

Welcome to Kindergarten

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I am anxious to start this year with your child! Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I am married to Mark Kom who is a pastor here at Crown of Life. We have been richly blessed with three girls: Megan, Abigail, and Allison. I enjoy playing the flute, running, traveling and playing the many roles a mother and teacher plays. I am excited about teaching kindergarten this year. The following will explain some of the important things that go with kindergarten:

Communication

We will be using the Remind App as a tool for communication. Please follow the instructions to sign up for this texting app. This is a great way to communicate important messages, pictures, and reminders.

1. In your text messages, text this "phone" number - 81010
2. Enter this as your text message- @d4gcb2
3. Follow the prompts.

Starting Time

Faculty and staff members will begin checking temperatures at 7:30 am - Students should not leave their cars until a faculty or staff member has checked their temperature and they are cleared to enter school. Students will enter through the school entrance on the EAST side of the building.

The children are allowed to come into the classroom starting at 7:30 am. The school day starts at 8:00 am. Making use of every minute available is important.

Snacks

Each student is welcome to bring his/her own morning snack. Please be sure that it's something ready to be easily opened and eaten. (Example: If you send oranges, please have them peeled.) Also be sure that you mostly send things that are healthy snacks such as fruit, veggies, cheese, yogurt, granola bars, and pretzels. Avoid sending cookies, fruit snacks and other foods that are mostly sugar and of little nutritional value.

Memory Work

To start building the children's skills in memorizing, as well as to gain a base of God's Word, we will have a memory work passage to say once a week. This memory work will be recited on Wednesday every week. We will be working on it during our Bible study times throughout the week, so the passages shouldn't be new to them. I will be emailing home a newsletter every Friday and the passage for the next Wednesday will be included in the letter. The child will say their memory work Wednesday morning when they come into the classroom. When they have said their memory work they will put a sticker on a chart for having completed it. I thank you in advance for helping your child with this memory work.

Homework

At the Kindergarten level, it's important that children have lots of time to have fun, play, and just be a kid! To prepare them for 1st grade and to get a little extra practice with their various skills, I will be sending home a worksheet or activity once a week for homework. Each day your child will bring home a take home book. Please have your child read it aloud to you. The activity sheet will be sent home on Friday, and it may be returned to me anytime by the following Friday. I ask that the book be brought back the following school day so another student can take it home. Please sit down with them and help them, but be sure to let them show off their skills to you!

Weather Reporter

During the year your child will be our classroom weather reporter. He/she will bring home the weather folder with a sheet to fill out the night before, and will need your help to look at what the weather will be like the next day. He/she must return it the next day and he/she will stand up in front of the class and report the weather to us.

Behavior Management

As parents know well, Kindergarteners are wonderful and fun children, but at the same time they are still sinful human beings. My discipline system is a traffic light. Each child will start the day with two "green lights". If a child is having a difficult time remembering our classroom rules he/she will move to the "yellow light" as a warning. If they still have a difficult time, they may advance to the "red light". If they end up on the "red light", they will take a chair and be separated from the class for a few minutes to think about their behavior. I will talk to them, we will pray together and then they are welcome to come join the rest of the class again. Although the rules will be very important in our classroom discipline, the main emphasis is always that no matter what we do, God loves us and will forgive us. That message will always help to motivate us to serve God in all we do.

Birthday Routine

If your child wishes to bring individually prepackaged treats for his/her birthday, I would ask that you be sure to bring enough for the whole class. If your child has a summer birthday, they may still celebrate at school, so we celebrate their ½ birthday. If you are having a birthday party for your child and the *entire class is not invited*, I would ask that you refrain from handing out birthday invitations at school to avoid hurt feelings.

All About Me

Each child will be filling out a special poster that tells All About Them. I would ask that you help them fill it out. Your child may do some of the writing or you may fill it out with their answers. They may color and decorate it however they would like. When your child's turn comes up, I will send it home on Friday and please return it sometime during the next week.

Show and Tell

Once a week during the second semester, the show and tell bags will be sent home. Your child will bring a bag home every other Thursday. I would ask that you limit it to one thing that fits in the bag. I would also encourage refraining from sending expensive objects that might break or cause temptation for someone. If there is something

that your child wants to bring that won't fit in the bag, but would still be a great learning experience for the kids, just talk to me in advance and we'll see what we can work out. We LOVE to learn!

Chapel Offerings

Friday mornings (or the last day of the school week) at 8:05 am, we have the blessing of meeting as a whole school to worship together. During the service, we have the opportunity to thank God with our offerings. On Thursday nights I will send home a small envelope for the students to put their offering in so that they can bring it with them for chapel the next day. Each class collects an offering in a basket before school that morning and one of the Kindergarteners will take it up to the altar during the service.

Social Distancing

Students will be distanced from one another as much as is reasonable. • Signs and tape will be placed throughout the building to indicate social distancing. • Desks will all be facing the same direction. • Students in classrooms with tables only will be kept in pods. • We will distance each class at chapel so they are sitting with and by their classmates. We will use the whole church to spread the classes out. Within each class students will also be spread out from each other to properly follow social distancing guidelines.

Face Coverings

All K-8th grade students will wear a face covering at all times when inside the building except for the reasons listed in Executive Order 20-81.* • All faculty and staff will wear a face covering at all times when inside the building except for the reasons listed in Executive Order 20-81.*

Lunch

Kindergarten students will utilize the lunch room on a daily basis. (1st-8th grade will be eating in their rooms.)

Students are welcome to bring their own lunch from home or purchase a lunch or milk from CKC. If you choose to purchase a lunch or milk from CKC, the lunch needs to be ordered a week in advance.

If your child brings a cold lunch from home please double check that your child is able to open **all** the containers in his/her lunch box **independently**.

CKC is taking all necessary precautions to ensure safe handling, preparation, packaging, and delivery of food necessary.

End of the Day

Parents are to pick up their Kindergartener in the front (east) parking lot. Please follow the "circle around" format. I will line up the children outside the door to wait for parents at 3:10. Please be prompt in picking up your child.

Note: On early dismissal days, the children will be excused at 11:30 am.

I'm truly looking forward to getting to know all of you as parents and especially your children. I look forward to seeing their growth in knowledge, maturity and most importantly their faith in Jesus. If you *ever* have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time with my contact information above.

Thank you for your cooperation and God Bless,

Mrs. Michelle Kom