Mrs. Elliott’s Kindergarten

2016-2017

Our goals for this school year:

1. To establish and maintain a positive learning environment for the students.

2. To welcome, keep, and strengthen our love for God.

3. To identify and strengthen each student’s abilities.

4. To keep and maintain a positive relationship with parents. Allow them to be aware of our daily and special activities throughout the school year.

5. To make our classroom a pleasant place with fun and enriching learning opportunities.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for entrusting your child to me. I promise to do my best everyday to see that your child can reach his/her highest ability. I know that with my help and yours, your child will achieve many goals this school year.

As the year progresses we will continue to achieve goals as we progress. My goal is to keep you aware of what is going on in the classroom so that you can assist me within your home with extra help. If you have any questions throughout the year do not hesitate to contact me at school or through email. I will be sending home weekly newsletters.

Kindergarten will be following ALL uniform guidelines; please refer to your uniform guidelines paper for guidance. Remember that every Friday navy shirts and khaki bottoms are to be worn, unless it is a NUT day or a dress uniform day. If your child does not have more than one uniform violation for the month they will receive a reward as an “out of uniform day.” This reward will be given on the last Thursday of every month. Uniform guidelines by month will be as follows: 1. Warning 2. Loss of “out of uniform day” 3. A visit with Mrs. Gross 4. A detention after school

Below is a brief summary of our daily schedule in our classroom. The first few weeks we will still be experimenting with our schedule to see what works best for the students, but here is an idea of what we will be covering each day.

* Library- On Thursday afternoons we will go to library with Mrs. Sparenberg for thirty minutes. On this day the students are to return their books from the previous week. They will be able to check out two books at a time, only if they return books from the previous week. Many of these books will be AR so please use this opportunity to read these books for points as well.
* Computers- Mrs. Schwartz will be taking the students to the lab once a week for thirty minutes on Tuesday’s.
* Art-We will have art class with Mrs. Prichett one day a week on Thursday morning.

P.E.- Mrs. Schwartz will be taking the students twice a week on Monday and Wednesday for thirty minutes.

Reading, Religion, Math, Science, Social Studies, Health and Printing- These subjects are taught throughout our day, although every subject will not be covered every day. I will be keeping you informed of our units of study in our weekly newsletters sent home on Fridays.

Centers-I will be place three to four students per group and at this time they will be working on different skills that are being taught during the week. One group will be working with me, one will be working on Imagination Station, our interactive computer program, and the final group will be working independently.

Mass-We will begin by attending Fridays and then slowly work on adding in going to mass of Tuesdays as well. We will also attend mass on a Holy Day or special events, I will inform you of these days. If you choose to attend mass a day that we are attending your child is more than welcome to sit with you during mass if they choose. If your child has never attended mass before, please try to attend a few services before we go as a class to allow your child to know how to act during mass. REMEMBER: Friday your child is required to wear a navy shirt and khaki bottoms.

Dress Uniform days- Holy days and specials occasions will require your child to wear their dress uniform clothes. Please refer to the student/parent handbook for that information. I will do my best to inform you of these specials days ahead of time enough so that you have all the necessary clothing items.

All About Me-Each child will be assigned a week to complete a poster with pictures of their family, friends, favorite activities, vacations, and pets to share with the class. I will be sending these posters home with your child when it is their turn and you need to return it the following Monday.

Show-n-tell- We will not be having show-n-tell on a weekly basis, although there may be time when I will ask the students to bring in a special something that may pertain to a unit of study.

A.M. Snack- The children are asked to bring an extra item for themselves to have as a morning snack. This is just a small healthy snack to allow them to wait for lunchtime. There will be no milk or juice for snack time, but the students will be allowed to get a drink of water if they wish.

Milk Money- Milk money is for lunch only. Each ticket last for 20 milks and they are now $6.00 each. A reminder will be sent home a few days before your child needs another ticket.

Rest time-We will be resting in the afternoons for about 20 minutes each day for the first two semesters. After Christmas break we try not to have rest time. I ask for each student to bring in a beach towel that they may use at this time. Towels will be sent home at the end of the week to be cleaned and then returned the following Monday.

Progress Reports- These reports will be sent home four times throughout the year and are also known as midterms. You must sign the report and send back to school.

Folders-Your child’s blue folder will be going home everyday and on Friday it will contain our newsletter and a behavior report

Field Trips- Permission slips will be sent home prior to each trip. Please sign and return the form promptly. Your child will not be able to attend the event with out this form. Volunteers will be asked to join at some events.

Behavior Charts- On Friday a behavior chart will be sent home displaying your child’s behavior throughout the week, you are to sign the paper and send it back the following Monday.

Lunch-We will be eating lunch in room 10 everyday. There may be hot lunches once in awhile, but we will let you know of these dates prior too. It is your responsibility to send in enough for your child each day.

Room parents-There may be times that I may ask for volunteers to help with recess duties, lunch duties, market day organizational help or help administering AR test. Please let me know if you would be available to help on specific days or times.

Appointments-Due to state standards we will be completing a majority of our major subjects in the morning hours, please if you must make appointments during school hours try your best to make during in the afternoon time.

NUT days- Throughout the school year we will have a NUT day, no uniform today. On this day you may be asked to donate a dollar towards a certain cause or it may also be a free NUT day as a reward. I will inform you of these days.

Uniform Closet-Remember if you need new/used uniforms the closet key is available in the office if needed. Please be courteous and place the clothing back nicely while shopping. Kindergarten follows all dress codes so please be aware of them.

Cold weather-We will be going outside if at all possible for recess, please dress your child according to the weather this goes for coats, hats, and gloves. If your daughter wants to wear a skirt, you may bring in sweatpants to leave here at school that she may put on for outdoor recess.

August 17, 2016

Quick Reminders…

-Remember a snack and lunch everyday! Milk tickets are available for $6, this will allow your child 20 milks.

-Parents please drop off your child by northwest back doors they can begin to walk at 7:45, walking program 7:45-8. Class starts at 8:10 this is the tardy bell time as well. After the first week your child should be coming into school on their own.

-Bus dismissal at 2:50

-Car dismissal at 2:50 pick up in car line by north doors.

-Please let Mrs. Budreau/Mrs. Schwartz or I know what your child’s to and from school routine will be each day ASAP if not already done so. If the routine is to change please send me a note that day informing me of the change or call the office with the information.

More information will be coming home on Friday. Thank you so much for all your help and I look forward this school year to be a memorable one for all of us.

Mrs. Elliott