

# Welcome Parents!!!



## Keys to Kindergarten

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# Names You Might Want to Know

- Jan Hargrove: Interim Principal
- Caroline Miller: Assistant Principal
- Tina Chadwick: School Counselor
- Marie Dexter: PTA President



# Names You Might Want to Know

- Allison Silva: Secretary
- Kim Rich: Data Manager
- Angel Wellborn & JoAnn McAlpin: Receptionists
- Kristen McCollum : Before School Care
- Annie Kress: After School Care
- Amanda Cowan/L. Edmundson: School Nurse
- Mary Jane Brooks: School Social Worker
- Kristen Lewis: School Psychologist



# Volunteers make our school a wonderful place to learn!!!

- What is the PTA?
- Join the PTA
- Ways for everyone to volunteer (media center, field trips, material prep, etc...)
- Volunteer registry
- Other business...



These next days and weeks will  
be filled with a lot of  
emotions...



How are you feeling???

You're not alone!



# Keys to Kindergarten



Have a Positive Attitude



Communication



Promote Independence & Responsibility



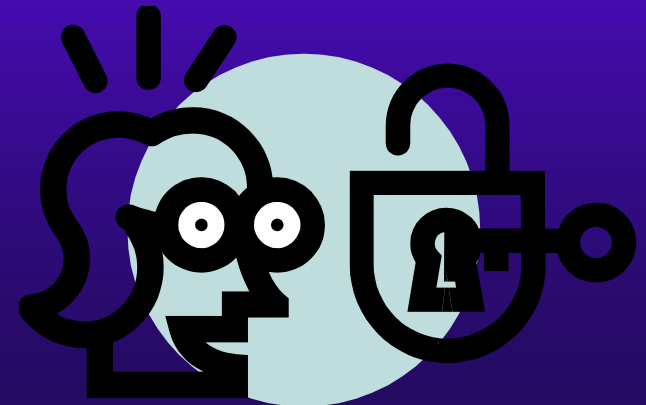
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Play, Play, Play







# Have a Positive Attitude

Starting school is EXCITING!!!!

But school may also mean:

- Being away from home and family
- Learning new routines and new rules
- Big steps towards independence
- Tired children
- New friends
- New feelings





# Have a Positive Attitude

It is natural for children to experience some  
FEARS ABOUT SCHOOL...

- Who's going to help me?
- When is it time to go home?
- Will I make new friends?
- Where is the bathroom?
- When is it lunch time?
- How am I getting home?



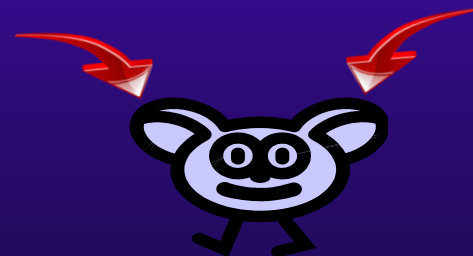




# Have a Positive Attitude

Ease those fears by sharing in the  
EXCITEMENT!!!

- Arrive on time & leave cheerfully.
- Listen to what your child says about what's happening at school and give positive messages by assuring him/her that everything will be okay.
- Show your interest by regularly asking open ended questions about school activities, reviewing information sent home & attending school events.
- Encourage & be positive if your child is struggling to complete school work or homework.

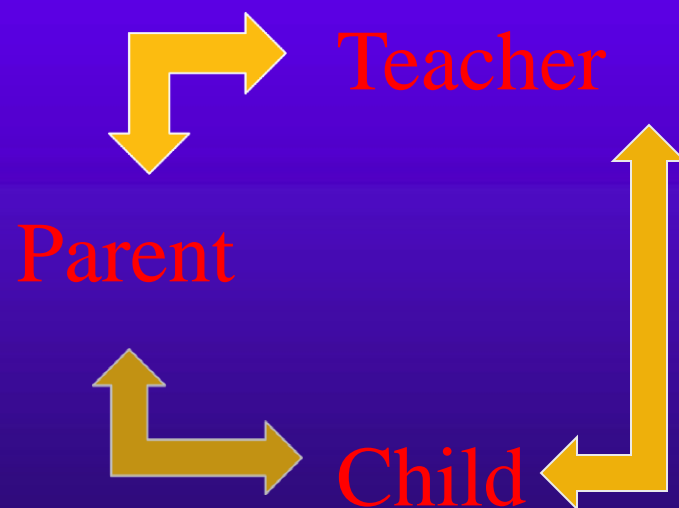




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- Transportation Changes
- Family Changes
- Academic Needs
- Social Interactions
- Emotional Needs

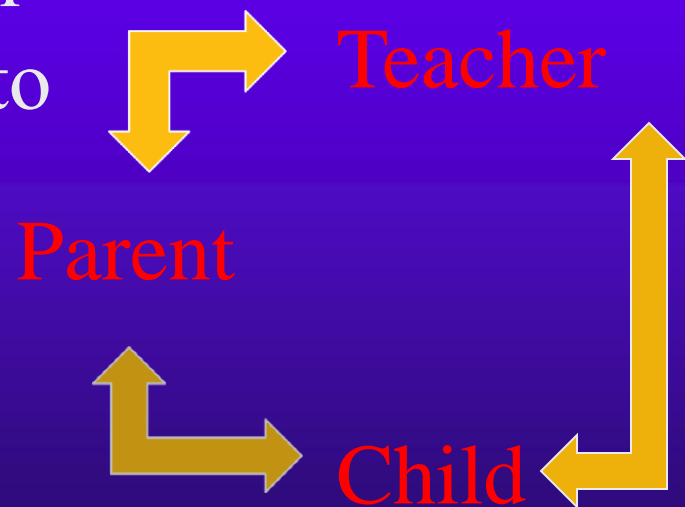




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- Don't assume without all information...reach out to the teacher.
- Read notes, newsletters, e-mail, Go Folders, websites, etc... on a regular basis.

