

KINDERGARTEN
PARENT/TEACHER MEETING

September 15, 2016

Mrs. McDonough/ Mrs. DeToro/ Ms. Walker

1. Welcome and prayer

2. Academic overview:

- a. Six Basic Steps to Reading – review Blend Ladders
- b. Updated Student's Progress/Grades – via internet.
- c. Weekly Behavior Reports – remember to sign and return
- d. Handwriting Procedures
- e. Grading scale for Kindergarten is as follows:
 - i. 100-93: "A" or O
 - ii. 92-84: "B" or S
 - iii. 83-76: "C" or S-
 - iv. 75-69: "D" or N
 - v. 68-0: "F" or U
- f. First nine weeks of Kindergarten is review of pre-school – Students **should be** doing VERY WELL at this point.
- g. We understand that Handwriting in cursive is new and may be a low score at first. Please take time to work with your child as we will so that they will improve.
- h. There are very few graded papers for the first quarter of the year. By the end of the first nine weeks, students will have received five (5) phonics grades, four (4) math grades, three handwriting grades and eight Bible grades.
- i. Green - (outstanding) behavior criteria. "Slow obedience, is No obedience." No more second, third and fourth chances! ☺ If your child is off green they will have no punch card in their folder. Ask them what color they are on (most likely yellow). If they are on red, blue or white you will have a detailed behavior report in your child's folder.

3. Housekeeping items:

- a. **Bathroom procedures** – Does your child have a change of clothes here at school?
- b. **Lunch money** should be turned in on Thursday mornings. Please make sure the money and the form are together clearly labeled with your child's name on it.
- c. **Be working on shoe tying, addresses and phone numbers.**
- d. **Absences/Tardies – 3 tardies = 1 absence.**

- e. **Sleep-** We are seeing more and more children falling asleep in class or walking into the classroom exhausted and complaining that they are too tired to stand or do work. Your child should be getting 10-12 hours of sleep per night. According to National Sleep Foundation study on children and sleep, "Sleep is especially important for children as it directly impacts mental and physical development." Watching T.V or playing on computers close to bedtime can lead to difficulty falling asleep and anxiety.
- f. **That being said- Too much T.V. is not so great.** The University of Michigan did a study and TV viewing among American children is at an 8 year high. Children ages 2-5 spend 32 hours a week in front of a screen (TV, Video games, computer, smartphone or Ipad screen). Although some screen time can be educational, it's easy to go overboard. The Mayo Clinics new study on Health Children says that too much screen time has been linked to: Obesity, Irregular Sleep, Behavioral Problems, Impaired Academic problems, and violence. The best things to do: limit your child to 1 hour per day on school days, don't eat in front of the T.V., if you can record educational programs to view together later.

4. "Specials":

- a. Monday – P.E. and library
- b. Tuesday – Spanish
- c. Wednesday – Music
- d. Thursday – Chapel and Computer
- e. Friday – Music, Study Buddies and Show and Tell (in order)

5. Upcoming events:

- a. **"Pizza Hut's Book-It" Program –begins next month (October-March) Everyone is required to do this.** Just read 3 books to your children per month and they get a Pizza Hut Pizza ☺ And a party at the end of the year!
- b. **Field Trip – Children's Museum of TC - October**
 - i. **1, Money and Chaperones** –Parents are invited but please no siblings due to school policy. Parents will be in charge of several children. Parents drive separately.
 - ii. **2.If your child is on red, blue or white more than once a week you will be required to chaperone the field trip or make arrangements for your child to stay with someone. If they are brought to school without a chaperone on this day your child will have to sit in another classroom and do work.**
- c. **Fund Raiser – final turn in Wed. Sept. 21 2016**
- d. **Teacher Conference – Oct. 13-14 Thurs. & Fri.**

- e. **50's Day Party – Nov. 3rd Thursday**
- f. **Thanksgiving Feast – Nov. usually the day we get out before the holiday.**
- g. **TBD - MSA's Annual Auction – (Nov. 4) Fri**
- h. **Christmas Tree Farm Field Trip – early Dec.**
- i. **Christmas Celebration (Happy Birthday Jesus – Dec. 20**
- j. **Polar Express movie in PJ's – Dec. 21**
- k. **100 Day Party – End of Jan. 30**
- l. **Kindergarten Musical – February 9th**
- m. **MSA's Olympics – February 10th**
- n. **End of the year trip (Club Med)**
- o. **Kinderfest – May (K Talent Show)**

6. **Need volunteer hours?** Art mom, Classroom Cleaning, Lunch Money And Box Tops.

Morning Snack- Thank you for not sending in Junk Food (Please send your child in with a healthy morning snack- No sugar- example: cheese stick, crackers, fruit, granola bar). **Please bring in a water bottle each day.**

Church Times: Please join me for church – Sat night Main Campus 6:30pm, Sunday Main Campus 9 or 11am, or Sunday West Campus 10:30am

- a. General Questions?
- b. Personal Questions? Please write me an email or through Class messenger so we can set up a mutually convenient time. ☺

Thank you and God Bless,
Mrs. McDonough, Mrs. Del Toro & Ms. Walker