Miss Parker's Kindergarten Handbook 2013-2014

Classroom Rules

We will...
Show respect
Keep our hands and feet to ourselves
Follow directions
Always do our BEST!

Behavior Management and Positive Reinforcement

Students are expected to follow both classroom rules and school rules. A behavior chart will be utilized to monitor each child's success. Every child begins the day with green 'Good Behavior'. Students who forget to follow the rules throughout the day will be asked to go to the behavior chart and change their color. The first time a child demonstrates non-positive behavior they will receive a yellow 'warning' card; the second will be red.

What do these colors represent?

Green: You are doing great!
Yellow: Pay more attention to your behavior.
Red: You are misbehaving. (Call/note home and/or office visit)

Book Bags

Please send a regular-sized, non-rolling book bag to school every day with your child. Please check your child's bag _every day_. You will find papers, notes, and your child's behavior chart inside their folder. This folder is to be returned _every day_ your child attends school. Please keep an extra pair of clothes in your child's backpack as well.

Homework

There will be daily homework which directly relates to activities done in class that day. This work is to be done at home and turned in the next day. It will not exceed 15 minutes daily. There will be no homework given out over the weekend or holiday breaks

Absences

It is very important for your child to be in school _on time each_ day. All absences require a note from a parent or guardian. When your child has been absent, please send a note to provide an explanation.
Each note requires the following information:
- Child's name
- Date of note
- Date of absence(s)
- Reason for absence
- Parent/guardian signature

At the end of this handbook, there is a sample of an absence note.

Recess and Lunch

Kindergarten will be having a morning recess, lunch, and an afternoon recess. Please make sure you have packed two healthy snacks (one for each recess) as well as a lunch (unless using Choice Lunch). This is to help ensure the focus and success of our students throughout the school day.

Extra Pair of Clothes

Accidents do happen, especially in Kindergarten! Please make sure to keep an extra pair of clothes (underwear, shirt, pants) in your child's backpack at all times. This allows us to help your child quickly and seamlessly.

Toys

Toys and electronic devices may get lost or broken at school. For this reason, please leave all toys and electronics at home.

Beach Time

After lunch, your child will be given a short rest time. This is not nap time. This is a time for students to rest, refresh, and cool down after lunch. You are more than welcome to pack a beach towel to keep in your child's backpack for them to lay on during beach time.

Birthdays

Birthdays are exciting events for Kindergarteners! We will be celebrating birthdays with a class party at the end of each month. For example, if your child's birthday is in September, we will celebrate their birthday at the end of the month with other September birthdays. If your child has an August birthday, they will celebrate in September. July birthdays will be celebrated in June. Of course we will also celebrate on his/her actual birthday with a song and a crown.

Emergency Kits

It is essential that your child has an emergency kit at school. Feel free to purchase one or create your own. If you would like to purchase a kit, we can provide the name of a company that sells premade kits. Please inquire with your teacher or the office manager to arrange a purchase. Snacks, water, and first aid supplies are the most important things to include in the kit. Parents in the past have added family photographs and support notes that children can read in case of an emergency, simply for comfort. Please bring your kits to school for storage immediately – we must be prepared in case of an emergency.

Date_____

Date of absence _____

Child's Name_____

Reason for absence :

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Signature_____

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