

***Welcome to Kindergarten!***

We want to welcome you and your student to an exciting year at Lake Forest Hills Elementary! Your child is about to embark on one of the most important milestones in his/her life - the first day of kindergarten! We hope this letter will help you to understand the expectations in Kindergarten and help to answer any questions that you may have at this time.

***Parent/ Teacher Relationship***

We believe a good parent/ teacher relationship is necessary for maximum school success. Throughout the year we will communicate with you through newsletters, notes, phone calls, progress reports, nine weeks’ reports, and conferences. You will receive a daily update on your child’s behavior. We encourage you to write a note or e-mail at blackan2@richmond.k12.ga.us if you have questions or concerns. Phone calls to the office usually are not the quickest means of communication because we are unable to leave the class easily during the day. However, you are welcome to leave a message with the office staff, and we will get back with you as soon as possible. (706)737-7317

***Parent Participation***

Throughout the year there will be special school activities and celebrations. Please participate and let your child know how much you value their school experience. Check your child’s homework folder for information on upcoming events.

***Changes in Transportation***

If you want your child to go home a different way than his or her usual mode of transportation, you must notify us in WRITING. Please do not rely on your student to relay the message because it may be incorrect or not passed on at all.

***Money***

On occasion it will be necessary for your child to transport money to school. ALWAYS PLACE MONEY IN A SEALED ENVELOPE OR ZIP LOCK BAG WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WRITTEN ON THE OUTSIDE:

Your child’s first and last name

The amount of money

The purpose of the money (lunch, field trip etc.)

Teacher’s name (Blackmon)

***Homework***

We will have homework assignments Monday through Thursday. We will send home a homework calendar on our newsletter at the beginning of each week. Please be sure to complete the homework on the night it is assigned to be turned in the following day. You may be asked to give your child extra assistance or help in reinforcing skills taught at school. It is important that your child complete and return homework in his/her folder. Conduct sheets will be placed in folders and should be initialed daily.

***In Case of an “UH-OH”***

Even if you feel that your child may not have a toileting accident, please keep a change of clothes (including socks and underwear) in his/her book bag. This will save lots of time and prevent us from disturbing you at work. Please be sure that your child’s clothes are labeled with his/her name on each item of clothing.

***The First Day of School***

It is normal for your child to be anxious on his/her first day of school. Please rest assured that he/she will be well cared for and will more than likely come home with a new love for school after only one short day.

In closing, we would like to say that we are excited about teaching your child and we look forward to getting to know all of you. Thank you for entrusting your student to our care. With your support at home, there will be no limits on your child’s academic success.

 **Ms. Blackmon**