Kindergarten Handbook
Elk City Campus
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Dear parents,

I am very honored to have the opportunity to teach your children. I look forward to getting to know them and you over the next few months. I wanted to let you know a little about me. I have lived in Elk City for 47 years. Both of my parents are from Elk City. Before they came back and settled here we moved all over. My father trained racehorses so we moved track to track a lot. I have always had a passion for working with kids and learning new things. I graduated from Elk City High School. I received my elementary teaching degree from SWOSU. I taught for 30 years in public education. Growing up and moving so much my family never went to church. Luckily when we moved back to Elk City, I got to be around my Grandma a lot and she is the person who first taught me about God. After getting married I was also blessed with an extra Granny. She was a God-fearing woman as well and continued leading me to the Lord. Without those two wonderful ladies in my life I definitely would not be where I am now. I have 2 children, Nicole and her husband Trever and Colton and his wife Laura. I also have 4 amazing grandchildren, Brystal, Fisher, Graham and Grace. I am very blessed that they live close by so I can spend lots of free time with them. I am also so very blessed to not only get to teach but also teach children about God's Word. I am so excited to begin my 4th year here at WOCS. I know we are going to have a wonderful year. Please feel free to send me a message using the GroupMe app for any questions or concerns that you may have. I am an early bird, but not a hoot owl so if it's late it may be in the morning when I see your message. I will get back with you as soon as possible. You may also email me at tgloria@wocs.org .

Parties and Special days

We love to celebrate in Kindergarten! Feel free to bring treats to share with the class on your child's birthday. Please let me know a day ahead of time so that I can work this time into our schedule.

We will have 3 scheduled parties this year. You will receive more information about these parties as we get closer to the dates.

Christmas Party- December 19th
God's Love Party- February 13th
Resurrection Party- April 2nd

Homework

There will be no assigned homework until 3rd quarter. We will begin reading Homework in January. I will occasionally send work home to be completed that was not finished in class. If your child frequently brings home papers to complete, it is usually a sign that he or she is not using his or her class time wisely. All papers sent home need to be completed and returned the next day.

Grades and Lesson Plans

During the first quarter, students will be assessed using a Satisfactory/Needs Improvement notation. Letter Grades will be given in Kindergarten beginning with the 2nd quarter. Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter. There are two scheduled times for Parent-Teacher conferences during the school year. These times are at the end of the 1st and 3rd quarters. However, a conference may be scheduled by a parent or teacher at any time. Please feel free to call and schedule a conference if needed. You may access our Kindergarten lesson plans via your FACTS account. I have my lesson plans for each day posted under the "homeroom" tab.

Show and Tell

We will be having Show and Tell each Friday beginning in September. Your child is encouraged to bring something to show the class or an interesting fact or story to tell the class each Friday. Show and Tell helps children learn to communicate well in front of their peers and is a valuable part of their

Snacks

In Kindergarten we have one snack in the morning and another in the afternoon. You may send a snack daily with your student or you may choose to send a big package that they will keep in their cubbies to grab at snack time.

Tuesday Folders

Our main source of communication at WOCS is our Tuesday folders. It is very important that parents read all the information in the folders carefully and mark their calendars for upcoming events. I will occasionally need students to bring things back from home for a lesson or activity. This information will be in the Tuesday folder. Please complete all of the "return to school" items and send them back in a timely manner. I appreciate your cooperation in this.

Field Trips

We normally have four field trips each year. We will go to a concert in Cordell November 4th and will have lunch at their park afterwards. We will be touring the post office and fire station soon as we learn about community helpers. Kindergarten classes from all 4 campuses will meet at the Blue Zoo in April. We also get a chance to visit Corn Bible academy, that trip has not been scheduled yet. The kids love it because they send the big bus to pick us up and bring us back. Parents can also come and ride the bus there as well. While we are there the teachers do different activities with the students and feed us lunch.

Discipline Plan

All students are expected to obey and exhibit appropriate behavior in the classroom. For most classroom issues, I will give a verbal warning, then they may clip down on the chart for a second offense, the 3rd offense will result in a disciplinary action. These actions may include loss of privileges such as recess, center time, or any other fun activity. I will not notify parents every time I take away a privilege. Many of these will be typical Kindergarten offenses which require no follow up at home. If we are having trouble with a consistent behavioral issue, or if I feel the issue needs further attention at home, I will notify the parents. If after implementing the above actions we are still having discipline issues, it may then become necessary to schedule a conference with the parents. Daily, students who stay in the positive on the clip chart earn a treat. At the end of the week, a student who hasn't ended any day during the week with their clip on an area that requires a disciplinary action also get a bigger reward. My students last year called it "Squishie Day". It is a big deal to them.