

Welcome to Mrs. Mueller's Kindergarten Class!



I am excited to be your child's teacher this year. I am providing this pamphlet to help answer questions concerning homework, communication, and classroom procedures.

Your Teacher:

My name is Mrs. Pamela Mueller. I am looking forward to meeting you and learning all about you. I will tell you about me. I graduated from Texas State University in San Marcos, TX. I have taught kindergarten for 22 years. I have been married for 28 years and have two children. Zach is a biology major at Kennesaw State and Gretchen a GA Southern Graduate. I also have 3 rescue dogs. Bristol, Darlington and Talladega (Dega).

My para this year is Ms. J. She will be assisting our students during morning work, math, writing, and reading work time. She takes care of checking the daily folders, sends and collects information. She is a true asset to the class.

Parent / Teacher Communication:



Daily Folder:

The best way to communicate with me will be your child's Daily Folder. It will contain:

- ❖ A CLEAR zipper pencil bag: Please put all money LABELED in an envelope and notes in here.
- ❖ A calendar used for reminders and behavior. Please initial daily.

- ❖ The back of your child's folder will be homework: reading log and sight word lists (in page protector)
- ❖ The front inside pocket of the folder is used for completed work and notes from the office or PTA.

Please remove these daily.

Remember to bring daily folder every day.

Other ways to contact your child's teacher:

Phone the School: (770) 443-4191

Email: pmueller@paulding.k12.ga.us

Remind 101: Please be sure I have a cell phone number. I will log in the class. Please send me an email if you did not receive a welcome message.

Snack Time

We eat lunch at 11:34-12:04, the children are usually hungry before the school day ends. We have snack time at the end of the day. Please bring a small snack, snack time is only 10 minutes. If you send in a drink, water only.

Kindergarten Newsletter

The newsletter goes home weekly. We can send this by email or a copy in your child's folder. This has events, homework, and announcements.



Homework:

Your child will have homework daily. Homework will be:

Reading: Read with your child every day. As you read with your child help them to understand the basics of reading. Point to the words, ask questions (who is in the story? What do you think will happen next? Look for sight words and sound out words.

Sight Words: We will begin sight words after Labor Day or when your child knows all upper- and lower-case letters and sounds. Each week on Thursday or Friday your child will be assessed on the weekly sight words. Assessments will include current week sight words and all previous words. Ex. Week 4 assessment will include week 4 words and weeks 1-3 words. The repetition will help to increase fluency. Our end of the year goal is 85 to 220 words.

Math: Every month your child will have a class goal. August we will be working on number sense. Learning how to write and identify numbers 0-10.

Phonics: Phonic skills homework will be individually based according to your child's progress. The first goal is to identify all letters (lower and upper case) and sounds. The next step is sounding out (segmenting and

blending) words with the beginning sound then the ending. Ex. s - it = sit or m - op = mop.

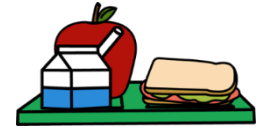
Homework is an important time for children to practice skills learned at school. Please help your child develop this useful practice time.

Absence, Tardy, or Early pick-ups

Please help your child get to school each day on time. If they ride the bus, we encourage the use of face masks. If your child is sick, **please keep them home. Fever free for 24 hours or when told by a physician to return.** Our goal is to keep everyone safe as we return to school. Remember to send in a parent note for the illness or a doctor's note for attendance records.

The school opens to students at 7:25. The tardy bell rings at 8:00. I work with small groups during this time. We begin instruction at 8:05 after the morning announcements. Children that come in late miss this valuable instruction time. It is important to build positive and encouraging foundation year for our kindergarteners.

Money



Please place all money in an envelope and label what it is for. Place in zipper pencil holder in folder. We will not check backpacks or pockets for money. Thank you.

Extra Clothes Please put an extra change of clothes in your child's bookbag. We will leave them in there unless they are needed. You never know when we might have an accident, spill, or oops. Children are learning how to use lunch trays and spills happen often.

Transportation



Make sure your child knows how they will be getting home each day. **If your child has a change of transportation, we need this in writing & placed in the clear pouch in their binder.** Notes tend to get lost if placed in folder pockets.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

I am looking forward to an exciting and successful school year!

Thank you for all your help and support as we begin your child's Kindergarten year!

