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Orem Elementary Kindergarten Disclosure Document

This is going to be a very exciting year for you and your student. It is amazing the amount of growth your child will make during the school year. He/She will not only grow physically, but also emotionally, socially and academically.

We wanted to let you know about some of the things that we will be doing this year in kindergarten. We will send newsletters home monthly. Please take the time to read them. They will continue to inform you about the things we will be doing in kindergarten throughout the year.

ATTENDANCE

*The Kindergarten schedule is as follows:

AM Kindergarten: Monday - Friday 9:15 - 12:00

PM Kindergarten: Monday 12:35 - 2:30 (Early-out day for Teacher Collaboration)
Tuesday - Friday 12:35 - 3:30

*The children are encouraged to be in attendance each day. We request that students arrive at school on time. Five minutes prior to class, students will line up at our designated spots and we will bring them in at the bell. Early arrival at school is discouraged. We will be dropping off the AM students in the front of the school (on the south side, by the flag pole.) They will only be supervised for five minutes. If you are late they will be in the front hallway by the office on the benches. The PM students may be picked up at our room or dismissed at the bell to meet somewhere. Parents, who need to check their student out early, must go to the office first and sign them out. The secretaries will call down to the classroom and we will send your child down to the office.

*If your child misses school, we will save any work that may be completed at home. We will give it to them when they return. It is hard to have children make up missed work in kindergarten, because many of our learning experiences are done in our hands-on centers or in group activities. If your child will be missing school, please call the school (801-610-8116) to excuse their absence.

SUPPLIES

*Your child will not need any school supplies we will provide everything. It would be nice, however, if your child brought a backpack to school each day. Please make sure that it is big enough to carry a library book and their note folder. Also, please label your child's backpack and coat with their name. Make it a habit to look in your child's backpack before and after school each day. If your child has any type of toy in their backpack, please take it out. Toys are not allowed at school. This will help eliminate a lot of distractions. No real or pretend weapons will be allowed at school! This is a district policy. Please help us keep our school a safe environment.

DONATIONS

*We are asking for a Kindergarten donation of \$10.00 which would pay for the following: Fieldtrips to Hee Haw Farm & Hogle Zoo, Christmas & Mother's Day gifts, hands on science activities, and photo development. This may be sent in on a voluntary basis, otherwise all materials for activities will be furnished by the school.

*Outside our room and on our school website is our "Giving Tree." Throughout the year, it will have supplies listed that we use in our classroom which are not provided by the school. If you would like

to donate any of these items please take an item off the board and send it back with your child. Thanks in advance for anything you may provide!

* Our school also participates in the Box Tops for Education program. You can also help us earn money for our class by turning in your box tops. Your child can bring them in throughout the year. They really do add up quickly!

HOMEWORK

* Weekly homework sheets will be sent home each Monday and should be completed and returned each Friday. With in a few months, we will start the schools Home Reading Program as well. You should have about 15 minutes of homework each school day. We also ask that you continue or develop the habit of reading to, or with your child daily.

SHOW & TEACH

* We will do "show and teach" time in our class. We will only have two children each day do a show and teach. Please choose items that would be educational, not necessarily just a toy. These might be items from another country or something a family member has made, an animal figurine/toy. Please help your child prepare an informational fact to share about their item. When it is your child's turn, they will bring home the "show and teach" bag. Inside the bag will be a piece of paper for you to write clues on. Write down three clues about the item on the paper. At the first of the year, keep the clues somewhat simple and then make them more difficult as the year progresses. We will read the clues to the class and they will try to guess what it is.

BIRTHDAYS

* Birthdays are very important and we feel it's important to celebrate them and let each child feel important on their special day. The district policy is that homemade treats should not be brought to school. Treats should be store bought and individually wrapped. If your child has a summer birthday, we will celebrate theirs toward the end of the year.

SPOTLIGHT

* We will be doing 'Everyday Hero' spotlights throughout the year. Each student will be assigned a week and given a poster to fill out. Posters will be displayed for the week and parents are invited to come for about 10 minutes to do a short spotlight about your child. You can explain things from the poster and bring their favorite book to show the class, etc. You may also bring your child's favorite store bought and wrapped treat to share with the class if you would like to. A schedule with your assigned week will be coming home with our first newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS

* We will need many classroom volunteers to help with our hands-on learning centers each day, and with the home reading program. There will be a sign up sheet available at your half hour appointment time next week.

* Parents are always welcome in our classrooms and are a big support. If you ever have any concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher before or after school. We want each of our students to succeed and be happy in school and to have a terrific first year experience!

THANK-YOU,

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