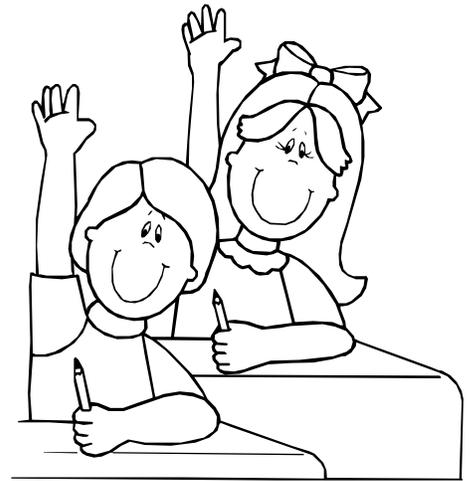


Dear Parents.

You are your child's most important teacher, and your home is your child's first and most important school.

Your child is about to begin his/her first year in school. This time is exciting and a little bit scary. Even when your child has attended a day care or nursery school there are adjustments to make.



In kindergarten your child will become more independent. He/she will learn to get along with others, use and take care of the tools needed for learning, and build a good foundation for mastering the skills he/she will need to succeed in life.

You will see a lot of changes in your child as he/she moves on to kindergarten and throughout his/her school years. Please remember that you will be the key to the way your child feels about school. Teachers work hard to make learning fun and interesting, but you will be the one to convince your child of the importance of an education. Make sure your child is in school regularly and on time. This will help him/her to learn to be responsible. Teach him/her respect for his/her teachers. Don't criticize your child's teacher in front of him/her. Handle your problems in an adult manner with that teacher. Criticizing a teacher in front of your child puts him/her in a bad position. Remember he/she spends 7 hours a day with his/her teacher.

Remember to tell your child often that you love him/her and how special he/she is to you. Listen to your child tell you about his/her day, and help your child to have pride in his/her work by displaying a piece or two on the refrigerator each week, reading or letting your child read his "little book" each time he/she did it. If at any time you have a question about what your child is doing at school or have something to share that you feel would help me to help your child don't hesitate to call. I am very excited about this school year and will do my best to make kindergarten a good memory for your child. We are going to have a GREAT year together.

Sincerely,
The Kindergarten Teachers