



Beginning Kindergarten



Hello! My name is Mrs. Garcia, and I am happy to be part of your child's Kindergarten year. Thank you for bringing your child today. There are several things to accomplish with your child today; however please let them know they are NOT to play with toys.

<u>Supplies needed for the classroom use:</u>	<u>Donated classroom supplies for the whole class to use:</u>	<u>Supplies needed for use at home (Homework & Projects):</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Backpack with name on the outside (big enough to fit folders)• \$5.00 Supply money to purchase specific classroom supplies and materials for students to make field trip shirts• \$5.00 Snack money for August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Dry erase markers (various colors/preferred skinny ones)❖ <u>CRAYOLA Skinny markers</u>❖ Glue sticks (any size)❖ Small prizes for prize box❖ Baby wipes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Fat/skinny markers❖ Scissors❖ Glue sticks❖ Box of crayons❖ Shoe box (for first at home project)

Start of the Day: School policy states that before 8:15 a.m. all children need to be either in the cafeteria eating breakfast (cost \$1.75) or off campus. Breakfast starts at 7:45.m. I will open my door at 8:15 a.m. When the children come in, they put their back bags away. Then they will turn in their folder or any notes/notices into the red basket. **Backpacks:** need to be big enough to fit a folder as well have a change of clothes in case of your child needing to change.

Daily Notice Folder: Please check each night. Take out any notes or papers then initial calendar each school night. Put any notes or money for the teacher or office in envelope, so they don't fall out. **Please don't initial ahead, this tells me that you saw the important papers inside, or need another night to see them.**

Clothing: Please send your child to school in play clothes, wash and wear is best. I do not want any child to miss out on an activity because they can't get their clothes or shoes dirty. **Keep an extra pair of clothes in backpack.**

Lunch 12:30 p.m.-1:10 p.m. Hot lunch is offered at the school for \$2.75. Your child may also bring a lunch from home. Parents are responsible for making sure that there is money in their child's lunch account. You can send your child money in a sealed envelope with your child's name and lunch number written on the outside. You can also go to school website pay and check account online through school bucks.

Volunteers: If you would like to volunteer, you need to be livescanned for fingerprints, which is a background check that tells us that you are cleared to work with the children. It is my policy that I

need the first 4 to 6 weeks in the classroom with the class in order to set up my classroom routines and procedures. Then we can set up times/days each week that it works best for all.

Snacks: I ask that each family if at all possible donate \$5.00 to our snack fund per month. I can then ensure that everyone gets a snack each day. I also tie our snacks into what we are studying in class, making it a part of our learning experience. If you can leave this today, please place the money in the snack envelope and write your child's name on the front.

Birthdays: We love celebrating birthdays and you may bring your child's favorite healthy snack to pass out. Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their child during their special day and also at anytime of the year. **Birthdays invitations: Please do not send birthday invitations to be distributed at school unless you are inviting all children in the class.** We don't want to have any hurt feelings.

Absences: Please keep your child at home if they are ill. They will recover more quickly, and not infect others in class. When your child returns, they must have a note giving reason for absence. This note can also be emailed.

Independent Study Contracts: If your child is going to be absent for 5 or more consecutive days an independent contract can be assigned. This contract contains independent class work that your child needs to complete for the absences to count as excused. **If you are aware of a long absence please contact me 1 week in advance,** so that I can prepare and we can review the contract assignments.

Homework: will include 30 minutes of reading with your child each week, and working on reinforcement of learning skills daily. Monthly, there may be family projects that will be sent home for you to complete with your child. **Homework will start going home in October.** Children need the first two months to adjust to full day kindergarten.

End of the day procedures: If you are picking your child up after school, I ask that you wait outside of classroom near flower box. At 2:15 I will dismiss those children whom have parents waiting, and then deliver the rest to their designated drop off spots. If there is a change of plans for your child's after school care, you must send a note, email, or call. If not, I will follow their regular plan.

I am looking forward to working with your child this year in Room 4 at Lone Tree School.

If you have any questions or concerns please email: cgarcia@wheatland.k12.ca.us



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