

# Kindergarten Welcome Letter

2023-2024 School Year

Garrett Elementary



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are excited to have your child in our class!

Our focus in Kindergarten will be: letter names and sounds , blending, sight words, fluency, and comprehension skills. In Math our focus is: numbers and counting to 100, shapes, addition and subtraction. In Social Studies we are discussing: Neighborhoods, our country and being a good citizen. Science will focus on: the Nature of science, physical properties of Matter, Living /Nonliving Things. We will also have Special Classes: PE, Library, Health, IReady Reading and IReady Math Computer Labs.

Students will participate in Whole Group, Small Groups, and Work Stations daily. Students will work independently and cooperatively with Teacher, Paraprofessional, and classmates on assigned activities assignments, and assessments. Students will be taught Reading, Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies daily. Students will also participate in Special Classes on specific days assigned on the School's Master Schedule.

These are the Major Goals for each subject in Kindergarten this year: **Reading/Language Arts:** Identifying letters and Sounds, Blending, Sight Words, Fluency, Comprehension, Enhancing Imaginations through Stories, Learning through Informational Text, writing sentences, and drawing a picture to go along with a sentence or topic, and capitalization/punctuation. **Mathematics:** Counting and Comparing Numbers, Measuring and Analyzing Data, Investigating Addition and Subtraction and Shapes. **Science:** Nature of Science, Physical Properties of Matter, Gravity and Motion, Day and Night Sky, Living and Nonliving Things, Animals, Plants and Rocks and Soil. **Social Studies:** People in Our Neighborhood, Our Country and where we are located on a Map/Globe, Different Cultures, Being a Good Citizen, and US Symbols.

In Kindergarten, students will complete the following Projects and Instructional Activities: Performance Tasks for Reading and Math, Daily Group Activities and Assignments for each subject, Station Work and Activities, Small Group Activities, Teacher and Common Assessments. All of these items will be based upon the Standards we are teaching daily.

Students will be assessed using the following strategies: GKids, I-Ready Reading and Math, Teacher Assessments, and Small Group Assessments Students are expected to follow all the Classroom Rules, Rituals and Routines and Expectations given by the teacher. We will continue to have school wide

expectations that everyone will help to reinforce. Students also will be expected to follow the Richmond County and Garrett Elementary Student Handbook.

Students will need the following basic Supplies this year: Pencils, Crayons, Homework Folder, Composition Notebooks (one for each subject and one for Writing Journals) glue and scissors. The Kindergarten Team will provide a more detailed list during Open House.

Homework will be given every night for all students. For Students who need extra help the teacher and paraprofessional will be providing Interventions during the Intervention Block and Small Group times to meet each student's needs. If Students continue to need extra support then will begin an RTI (Response to Intervention) to see that students get the help and support they need.

The Richmond County Attendance Policy will be followed in Kindergarten. Please review the Attendance Policy as given in the Student Handbook. **Also, students will not be allowed dismissal after 1:30. After 1:30, students will have to wait until 2:10 to be dismissed.**

If you have any questions throughout the school year, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 706-737-7222 and leave a message. We will contact you as soon as possible or after 2:10 p.m. The school day is valuable time and we want to protect it for teaching your child. If you need to speak with us in person then please request a conference time or come by the school between 2:10 and 3:00 p.m. We will not be able to stop during instructional time to talk with you. Your concerns and comments are extremely important to us, but children come first. Thank you for understanding. Please check the school web page frequently. We will be posting our homework, announcements, and other important information here. Notices will also be going home for those who do not have Internet access.

We look forward to an awesome, successful school year! We have wonderful things in store and continue to plan events that will enhance your child's learning.

Sincerely,

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