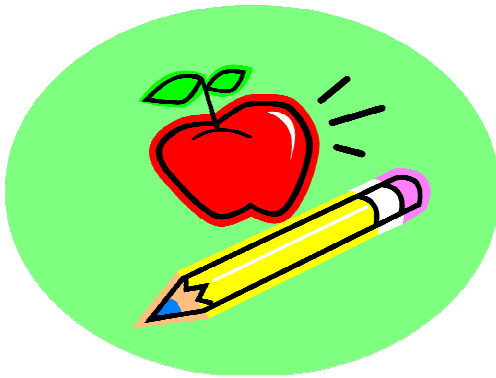


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Pre-Kindergarten Handbook 2012-2013



Welcome To Pre-Kindergarten!

I love the beginning of a school year. It represents a new chapter for every child. Pre-Kindergarten is no different as the time has finally arrived for your baby to grow up and go to school. I have four children of my own. As much as I like school for myself, I still struggle with the "letting go" of my children those first days of school. I hope that you and your child take time to pray and talk about the changes about to come. To Wake up early, change clothes, pack lunch, drive to school and be left without you may be overwhelming to your four year old. Please take time to explain these changes to them, and assure them that you will be eagerly waiting to hear the stories of their day.

I am looking forward to our time together. Through our challenges and adventures, we will have fun, learn and most importantly grow closer to the Lord.

Please feel free to set up an appointment for a conference at any time during the school year. Two of my children attend Corn Bible Academy. I might be required to leave soon after school. Impromptu appointments will not be as easy as scheduled ones. However, if you have a question that can be answered over the

phone, please feel free to call me. My home phone number is (580) 343-2104. You also may text me at 580-774-8304 or email at cprek@wocs.org . Thank you for your understanding.

Please note that anything in this handbook is subject to change. I will adapt anything necessary to meet the children's needs at my discretion.

Extra change of clothes

In the event of an accident, please send a change of underwear and shorts. These will stay in their backpacks as our storage space is limited.

Discipline Plan

Each student begins the week with three cards. A student will lose a card if he/she breaks a rule or if Mrs. Schmidt feels it necessary, because of other disruptive reasons. If the student keeps the apple card and the yellow card by Friday, the student will be able to choose from the "treasure basket". If the student loses the apple card only on or before Friday, Mrs. Schmidt will choose out of the treasure chest for the student. If the student loses both the apple card and the yellow card the student will be unable to receive a treasure that week. Each week they start over with the apple and the yellow card. I am hopeful all my students will have all cards every Friday. If you have extra treats from parties or other occasions the children will enjoy I will appreciate your contributions to our "treasure basket".

They also have an orange snack card. This card can be replaced each day. If a student has lost both the apple 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 student pulls the card after the P.M. snack, they will lose it for the next day. I believe students need a new chance each day.

Classroom Rules

1. Respect your classmates and teacher
2. Treat everyone with kindness
3. Raise your hand to speak
4. Be patient and wait your turn

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 sometimes will coordinate with the theme we are studying at the time. I will send out a note every two weeks to let you know what you need to bring to school. Also birthday snacks will be in the afternoon.

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".

Anytime snacks are healthy and good for us to eat daily. Sometime snacks are those snacks that we should enjoy only sometimes, such as once a week or on special occasions. I will 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.

***I have not received word of any student with a food allergy. Please let me know if I should be aware of any.

Anytime Snacks

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

Fresh vegetables (**cut & ready to eat**)

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

Whole wheat or low fat crackers

Snack mixes made with popcorn and whole grain cereal

Chex mix, popcorn

Various trail mixes

Low fat breads and muffins

Flavored rice cakes

Pretzels

Granola and granola bars, and/or any other healthy snacks

Sometime Snacks

Snacks full of processed sugar

Cookies

Cupcakes

Pop

Cookie or cake bars

Popsicles

Any other sugar or fat filled snack or junk food

Please know that this list may change. If there are any changes I will send you out a NEW snack policy. Thank You for all your cooperation.

Birthday Parties

All birthday parties will be at 2:30. Your child will be in charge of snack for that day. I would encourage you to send or come for a birthday party for your child. 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 Parties, Wednesday, December 19th @ 1:30

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

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

Dixie Cups

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

Tuesday Folders

Tuesday folders are BLUE. They need to be signed and returned on Wednesday. Please make a note that each folder has a section for items that need to be returned to school.

Library

Students will start checking out books on September 4th. I will allow them to check out one book at the time. If they have returned the one they have out, they will be allowed to check another. Library days are on Monday-Thursday.

Reading Goals

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.

This year we will do Pizza Hut Book-Its. Goals are as follow:

October-December 20 book goal each month.

January-March 25 book goal each month.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell are on Fridays. It will correlate with the letter we are studying. Your child will need to send a show and tell that begins with that letter. I will let you know when show and tell starts in one of the weekly letters.

Nursing Home

It is planned for us to do a visit to the Angelwood Nursing home. I will announce later the date and time. We will go along with Kindergartner. I will need volunteer drivers to take us from the school to the home and back.

Field Trips

We will have a field trip every nine weeks. The first will be to the Maze in Weatherford. I will let you know the details later. I am also working on the destinations for the other trips.

Grades

The students will receive satisfactory or needs improvement grades. These will be based on their ability to perform different skills, and recognize colors, letters and numbers we studied.

I will be going over the expected skills with you during parent-teacher conference.

List of students:

Catherine Braden

Wyatt Buddy

Katie Clayton

Alayna Floyd

Gretta Geisler

Cayli Harris

Jack Hemingway

Claire Lind

Rachel Red

Lillian Roush

Wesley Switzer