

Kindergarten Handbook

Weatherford Campus

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Dear Parents,

I am so grateful for the opportunity to teach your precious child. I am looking forward to getting to know my students and their parents over the next few months. I want to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself. I have been married to Kyle Simpson since 2019 and we have one son, Maverick and he is 4 years old and in PreK at WOCS. My husband works in the oil field. I graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2010 with a BA in Early Childhood Education and have been teaching since 2011. I taught my first year at Mustang Elementary, Kindergarten and then in 2012, God led me to Elk City where I taught Kindergarten until 2021. I finished the school year, and Maverick was born, and I stayed home with him until he was ready to go to school. In 2024, I began working as the part time Children's Minister at Emmanuel Baptist Church and I am now in my first year teaching Kindergarten at WOCS. I am so grateful for the opportunity to not only be able to teach academics but also be able to share and teach about God's Word and Jesus to my class.

Contact Information

GroupMe: I will add you or send a QR Code for you to request to be added to the group. This is the primary way you can reach me. You may send me a direct message, and I will get back to you asap.

Field Trips

We will take four field trips each year.

Field Trip 1: Old Caldwell Trails-October 9th

Field Trip 2: OU Children's Theater-December 12th

Field Trip 3: TBD

Field Trip 4: Oklahoma Blue Zoo-Date TBD



Parties & 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 couple of days ahead of time so that I can work this time into our schedule. For summer birthdays, I will send you a date that we will celebrate your child's birthday in May before school ends.

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 @ 12:30

God's Love Party – February 13th @ 2:00

Resurrection Party – April 2nd @ 2:00



Homework

There will be no assigned homework until the 3rd Quarter. We will begin reading homework in January. I do occasionally send work home to be completed that was not finished in class. If your child frequently brings papers home 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 & 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 all my lesson plans for each day posted under the “homeroom” tab.

Parent/Teacher Conference Dates: October 10th, March 6th



Show and Tell

We will be having show and tell each Friday beginning in October. On your child's second turn of being "Star Student" instead of bringing their All About Me poster, it will be their week to bring Show and Tell. 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 effectively in front of their peers and is a valuable part of their education. Show and Tell items are encouraged to be items that can fit inside their backpack. If there is something that is too big or alive, please make plans with me so that we can set up the time for a parent to bring the item or living thing and take it back home afterward. Show and Tell items need to be child appropriate.



Discipline Plan

All students are expected to obey and exhibit appropriate behavior in the classroom. I have found that children will strive to the level of the teacher's expectations. For most classroom issues, I will give 2 verbal warnings and follow up with disciplinary action on the 3rd warning. Initial disciplinary actions may include loss of privilege such as recess, snack, 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 severity of the issue needs further attention at home, I will then make a call to 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.

We also have some fun incentive activities in our classroom.

“Desk Pets” are used as an incentive to complete all work in a timely manner. We have talked in class about responsibilities, and it is each child’s responsibility to complete all classwork daily. On Mondays students earn a desk pet for the week. On Tuesdays-Fridays, students who have completed all their assigned classwork will get to choose a “food item” for their pets. Fridays we will put them back and start again the following Monday or first day of the school week.



“Whoa Board”: In our classroom we have a board with a grid on it. There are squares on the “Whoa Board” and students showing exemplary behaviors or work will get rewarded with a WHOA! From the teacher and then they can choose a square on the “Whoa Board” to put their initials. When the “Whoa Board” is completely full, I will be drawing a letter and a number and whomever has their initials in the coordinating square will receive a prize from the treasure box.

Please check in daily with your child on how their day has gone. Encourage your children to talk about their highs and lows and together we can help them reach their full potential!

Snacks & Drinks

In Kindergarten we have one afternoon snack each day. I will send a snack calendar each month so that you will know which days you will be responsible to provide snacks. Please send enough snacks for 7 students. Because you will be assigned a week at a time, you may send all of the week’s snacks on Monday or a daily snack, whichever works best for you. Please do not send drinks along with snacks. Instead, please make sure you send a water bottle with your child to school each day.

Tuesday Folders

The hub of communication here at WOCS is our Tuesday folders. It is imperative that parents read all information in the folders carefully and mark their calendars for upcoming school events. I will occasionally need students to bring things 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 helping us to communicate with you in the most effective manner.

