. The P.M. snack will coordinate with the theme we are studying at that time. I will send out a snack calendar each month and it is also on our web site on the kindergarten page.

Dixie Cups

Please do not send water bottles. We have a sink and the children are allowed to get drinks when necessary, using the Dixie cups provided.

Birthday Parties

I would like to encourage you to send or come for a birthday party for your kindergartner. All birthday parties will be at 2:45. Your child will be in charge of the snack for that day. Please do not send goodies bags or gifts to this party. If you would like to send a gift for our classroom from your child that would be a wonderful idea.

Classroom Parties

Christmas Party, Wednesday, December 19th @ 12:30

God's Love Party, Thursday, February 14th @ 2:00

Resurrection Party, Thursday, March 28th @ 2:00

Show and Tell

Show and Tell are on Fridays. This year our show and tell will correlate with the letter we are studying. I will let you know the letter we are studying and your kindergartner will need to send a show and tell that begins with that letter. I will let you know when show and tell will start in one of the weekly letters.

Field Trips

I have two of the destinations planned for our field trips; although I do not have any dates at this time. We plan to go to the Maize and a field trip to visit community helpers.

Grades

The first nine weeks all kindergartners will receive satisfactory or needs improvement grades.

The second nine weeks we will start taking letter grades.

The Bible grade is based on their memory verse each week.

The reading homework does affect your child's reading grade.

All other grades are based on graded papers.

Class List

Nicholas Jett

Jadelyn Keeling

Garret Lind

Melanie Manzano

Kaden McCollom

Emma Miller

Ryan Pool

Carlee Young