

Welcome to Kindergarten!
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Classroom Management and Procedures

Classroom Rules:

1. Look, Listen, Do! (Look at me when I am speaking, Listen to what I am saying, and Do what is asked.)
2. Take turns and share.
3. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
4. Clean up after yourself.
5. Do your best!

Behavior Management

We use the "Ticket System" to manage classroom behavior.

The students get 2 cards (green or red) to keep in the pocket chart located at the front of the room. Should a student break any of the classroom rules he/she is given a verbal warning. If the student does not change his/her behavior he/she will receive a red ticket to place in the chart pocket. Tickets are a visual reminder to stop a particular behavior and are also used as a non-verbal warning as the year progresses.

GREEN=Keep up the good work!

RED= Stop! Think time (a time to reflect on behavior and make a change)!

1. OUT OF THIS WORLD tickets are earned when a student goes above and beyond the expected behavior!

**marble jar, mystery student, sticker chart

Consequences:

If you choose to break a rule:

1. Verbal warning
2. Removed from activity. Think time! (Based on the child's age - 1 minute per the year)
3. Call/note/email to parents if behavior continues.
4. Visit with the principal. (if behavior continues for an extended period of time)

Rewards:

If you follow the rules:

- A green ticket will be placed in the chart pocket!
- Verbal praise from the teacher and classroom recognition.
- Positive note / call to parents

- Choice of prize from the prize box and/ or a sticker
- Add a marble to the jar (once the jar is filled to the line the class earns a special treat)
- Choice reward: extra center time, computer time (an activity that is both educational and the child enjoys.)

Homework/News: Please check folder daily for notes and information!

Homework will be assigned on Monday and should be returned by Friday in the folder.

Lunch/Snack

- If your child chooses to buy lunch, please send money in a marked envelope, wallet or change purse. I collect lunch money in the morning and hand it back prior to lunch. Labeling the envelope speeds up the lunch time process (and keeps the day running smoothly.)
- We eat a snack in the classroom every afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Please provide your child with a healthy snack each day.
- ****DO NOT SEND GLASS BOTTLES TO SCHOOL****
- Water bottles - please send a refillable water bottle to school with your child's name marked on the cap/side. To reduce the spread of germs, time out of the class, and difficulty with the water fountain, I allow the students to drink from their water bottles throughout the day.

Grading:

Students will receive report cards and progress reports throughout the year. The students will be evaluated through observation, class assignments and tests/quizzes during the school year. Rubrics will be used to score writing and reading assignments, as will social standards on the report card. The rubric will be discussed during parent/teacher conferences.

*Kindergarten students receive their first report card during the second marking period.

- Areas of Curriculum:
- Language Arts (Reading/Writing/Grammar/Handwriting)
- Math
- Science/Social Studies
- Health (hygiene and healthy habits, the five senses, feelings/emotions, safety/strangers)

Birthday Celebrations:

Birthdays are celebrated in our class! Food is permitted, however, it must be healthy and sugar may NOT be the first ingredient.

- Contact the teacher prior to bringing in any food. (The teacher will approve the food choice before it is permitted in the classroom.)

- Food must be dropped off at the office. Please do not send food to school with your child.

Alternatives to food:

- Stickers, pencils, safe toys, etc.

****Please contact the teacher if you plan to provide goody bags****

Specials:

Kindergarten students attend a special daily. Students must wear sneakers on GYM days.

Please refer to the following schedule to help plan for the day:

Monday-

Tuesday-

Wednesday-

Thursday-

Friday-

Helpful Websites-

www.starfall.com

www.handwritingworksheets.com

www.learningpage.com

www.funbrain.com

www.coolmath4kids.com

www.abcya.com

Contacting the Teacher:

Please don't hesitate to contact me for any reason. The lines of communications are very important for your child's success in school.

- Email : mgecek@hope-elem.org *THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO REACH ME*
- Leave a message on my voicemail (908) 459-4242
- Send a note with your child.