

Welcome to Kindergarten

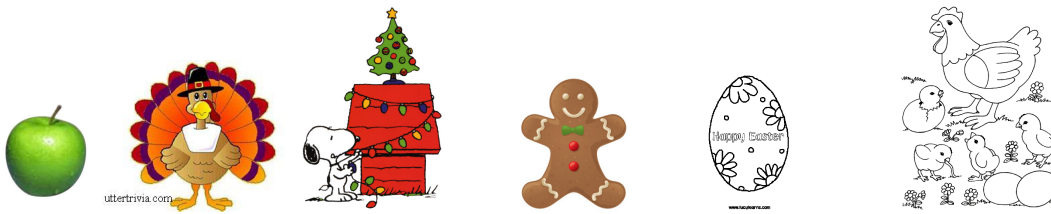
Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year and the beginning of your child's formal education. I am excited to be teaching your child. My hope is to join with you as we follow the words of Proverbs 22:6. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." My goal is to create an atmosphere of Christian love and understanding in our classroom including the necessary discipline to train a child to develop as a responsible student. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and concerns. My email address is mojroberts@hotmail.com . You and your child are in my daily prayers, and I hope you will include our class in your prayers.

This booklet is to give you information to help our year run as smoothly as possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Monica Roberts



Kindergarten Academic Overview

We will be very busy exploring and learning new concepts this year.



Bible:

- To know Jesus as God's Son
- To know He is our friend
- To respect God and His creation
- To memorize God's Word



Phonics & Reading:

- To recognize and name colors and shapes
- To identify beginning and ending sounds
- Sequence activities
- To know basic vowels and sounds
- To name, identify and know sound for letters
- To blend letters together
- To read simple one and two-vowel words
- To read sentences and phonics readers
- To understand main characters in books



Numbers:

- To count to 100 by 1's, 5's, 10's and 2's
- To recognize numbers 1-100
- To understand the value for a number
- To understand sets of groups
- To understand size concepts
- To identify pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters
- To begin telling simple time on the clock



Writing:

- To correctly form capital/lowercase letters
- To correctly form each number
- To write first and last names
- To write a complete sentence



Science:

- To discover truths about God's creation
- 5 senses
- Weather and seasons
- Nutrition and Health
- Plants
- Animals

ABC's of Our Kindergarten



Agenda:

6:30-8:15 – Students go to Daycare Room

8:15- Take students to playground

8:30 – Students are picked up by teacher at playground and go to classroom.

8:40 – 10:15 Morning work and Open Exercises; Reading Groups and Independent Seatwork.

10:20 – 10:40 – Recess

10:45 -12:15 – Read aloud, phonics lessons, math lessons, library rotation (once a week)

12:20-1:00 – Lunch

1:00 – 1:20- Rest

1:20 – 2:30 – Science, centers, crafts, art, P.E.

2:30 – 2:45- Clean-up and pack-up

3:00 – Dismissal time out on playground (if raining, too hot, or windy we're in the classroom)

Students may be dropped off at playground between 8:15-8:30.

If arriving earlier than 8:15 students are to go to Daycare room.

Students are picked up between 3:00-3:15 on playground.

If picking up a student before 3:00 please go to office to get release form.

Backpacks:

Backpacks are needed everyday at school. Please label backpack with child's name. Please use the backpacks without wheels, so the backpack may be hung up on the hooks in the classroom.

Change of Clothes/Computer Class

Students need to have a complete change of clothes available at school. Please label all clothing items and place in a Ziploc bag with child's name on it. Bag will be kept in child's backpack.

On Friday mornings after Christmas vacation kindergarten will have a weekly one-hour computer class.

Do:

Sign your child's homework sheet, read monthly newsletter (Kindergarten Kaleidoscope). Read to your child, hug your child, encourage your child, etc.

Come on in to the classroom on first day, take a picture, give a hug, say "goodbye", and we'll see you in the afternoon.

Expected Mandatory Chapel Dress:

Chapel is every Thursday. ALL students are required to wear chapel clothes from the list below.

Solid colored red, white or navy blue polo shirt

Boys are to wear solid navy blue or khaki pants with a black belt.

Girls are to wear a solid navy blue, khaki or blue plaid skirt, jumper or skort.

