

# Mrs. Folsom's Pre-K Handbook 2012-2013



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## MEET MRS. FOLSOM

Hello! My name is Mrs. Folsom and I am so excited to be a part of the WOCS pre-k team! Most importantly, I am thrilled to be your teacher. It's going to be a fun year full of lots of learning and new adventures and I can't wait to see what God has in store for us. I look forward to learning all about you, but first I'm going to tell you a few things about me.

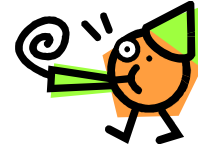
I was born in Oklahoma City and raised in Sayre. After high school I attended and graduated from Oklahoma State University (Go Pokes!). I also completed a master's degree in counseling from SWOSU.

I am married to a wonderful man, Coach Folsom, who is a football coach and also teaches science at WMS. We have three crazy kids! Our daughter, Ashton, is a junior at WHS. Our oldest son, Mason, is a freshman at Corn Bible Academy and our youngest, Randon, is a first grader here at WOCS. We also have 2 dogs, 3 horses, 2 donkeys, a goat, sheep and cattle.

I am so excited to be your Master Gardener and for you to be a part of the most awesome crop in pre-k! This is going to be a bumper year.



## FUN STUFF



### **Birthdays:**

If you would like to send in a treat to celebrate your child's birthday, it's okay with me. All treats will be consumed in the afternoon during center time. There are 12 students in our class. Please mail party invitations unless all students in the class will be invited.

### **Water:**

Students are encouraged to bring in a water bottle into the classroom and for use outside at PE. Please, no liquid other than water is allowed. Send water in a closeable water bottle that is labeled with your child's name. We also have a water fountain near the restrooms for refills.

### **Star Student:**

For the first twelve weeks of school I will pick a child as the star student. He/she will receive an "About Me" poster in their Tuesday folder. Please fill out the poster and return it the next day. The poster will be displayed in the classroom for one week so that your children may learn more about their classmates.



### **Book Orders:**

On occasion, scholastic book orders will be sent home. Ordering is purely optional, though all points received from class orders does allow for more books to be ordered for our classrooms. Keep in mind – books make great gifts for kids (and teachers)!

## Curriculum Content

In Pre-k we utilize the Abeka curriculum. This a strong Christian based academically proven program. I think you will be amazed at how fast your child will learn. The Bible curriculum is from the Association of Christian Schools International, which is also our accrediting institution. We will have a weekly memory verse. Your child will receive the verse on Monday and I encourage you to help them daily in memorizing the words. Students will say their verses to the teacher on Fridays.

### OTHER ACADEMICS

#### Morning Work:

Most days children have from the time they arrive at school (no earlier than 8:15 am) until about 8:30 am to complete the following items.

- Work on Bell Work
- Turn in any Missing Assignments

Please have your child to time before the tardy bell rings so that he or she may begin on time and in a calm fashion with the rest of the class. I appreciate your concern for your child's education!



### HOMEWORK

Homework will generally not be assigned. If your child has struggled during a particular day, he or she may have class work that needs to be completed at home and returned the following day.

# PARENT INVOLVEMENT



**There are a variety of ways to help out in our classroom!**

- volunteer
- donate items to our classroom
- Become a room mom, dad, or grandparent
- donate treats/snacks for classroom parties
- give extra time to your child at home to enjoy one another (this can be the most educational of all)!

## Communication

**-Tuesday Folders:** Every Tuesday your child will bring home a blue folder. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you review the information in the folder and return the necessary papers. You may also send notes to me this way.

**-Report Cards:** Will be sent home quarterly, each 9-weeks

**-Conferences:** Parent/Teacher conferences will be held in October. I am happy to meet with parents at any time regarding concerns about your child.



# BEEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS



***BEE RESPONSIBLE***  
***BEE RESPECTFUL***  
***BEE SAFE***  
***BEE A LEARNER***

## **REWARDS:**

We have a classroom Treasure Box!!! Our class earns “Bees” on their incentive charts for great behavior, and every Friday, your child will get to pick something from the treasure box if they received 20 or more bees. Students who complete all their work, and follow the class expectations get rewarded for GREAT BEE-HAVIOR!!! Students who have between 15 and 20 bees will get a reward chosen by the teacher. Students with fewer than 15 bees will not receive a prize from the treasure box.

(We are always looking for donations of small gently used toys or new Dollar Store items. Please keep us in mind when cleaning out rooms in your home.)

## **CONSEQUENCES:**

Please review the Stoplight Behavior information at the end of this handbook.



Your child is encouraged to bring a small offering on Fridays. During chapel we will collect this and the money will be donated to an organization chosen by WOCS.



I look forward to helping and encouraging your child to progress spiritually, academically and socially. I trust that it will be a wonderful school year for all of us! Please don't hesitate to call me with any joys, questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

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