



Welcome!

I am so excited to have your student in our class this year and get to know your family! Read on for a little bit about myself & our classroom. There will be a parent night soon where I will go over all this and be able to answer any questions. In the meantime, you can explore our class website for even more info such as important dates, daily schedule, etc.

About Me



I graduated from the University of North Carolina Greensboro with a B.S. in Human Development & Family Studies - Early Childhood Education. I am entering my 9th

year in education and re-entered the classroom last year as a 3rd Grade Interim Teacher at Selwyn after being a stay at home mom for 10 years!! I am so excited and grateful to be an official member the Selwyn this year!! I have a wonderful husband and four daughters who also attend Selwyn! Kindergarten is such an amazing grade and I am thrilled to get to teach your student during this formative year.

A Few of My Favorite Things:

The Beach, My Family, Traveling, Crafting, The Panthers, Washington Capitals & Penn State and Owls!

Communication

Honest, open communication is very important to me and is necessary for maximum school success. Throughout the year I will communicate with you through a weekly newsletter (on our website/email). In addition, I will send home notes, call and email, send progress reports, report cards, & hold conferences. Parent interaction in the classroom is also very important. I love having parent volunteers and so do the children. My door is always open! I encourage you to drop by or contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time.



Classroom Management

In our classroom, we keep our rules simple. **We must be safe, respectful, & responsible.** We utilize the Positive Discipline curriculum with regular class meetings, Behavior Chart, & other motivational techniques to encourage problem solving, accountability, and lifelong learning in an enriching and welcoming environment. Stay tuned for more detailed info at parent night or read more about my teaching philosophy and class management on our website.



Arrival & Dismissal

Getting ready for kindergarten can be an adventure! Many parents find it helpful to help their child get ready by laying out clothes the night before & creating a routine for checking backpacks/notes, & setting a convenient time to pack. The following are part of our daily morning routine once the child comes in the class:

1. Folder in bin
2. Exchange homework book
3. Put backpack & snack/lunch away
4. Check-in with daily question
5. Complete morning work - play after!

Homework

Every night Monday to Thursday a book will be sent home for your child to read **with you and** read independently. The purpose is to practice reading, but also to help them learn the responsibility of keeping up with the book and packing it for the next day of school. Please try to help your child learn to prepare his/her backpack with his/her book, folder, library book, and lunch box (and eventually do this independently).



Snack

Each morning around 9am, we will have 10-15 minutes for snack. Please make sure to send a **healthy** snack to school every day. Please, **no soda or candy**. Water bottles are allowed & encouraged.

School Attendance

Your child's **regular and prompt** attendance is crucial to his/her success. Most kindergarten learning activities are group oriented & involve interaction with classmates. Therefore, it is difficult to make up work at home. Please view school as a priority, & see to it that your child attends everyday except in cases of



illness or emergency. If your child is absent, you must send in a note explaining the absence (Dr.'s note, etc.). In the case that your child will be out, please let me know. However, learning occurs all around! If you are planning a vacation & would like your child's absence to be counted as an "educational opportunity," please contact me.

Transportation

If your child's normal transportation is changing, you **MUST send in a WRITTEN note or call the front office**. Please do not rely on your child to tell me this information, as it is easy for messages to be relayed incorrectly. **If no written note or call is received, your child will be sent home by his/her usual transportation**. I am not always able to check emails during the day, so I **cannot accept emails** as a way to communicate changes. Thanks in advance for your understanding & cooperation!



Money

On occasion it will be necessary for your child to bring money to school. Always send money in a **SEALED** envelope with the following information written on it:

1. Student first & last name
2. Amount of money (if cash)
3. Purpose (PTA, field trip, book\$, etc.)
4. Teacher name

This helps me out tremendously. It reduces the likelihood of errors and if dropped on bus or campus, this info will help get the money returned to our classroom.

Recess

Students will go out for recess everyday unless it is raining or extremely hot/cold. Keep this in mind when helping your child select clothing & shoes for the day. Please note that faculty/staff are **not** allowed to apply bug spray or sunscreen. I allow children to bring water bottles outside when hot. However, I stress that it is their responsibility to remember it & look after it.



Birthdays



Birthdays are special occasions for young children! We will celebrate birthdays each month with a treat during our recess or lunchtime. Room parents will contact parents in regards to providing a **store-bought**, allergy sensitive goodie. If you are having a party outside of school, **please do NOT hand out invitations during school, unless EVERY child in the class is invited**.

Welcome to Mrs. Mateer's Kindergarten Class!



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Meet the Teacher Checklist

*Please be sure to visit ALL the stations in our classroom before leaving today

- Verify staggered entry day
- Complete contact form **on computer OR paper*
- Pick up bus assignment
- Choose a piece of scrapbook paper for your first assignment
- Return any completed forms
- Drop off supplies
- Take a peek at our class wishlist (optional)
- Grab any info sheets, a contact magnet, & a special "tweet"
- And, of course... say hi to Mrs. Mateer, check out our classroom, & mingle with other parents/students :)



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