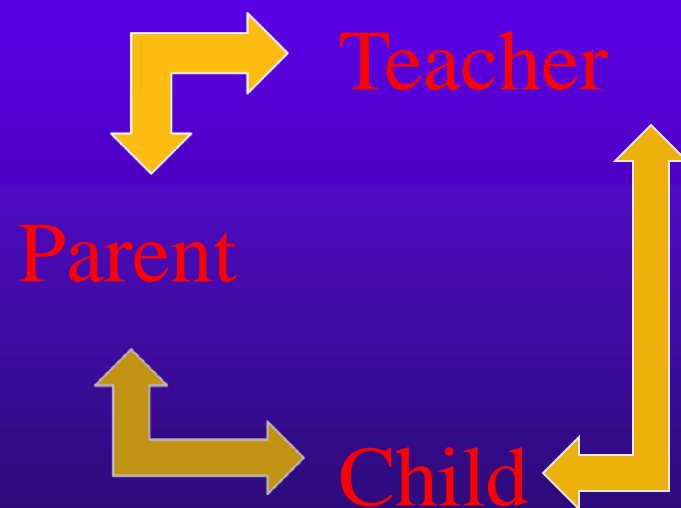




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- Report Cards:  
All 4 Quarters
- Conferences  
Fall & Spring





# Promote Independence & Responsibility

- Finding the Classroom
- Zippers, shoes, and coats, oh my!
- Cleanliness & Caring for Self
- Important Information:  
Name, Address,  
& Phone Number





# Promote Independence & Responsibility

- Lunch Time
  - Welcome to join your child, at the parent table, starting in the month of October
  - Encourage your child to follow café rules
  - Sign in with the main office, meet class at the cafeteria, & say goodbye from the cafeteria
  - Let your child eat and clean up independently
  - Birthdays: See the teacher







# Create a Healthy & Predictable Environment

Be sure your child is...

- Well Rested: Doctors recommend 10-12 hours of sleep each night.
- Well Nourished: Eat together as a family, limit fats & sweets, provide healthy meals and snacks.





# Create a Healthy & Predictable Environment

Setting and following routines makes life happier all around!

- Morning Routine
- Homework Routine
- Bedtime Routine





# Create a Healthy & Predictable Environment

What if my child is sick???



- Fever: Your child may return to school when they are fever free (under 100 degrees) for 24 hours, without the use of medicine.
- Vomit: If your child throws up at school, you will be called to pick him/her up. If your child throws up in the evening or morning, please keep him/her home.
- Diarrhea: Please keep your child home until the diarrhea is gone and he/she is back on a normal diet.

\*\*\* If you have not turned your child's immunization record & health assessment in, Data Manager, Kim Rich, needs it as soon as possible.





# Create a Healthy & Predictable Environment

## Transportation:

- Begin the year with the mode of transportation you plan on using throughout the year.
- Communicate, in writing, with the teacher when transportation changes.





# Create a Healthy & Predictable Environment



## Plan Ahead!!!

- Dress in layers (for air conditioning, heat, & outside weather). Our classrooms can be chilly!
- Send in a extra set of labeled clothes (including socks & underwear) in a zip lock bag.
- Label all hats, coats, sweaters, mittens/gloves, lunchboxes, extra set of clothes, etc...
- Send money in a baggie or envelope and place it in the Go Folder. Label it with your child's name & how the money is to be used.



# Read Every Day

“Reading Unlocks the Future”

Spend a minimum of 20 mins. per day reading.

- Read Aloud
- Shared Reading
- Independent Reading







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We read in all we do! Our day includes...

- Morning work
- Calendar
- Daily 5/Café Literacy Stations
- Specials
- Lunch
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Recess
- Rest Time (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)
- Writing
- Dismissal





# Play, Play, Play



Promote and encourage PLAY at home. Our day is filled with academic work and your child needs time to play.

- “Play is the work of the child.” – Maria Montessori
- “Play is the highest form of research.” – Albert Einstein
- “Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.” – Mr. Rogers



We'll believe half of what they  
say about you...



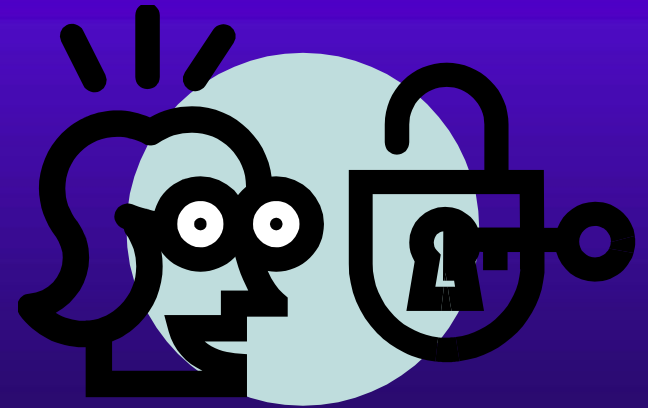
...if you believe half of what  
they say about us!!! 😊





# Special Thanks to...

- Our Kindergarten Teachers & Assistants
- Mrs. Hargrove & Mrs. Miller
- Mrs. Dexter
- All of you!!!



Please fill out your survey and put it in  
the bin before you leave!



We're here for you!!!

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