

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Arrival and Dismissal

Students who arrive at school before the 7:50 bell must wait in the cafeteria. The first bell rings at 8:00 AM. Students will be escorted to their classrooms from the cafeteria starting at 7:50. Breakfast is served in the classroom for all students beginning at 7:50 AM.

The tardy bell rings at 8:10 AM. Students must be in the classroom ready to learn at this time, or they will be counted tardy. If students arrive late, they must travel to the office to receive a tardy pass before entering the classroom.

Kindergarten dismisses at 3:35 PM from the back of the school. Please be patient with us as we learn your names and faces and your child learns the dismissal routines.

If your child's transportation changes (even for one day), you must notify the teacher by phone or email prior to 3:00 PM the day the change takes place.

Absences

It is very important to be at school every day! If you miss one day in Kindergarten, you miss a LOT! If your child is absent, please notify the school by phone and send a doctor's note (if one is available) with the child when they return to school.

Address and Phone Numbers

Please notify the school if your phone number, address, or email changes. It is very important that we have current and correct information on file at all times in case we need to reach you.

Take Home Folders

Your child will bring home a folder every day. This folder contains a calendar where your child's behavior for the day will be noted. Please initial this calendar each day. The take home folder will also contain the weekly homework, leveled books, and reading log. Please help your child complete their homework each night (Monday thru Thursday) and read books together to fill up their reading log. Please check your child's folder each night for communication from the teacher and school.

Breakfast, Lunch, & Snacks

Breakfast is served in the classroom to all students beginning at 8:00 AM. Our lunch period is from 11:20-11:50. The cost of lunch is \$2.70. Snacks may also be

purchased from the cafeteria for an additional fee. Please make sure your child knows the difference between their lunch and their snack.

Each student has a cafeteria account which parents may fund by sending cash or checks, or by visiting www.myschoolbucks.com

Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their students. When parents come for lunch with their child, no other students are allowed to join. The parent can only have lunch with his/her child.

Since our lunch period is midday, we do have a short snack time before dismissal. Please send a snack with your child. We ask that it be something the child can consume in approximately 5-10 minutes so that we are able to continue with our instructional day. Please do not send candy, hot Cheetos or sodas. If there are any food allergies in our class, you will be notified.

Volunteers

We love volunteers! If you would like to volunteer to help your child's classroom, please see the form included in this packet. Volunteers often help make copies, laminate, cut out papers for projects, work on class projects at home, help plan class parties, and chaperone field trips. If you would like to be a volunteer, we encourage you to complete an online background check as soon as possible at www.gpisd.org.

Class Parties/Birthdays

We will have three class parties: Christmas, Valentine's Day, and an end of the year picnic. Notes will be sent home notifying you of the date and time and requesting donations for party materials. Cupcakes or any other food items may NOT be passed out to students as a birthday treat. You may send a "goodie bag" containing non-food items for each student as a birthday treat.

Field Trips

We will be taking two field trips this year. Our first field trip will be to the GPISD Nature Center. This field trip does not require chaperones, as the nature center is designed to be an outdoor classroom, and the students will be very engaged in learning activities. Our second field trip will be in the spring to the Ft. Worth Zoo. As soon as a date is secured, notes will be sent home. All parents wishing to chaperone the zoo field trip must have a completed and cleared background check on file with the district no later than two weeks before the day of the field trip.

Conference

Our conference time is 9:15-10:05. Please call or email to schedule an appointment. We want to be able to give your concern the attention it deserves.

We look forward to a wonderful and exciting year in kindergarten. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to email or call.

Sincerely,

Marisa Munoz

Marisol Vigil

Elizabeth Wingfield

Irma Olide

Elizabeth Saldana

Kindergarten Discipline Plan

We believe that all of our students can behave appropriately at school. It is our goal to maintain a happy and productive atmosphere in our classrooms. We will strive to work with our students and their parents in order to reach this goal.

Each student will be expected to:

1. Listen while others are speaking.
2. Follow directions.
3. Use kind hands and feet.
4. Use a quiet voice.

Rewards for appropriate behaviors

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| Verbal/Written praise Stickers | Special Privileges Smiles/Hugs Move Up a Color | Prize Box Positive Phone Calls |
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Daily Consequences for Inappropriate behavior

1. Warning
2. Time out in the classroom or at recess
3. Reflection Time
4. Note home to parents
5. Phone call to parents

(Severe or continued disruption will result in a conference with the parents and a possible conference with the principal.)

Reporting to Parents

Our discipline plan works best with parental support. You will receive a daily behavior report calendar for your child in his/her take home folder. **This should be signed or initialed and returned each day.**

(Keep this page for your reference. Sign and return the next page.)

Kindergarten is above all a learning experience for every child. Understanding and following our classroom rules and expectations can be difficult at first, but in our experience, children want and do learn to maintain self-control. We want to work with you and your child to ensure a productive year. Please contact your child's teacher anytime you have questions, or desire a conference concerning your child's behavior. Thank you for your support!



I, _____, have
discussed the Kindergarten Discipline Plan with my
child, _____.

Date: _____

Signature: _____