

John T. Pirie Fine Arts & Academic Center

September 6, 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten! My name is Ms. Walton and I will be your child's teacher this year. This is a new and exciting time for you and your child. By working together we can make it a happy and successful school year. The skills taught in kindergarten build a very strong academic foundation for students. The bar for kindergarten rises every year. I know you will be amazed by the academic growth that you will observe throughout the year. I look forward to a wonderful year together. Breakfast is free for all students; however students need to be in the main lobby by 8:40 a.m. They will then be escorted to the lunchroom for breakfast at 8:45 a.m. Instruction begins at 9:15 for students. Students are dismissed at 4:00 p.m. at the gate by the play lot. Students not picked up will be taken to the office.

Attendance

Please be sure that your child is here and on time to school everyday unless he/she is sick. Kindergarten is a continuous experience with each day's learning built on the day before. Missing school will not benefit your child's learning experiences. If your child must be absent, be sure to call the school and also send a note of explanation each time he/she is absent. Without proper documentation your child's absence will be considered as unexcused. In an effort to improve attendance the following criteria has been implemented: Students without 95% attendance for the school year will not be allowed to participate in the Kindergarten End of the Year Celebration and they will not be eligible to receive the weekly attendance prizes.

Grading Scale

W= Well Developed

P=Partially Developed

B= Beginning to be Developed

Contact Information

I am available talk to you before school and I am always willing to schedule a conference time to meet. Please use the following contact information when needed.

Pirie School: 773-535-3435 (Leave a message and I will return your call)

Supply List: (for class use during the year)

- 1 standard size book bag (a standard pocket folder must be able to fit inside the bag)
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 1 box **quart** sized Zip Lock bags
- 1 box **gallon** sized Zip Lock bags
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 2 containers Lysol/Clorox **disinfecting** wipes
- 3 glue sticks
- 2 boxes **8 count large Crayola Crayons**
- 1 boxes **16 count Crayola Crayons**
- 1 package of primary pencils (without erasers)
- 2 bottles of liquid hand soap

Please buy only the school items listed above. All items sent to school that are not on the supply list will be sent back home.

Sincerely,

Ms. Walton