If student wears socks, they must be solid, red, white or navy blue.

Solid red, white, or navy blue sweaters or jackets may work.

Field Trips and Fun Days:

We go to Children's Museum at La Habra, see a play at a local college, Shipley's Nature Center in Huntington Beach and go to Centennial Farms in Costa Mesa. Field trip fees for students are covered by class fee. Parents may have to pay a small fee to attend field trips.

We do have special days throughout the year including Apple Day, Pumpkin Day, Thanksgiving Feast, Christmas Party, Gingerbread Day, Teddy Bear Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, Field day, and Graduation Party (Have I forgotten anything?!)

Glory:

Glory to God. May He be praised throughout our year.

Homework:

The scheduled homework days are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Homework at the maximum is 20 minutes. Please complete and return homework in folder in bag with child's name the next day. Parents are to sign homework each night homework is assigned.

Homework is to reinforce concepts being taught in class and to help child with memory work. Monday and Tuesday night are generally reading homework from reading groups that day and one memory verse. Thursday night is practice in phonics, math, printing, or a monthly book report. Every week a memory verse is to be learned for chapel on Thursdays.

If:

If you believe half of what your child tells you about me, I'll believe half of what your child tells me about you!

Just Ask:

If you are not sure please ask me – mojroberts@hotmail.com

Kindergarten Kaleidoscope:

Our monthly newsletter is placed in student's homework folder and available on school's website to keep you informed.

Lunch Tickets:

Please purchase lunch tickets 5 at a time. The tickets are \$3 each. You may purchase tickets in the office or send cash/check in a marked envelope with your child. The tickets may be kept in the white box by the door in the classroom.

Monica Roberts

I went to CSUF. I have home-schooled, substituted, taught 1st, 1st/2nd, 4th, and now K. I have three grown children (Emily, Andrew, and Allison). My husband (Rick) and I are now experiencing an empty nest. I have one cat (Casper) and one dog (Punker). Gardening, reading, working in summer reading program with students from Solidarity, and going to lunch or the beach with friends are my summer time hobbies. Sojourners Community Church is where I worship.

Nutrition:

Eating a good breakfast is important for your child to feel energized throughout the morning. Please include a healthy snack for your child to have at morning recess and even after school if staying for daycare. Snack machine is available; items are \$1 to \$1.25. Students are not to share money.

Our Class Fee

A class fee of \$100 needs to be given to school office by the second week of school. This is not a part of tuition or book fees; instead, it is used to cover Kindergarten activities and materials. Checks are to be made payable to I.C.S. The fee covers the following:

- Classroom supplies: crayons, pencils, scissors, glue, erasers, tool boxes, markers, colored pencils, paint, etc.
- Craft and Gift supplies: personalized t-shirts, Holiday gifts, special crafts, special event days
- Special Days: Kindergarten luncheon, Teddy Bear Breakfast, Graduation party
- Field trips: La Habra Children's Museum, Shipley's Nature Center, Naturalist visit, Farm trip, Theatre
- Graduation supplies: cap, diploma, invitation, decorations, etc.

Parties:

Invitations can be passed out only if there is one for each child or one for every girl/boy if party is for girls/boys only.

For class birthday celebrations please notify teacher in advance. Cupcakes or cookies are acceptable treats. These are usually distributed at recess or the end of the day. Please no cake or ice cream.

Our Room Parents will arrange and notify regarding Holiday parties.

Questions:

Contact me at : mojroberts@hotmail.com

Return Work Folder:

Every other week (usually Tuesdays) your child will bring home a return work folder. This is work we have done in class and homework papers. Not all papers are graded, because some papers are for practice. If a paper has not been graded it will have a star on it to demonstrate that teacher has seen paper, and child has been able to complete. Please keep the work and return the folder in your child's homework bag.

Sharing:

Every Friday is share day. Your child may bring an item to share as long as it fits in child's backpack. If you want to bring a larger item or a pet please check with teacher beforehand.

Books from home may come at any time, and I will gladly read them aloud to class on Fridays. Please be sensitive to themes that all parents will feel comfortable. No books about witches or ghosts, for example.

