**Welcome to Preschool!**

Can you believe that the school year is already here? I have been very busy in our classroom preparing for the upcoming year. I am very excited to get to know you and your child this school year! We have an exciting year ahead of us that will include a lot of fun and learning! I can’t wait to get started on our first day, **Wednesday, August 29th**.

**Getting to know Miss Emily!**

I am very excited to start my second year teaching preschool at West Hancock. I graduated from Upper Iowa University in 2016 with a degree in Pre-K—Grade 3 with special education and a reading endorsement. I am originally from Alta Vista, which is a small town in Northeast Iowa. In my spare time I enjoy staying active, being outside, and spending time with my family and friends.

**What do we do in Preschool?**

Preschool is filled with lots of fun while we learn the essentials for kindergarten. A few goals we have for the year are to be able to write our first and last name independently, name and write the letters and know each letter’s sound, learn to recognize our numbers 0-20, count past 20, and continue to develop our social skills. We learn a lot of our skills through play and using our Zoo-Phonics and Everyday Math Curriculum. We assess students 3 times a year using the Gold Assessment and will send home a summative report card using those results in the fall, winter, and spring. You will also receive monthly progress reports to let you know how your child is doing learning the basic skills.

**Pick Up and Drop Off**

**AM** Preschool will be from 8:30 to 11:10 and **PM** Preschool will be from 12:40 to 3:20 Monday through Thursday. **AM** class will not meet on two hour late start days and **PM** class will not meet on two hour early out days. We will still have **PM** class on one hour early out days. Please walk children or have an older child bring them; do not send them alone. **AM** students will be brought to the South doors at 11:10 for pickup. There will be a Kanawha school bus to take students from Kanawha to and from the Kanawha Middle School for both **AM** and **PM** classes**. PM** students will be brought to the South doors at 3:25 for pick up. A staff member will help your child to the car when their vehicle pulls up. Walkers will be dismissed at 3:30. Please let me know who your child will be walking with. At 3:40 the Britt bus students will be dismissed. –Only children who have an older student already being dropped off at that location can ride this bus since the school doesn’t otherwise offer transportation to preschoolers. If your child is to go to a different place than usual after school, he/she must have a note or the parent is to call the elementary office. **We will not send the child to a different destination without a note or phone call. This is for the safety of your child.**

**Take Home Folders**

Each day your child will bring home their take home folder**.** Please remove the items in the folder and return the folder to school the next day. I will put notes in this folder for you, and if you have any notes for us, please put them in this folder. These will be checked when your child arrives at school. If you have any concerns or questions that come up throughout the year you can send a note in their folder, call me, or send an email. One of the things being sent home each week will be a newsletter to keep you posted on activities here at school. Thank you for taking the time to read it. We are planning for a great school year!

**Snacks**

Students are responsible to provide snacks for the class according to the attached snack calendar. Milk will be provided each day. We ask that you bring healthy (unless it’s a birthday snack) prepackaged snacks so we can read the ingredients due to allergies. **AM** class will need to bring enough for **10** children and **PM** class will need to bring enough for **12** children. Please send the snacks with your child either the day of his/her snack day or during the week of his/her snack day.

**Birthdays**

We will celebrate birthdays as close to the child’s day as possible. We will celebrate summer birthdays on the child’s half birthday. If you would like to send birthday treats with your child to school, please follow the snack guidelines. Parents are always welcome to come and enjoy our birthday celebration just let me know if you are planning to come that day.

**Extra Clothes**

Please send an extra set of clothes. We will keep them at school in your child’s locker.

Thank you for all your cooperation. With everyone working together we will have a great year! I am very excited to get to know you and your child! Feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns!

Miss Emily ☺

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