



Kindergarten Handbook

Weatherford Campus

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Dear Parents,

I am so grateful for the opportunity to teach your precious children. I am looking forward to getting to know my students and their parents over the next few months. I want to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself. My husband, Jason, and I have lived in Weatherford for 14 years. We have 2 boys Jonah (11) and Ethan (5). I have a degree in Communication Arts from Southern Nazarene University and my Elementary Teaching Certification from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. This is my 10th year of teaching at WOCS and my 8th year to teach Kindergarten. I truly feel that this is where God has called me to serve. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns at any time. My home number is 772-2831. Cell: 302-0830 e-mail: mcornelius@sbcglobal.net

I am very excited about our class this year. Our class list is as follows:

Noelle Adkins	Jada Akin
Grayson Hale	Cage Hill
Charleigh Laughlin	Tyson McSperitt
Easton Morris	Saylor Paden
Emma Ratterree	Wryland Recker
Samantha Rother	Landon Tisdal
Brody Willis	

Field Trips

We will be taking four field trips this year. Two of our field trips will be taken along with the entire Weatherford Campus. Please be careful to read all correspondence provided in the Tuesday folders for more information regarding field trips.

Classroom Parties

We love to celebrate in Kindergarten! Please feel free to bring treats to share with the class on your child's birthday. Please let me know a couple of days ahead of time so that I can work this time into our schedule.

We will have 3 scheduled parties this year. You will receive more information about these parties as we get closer to the dates.

Christmas Party – December 19 @ 12:30

God's Love Party – February 14 @ 2:00

Resurrection Party – March 28 @ 2:00

Homework

There will be no assigned homework until the 3rd Quarter. We will begin reading homework in January. I do occasionally send work home to be completed that was not finished in class. If your child brings papers home to complete, it is usually a sign that he or she is not using his or her class time wisely. All papers sent home need to be completed and returned the next day.

Grades

During the first quarter, students will be assessed using a Satisfactory/Needs Improvement notation. Letter grades will be given in Kindergarten beginning with the 2nd Quarter. Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter. There are two scheduled times for Parent-Teacher conferences during the school year. These times are at the end of the 1st and 4th quarters. However, a conference may be scheduled by a parent or teacher at any time. Please feel free to call and schedule a conference if needed.

Book-it

We will be participating in the Pizza Hut book-it program this year. Starting in October, I will be sending out a book-it calendar each month that will help you to keep track of your child's book-it goal. The students will receive pizza certificates for meeting monthly goals as well as recognition at our end-of-year program for meeting all of the monthly book-it goals during the school year.

Show and Tell

We will be having show and tell each Friday. Your child is encouraged to bring something to show the class or an interesting fact or story to tell the class each Friday. Show and Tell helps children learn to communicate effectively in front of their peers and is a valuable part of their education.

Discipline Plan

All students are expected to obey and exhibit appropriate behavior in the classroom. I have found that children will strive to the level of the teacher's expectations. For most classroom issues, I will give 2 verbal warnings and follow

up with disciplinary action on the 3rd warning. Initial disciplinary actions may include loss of privilege such as recess, snack, center time or any other fun activity. I will not notify parents every time I take away a privilege. Many of these will be typical Kindergarten offenses which require no follow up at home. If we are having trouble with a consistent behavior issue, or if I feel the issue needs further attention at home, I will then send a note to notify the parents. If after implementing the above actions we are still having discipline issues it may then become necessary to schedule a conference with the parents.

Snacks

In Kindergarten we have one morning snack each day. You will receive a snack calendar to let you know what days your child is responsible for classroom snacks. The day before your child is to bring snacks, he/she should bring home “Mrs. C’s snack bag.” Please send enough snacks for 13 students.

Tuesday Folders

The hub of communication here at WOCS is our Tuesday folders. It is imperative that parents read all information in the folders carefully and mark their calendars for upcoming school events. I will occasionally need students to bring things from home for a lesson or activity. This information will be in the Tuesday folder. Please complete all of the “return to school” items and send them back in a timely manner. I appreciate your cooperation in helping us to communicate with you in the most effective manner.

