

# Welcome to Kindergarten

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All parents please do the following instructions so that you will receive important information through the Remind App.

- 1. Send a text to 81010**
- 2. Text this message @d4gcb293**

I am excited 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.

The following will explain some of the important things that happen in Kindergarten:

## **Starting Time**

Starting at 7:00 am, there is a supervisor in the lunchroom where the children may go until 7:40 am. The children are allowed to come into the classroom starting at 7:40 am. The school day starts at 8:00 am. Making use of every minute available is important.

## **Snacks**

We will have snack time each morning. As a class, we will take turns providing snacks for the entire class for the week. A snack schedule for the year will be handed out during the first week of school. Please be sure that it's something ready to be easily eaten. (Example: If you send oranges, please have them peeled.) Also, be sure that you mostly send things that are healthy snacks such as fruits, 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 each child'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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade, each day your child will bring home a take home book. Please have your child read it aloud to you. I ask that the book be brought back the following school day so another student can take it home. On Tuesdays and Thursdays your child will be bringing home their Bible lesson binder. Please review the current Bible lesson with them using the sheet in the binder. On Wednesday, he/she will be bringing home their Poetry binders. Please sit down with them and help them read if needed, 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. They 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. They must return it the next day, and they will stand up in front of the class and report the weather to us.

## Library

On Tuesday mornings, we have the opportunity to visit our school library. We go up as a class and our librarian reads us books. The kids are allowed to check out one book. They can keep that book for a week, and may return it to the bucket by my classroom door by the following Tuesday. If a student's book isn't returned by the next time we go, they won't be allowed to check out another book until it's returned.

## Behavior Management

For positive reinforcement our class utilizes a flat marble jar. When I "catch" a student doing something really well or being kind and caring I will ask that person to put a flat marble in the jar. Our class works together to fill that jar. Once that jar is full, we will celebrate with something special. If your child comes home and tells you that they put a flat marble in the flat marble jar, have them tell you more about it and celebrate with them.

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 a treat for his/her birthday, we 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 month or so, your child will bring a red show and tell bag home on Thursday. I may have them bring something from home that has to do with our theme for that unit or it might be a free choice week where your child gets to bring something from home that he/she would like to show his/her friends. The show and tell themes will be listed in the newsletter the week before. I would ask that you limit it to one thing that fits in the bag. I would also encourage you to refrain 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. Have your child practice talking about the item with you. A good way to start would be having them answer questions like: What is it? Who gave it to you? When did you get it? Where do you keep it? We LOVE to present to the class and learn from each other!

## **Chapel Offerings**

Friday mornings at 8:05 am, we have the blessing of meeting as a whole school to worship together. You are welcome to come and worship with us. 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 to 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. Please feel free to come to Friday chapel any time. The back rows of the church are reserved for parents!

## **End of the Day**

Parents are to pick up their Kindergartener in the front (east) parking lot. Please follow the "circle around" carline 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.

Please be sure that the office has a copy of

1. your child's **birth certificate**
2. a **completed health information packet**
3. a **copy of your license** and **proof of insurance**, if you'd like to drive on field trips

Thank you for your cooperation and God Bless

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