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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten! Your Kindergarten team, Mrs. Holbrook, Ms. Joyce, and Ms. Mullens are looking forward to working with you and your child to help them achieve the academic goals they need in order to be ready for 1st grade.

**Kindergarten Subject Areas:**

* **English Language Arts**- Includes reading, writing, spelling, and grammar
* **Mathematics**-Counting, Problem Solving, Addition & Subtraction
* **Science**-Includes physical science (e.g. matter, pushes & pulls), life science (e.g. animal life cycles), Earth science (e.g. study of the moon phases)
* **Social Studies**- Includes U.S citizenship, community & the World

**Instructional Philosophy:** Our philosophy is to provide instruction to our students that fit their learning style.

**Major Course Goals:** Our students will be able to communicate effectively using the English language, and also read and write to gain understanding of the English language. Our students will be able to understand how math can be used in their world currently and in the future. Our students will be able to use physical, life, and Earth science to explain how the world works. Our students will gain an understanding of people and places in their community.

**Major Course Projects & Instructional Activities:**

* **School Garden**
* **100th Day Activities in January**
* **Class Science Project**

**Testing:**

* **GKIDS** (Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills) Given periodically through the year to test students on basic skills in Reading, Math, Social Studies, Science, and Social skills.
* **I-Ready** (Their I-Ready tests are given at the beginning of the school year, middle of the school year, and end of the school year.) The students’ progress is also monitored in between these times as well.

**Classroom Expectations:** We expect for all students to follow the rules and guidelines as given in the Parent & Student handbook and the PAWS parent manual. However, there are a few expectations that we feel are key to success in the classroom. Respect, kindness, fairness, and attentiveness are important in ensuring that your child has the best learning experience in class. These expectations go both ways, as we have these expectations for ourselves as well. A separate behavior contract outlining PAWS and consequences will be sent home during the week.

**Supplies:**  A separate handout has the specifics of what is needed in class daily. However, it is a fact that items such as pencils, paper, crayons, hand sanitizer, and Kleenex, tend to run out quickly, so please send these items in periodically during the year, we are always in need of them!

**Homework Policy:** Homework is given for your child to practice what they learn in class at home. **Please do homework with your child daily.**

**Grading Scale:** EX = Exceeds Standards-in addition to meeting standards, makes applications and inferences beyond expectations; M = Meets Standards-consistently and independently; PR = Progressing toward meeting the standards; EM = Emerging; Limited progress toward mastery of the standards; and ND = Not yet demonstrated.

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