

KINDERGARTEN PARENT/TEACHER MEETING

September 16, 2021

KA Mrs. McDonough

1. Academic Overview:

- a. Six Basic Steps to Reading – review Vowels, Blend Ladders make a word Ta – plus p is TAP.
- b. Updated Student's Progress/Grades – via internet. Renweb (You can get your log in from the school office).
- c. Weekly Behavior Reports – remember to sign and return (Secret Word)
- d. Handwriting Procedures – Please practice cursive & first name in print.

Grading scale for Kindergarten is as follows:

100-93: "A" or O

92-84: "B" or S

83-76: "C" or S-

75-69: "D" or N

68-0: "F" or U

- e. **First nine weeks of Kindergarten is review of pre-school – Students should be doing VERY WELL at this point. Most papers except for tests are done together with the teacher.**
- f. 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. Honor Roll does not start until Third Quarter.
- g. 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 phonics grades, four math grades, three handwriting grades and eight Bible grades.
- h. **Green - (outstanding) behavior criteria.** "Slow obedience, is No obedience." They have many chances to do the right thing 😊 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. It must be signed and returned the following day.

2. Housekeeping items:

- a. **Bathroom procedures** – Does your child have a change of clothes here at school? Accidents can happen but they can use the restroom at any time. They just have to ask to go. We cannot dress your child. They must be able to button, zip, and change themselves.
- b. **Lunch money should be turned in on Wednesday mornings.** Please make sure the money and the form are together clearly labeled with your child's name on it. Please send exact change.

- c. **Be working on addresses and phone numbers and first name in print. Tests start next week. These are First Quarter requirements to pass Kindergarten.**
- 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.

3. “Specials”:

- a. Monday – Art or Library
- b. Tuesday – Music or Violin
- c. Wednesday – PE
- d. Thursday – Computer
- e. Friday – Music or Violin

Violin: If you need to contact Mr. Enyart please go on the Morningside Website Teacher Portal or email him at benenyart@morningsideacademy.com or call the school office.

4. Upcoming events:

- a. **“Pizza Hut’s Book-It” Program –begins next month (October-March)**
All students are required to do this. Just read 3 books to your children per month and they draw a picture. (I want kid pictures). Your child will get a Pizza Hut Certificate ☺ And all students that participate Oct-March will join us in a pizza party at the end of the year!
- b. **First Field Trip – Children’s Museum of TC – Sept. 24 Friday**
 - i. **Money and Chaperones** –Parents are invited but please no siblings due to school policy. Parents will be in charge of several children. Parents meet in the classroom in the morning and then drive separately from the bus. If you are a chaperone you may sign your child out after the field trip.
 - ii. 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.
- c. **Grandparents Day- Chapel Sept. 23 - Virtual.**
- d. **Teacher Conference – Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Thurs. & Fri. No school (Sept. 29 is a ½ day – K out at 11:20.**
- e. **50’s Day Party – Oct.**
- f. **Thanksgiving Feast – Nov.**
- g. **Christmas Tree Farm Field Trip – Early December**

- h. **Christmas Celebration (Happy Birthday Jesus – Dec.**
- i. **Polar Express movie in PJ's – Dec.**
- j. **100 Day Party – End of Jan.**
- k. **Kindergarten Musical – February**
- l. **MSA's Olympics – February**
- m. **End of the year trip (Club Med) - May**
- n. **Kinderfest – May (K Talent Show)**

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 no chocolate or chips.

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.

I attend the West Campus ☺

a. Questions: Please write me an email or Remind App. ☺

Thank you and God Bless,
Mrs. McDonough