Tardiness:

School starts at 8:30. If you arrive late please take student to the office and get a tardy slip before coming to the classroom. We do start work first thing in the morning, so please teach your child the importance of being prompt.

U2:

Magnificent

Volunteers (are greatly appreciated, esteemed, encouraged)

The school requires all volunteers to complete 2 forms –

“Declaration of Ethical and Moral Integrity” and “Volunteer Application”

- Room Parents – Work with teacher to plan parties and special days and communicate to parents regarding help needed for these days.
- Room Helpers – come to special days, parties, field trips and help supervise a small group of children
- Prep People – take home small kits and cut, glue, etc.
- Supply People – send cookies, juice boxes, paper goods for special days and parties
- Material Needs People – occasionally bring these items to class: Purell, boxes of Kleenex, paper towels, wipes and small toys for Treasure box (Hot Wheel's cars, stickers, pencils, Happy Meal type toys, etc.)

Writing and Water:

Weekly small group writing classes happen during library time. While half of the class is in the library the other half of the class is with Mrs. Roberts. We spend this small group time writing in our journals, for writing wall, or in the computer lab. Water bottles (label with child's name) are recommended on hot days.

X:

Cephalothora**X** – I think it is the longest word the students learn to write. Ask them about it in October.

You

You are the greatest influence on their lives.

Zoo and Zebra

No, we don't go to the zoo for a field trip, but in first grade they do!
We don't raise zebras, but we do hatch chicks from eggs in the spring.

Classroom Management System



A Kinder Bear Cares-
Courtesy
And
Respect
Equals
Safety to learn

Student starts the day with 3 Honey Pots:



Honey Pots are kept or removed according to how successful student is in following the classroom guidelines. Each student receives a Warning, then Honey Pots are removed 1, 2, and 3. Then Bee Stings/Strike 1, 2, or 3. Each strike a student receives counts as a 5-minute timeout from recess or center time. If a student receives a total of 3 strikes for the day, a note will be sent home. The note is to be signed and returned to school the next day, or student will not have recess. Each student has the possibility of collecting 15 Honey Pots by the end of the week. Honey Pots may be used to purchase items in Class Store/Treasure Box. Students go to Treasure Box in order of how many Honey Pots they have accumulated. Students with less than 8 Honey Pots will not go to Treasure Box to choose a prize.

Our Classroom Guidelines

Courtesy-

Our classroom expectation is to use the Golden Rule in our treatment of each other. Honey pots will be removed and reminders given. Warning/Strikes given for the following:

1. Speaking to others in an unkind manner.
2. Not keeping hands, feet, or body parts to themselves.

Respect-

Students are expected to respect each classmates right to learn. Warnings/Strikes given for the following:

1. Talking after class has been directed to work/listen quietly.
2. Shouting out in class or answering without raising hand.
3. Work has not been completed.

Safety-

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that keeps them and their classmates safe. Students will be given Warnings/Strikes for the following:

1. Running in the classroom or playing in an unsafe way.
2. Using school tools in an unsafe way. Example: carrying scissors in with pointed end not covered and running or poking with scissors or pencils.

Example of note sent home to parent if child receives a warning and 3 strikes in one day:

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

My Honey Pots were taken away, and I received a warning and 3 bee stings /strikes today for the following:



Courtesy

1. I did not speak in a kind way.
2. I did not keep my feet, hands, or body to myself.



Respect

1. I was talking, so I, or my classmates, were unable to work/listen.
2. I disrupted by shouting out; I did not raise my hand.
3. My work is not completed.



Safety

1. I was running or playing unsafely in the classroom.
2. I was using my school tools in an unsafe way.

Parent's Signature: _____

If the student comes home with a note the note will be placed in the student's Homework Folder. The number of strikes received for the category will be written next to the category. The teacher or teacher's aide will circle the area under the category in which student received bee sting/strike.

Please, discuss with your child what he/she can do to improve behavior. Sign the note and return the note in student's homework folder. Thank you.

Important Note – Some behaviors need special handling. If a child is fighting, using disrespectful words, or harming anyone then the child is taken to the office. If your child visits the office for behavior issues, you will be notified and given opportunity to ask questions.

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My Weekly Honey-pot Report

This week I earned _____ Honey-pots!



Name _____

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Name _____

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