

Welcome to Miss Roberts and Mrs. De Jesus's Class!



We are so happy to have you here at Laurel Park Elementary in our Kindergarten class. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and friendships. Included in your Meet the Teacher packet you will find some information for the first day of school. Please take time to read about school procedures, classroom information, and some suggestions on what to do at home to help your child during the kindergarten school year. We also gave you the student/parent handbook containing important information about policies and procedures. Please complete the forms given on staggered entry day and send them to school as soon as possible in the red Laurel Park communication folder.

We have tried not to overwhelm you with information. Please plan on attending Curriculum Night the evening of August 27th to learn more about what to expect in kindergarten. It is an adult only evening. Please plan to attend. We look forward to working with you and your child to build a successful learning community.

Thanks for your support,

Miss Roberts and Mrs. De Jesus

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### Communication Folders:

- I will send home a daily folder each day with your child.
- The daily folder is a wonderful way for us to communicate with you. If you have any notes that need to be sent to school, or if we have anything that needs to be sent home before Monday this is the place to do it. Please check your child's folder daily.
- This folder may be empty. That is okay! It gets your children used to turning in a folder each day.
- On Mondays, this folder will contain school wide information from the PTA and other resources, as well as, your child's work. Please take a look at your child's work with them, and return the folder empty the following day.

### Transportation:



- Please let us know how your child will be going home from school on a regular basis by completing the teacher information form. We will not send children home any other way than what they normally do, unless you send a note in your child's daily folder. This is to protect your child. In addition please do not send me an email (I often do not have time to check e-mail during the school day). A note in the daily folder is the way to make a change to transportation. A verbal message to the office personnel cannot be accepted as it presents a safety issue.
- A transportation tag will be attached to your child's bookbag. It is important that this tag remains attached to your child's book bag.

### Absences:

- ❖ If your child is absent, please call the school's message line (290-2333) and leave a message stating the reason for the absence. Please send a detailed note with your child on the day he/she returns to school after being absent, even if you called the school. It will be considered an unexcused absence if your child returns to school without an appropriate note.
- ❖ WCPSS policy for sick children is available in the parent handbook. Please read the information carefully. The handbook states: If your child is sick, please keep him or her at home. Children should be kept home from school if:
  - They have a fever of 100.6 or higher. A student should be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.
  - They have nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. A student should be free of these symptoms for 12 hours before returning to school.
  - They have severe headache.
  - They have red, watery eyes with yellow drainage.

They have an undiagnosed rash.

### **Breakfast/Lunch:**

➤ The cost of breakfast is \$1.25 and lunch is \$2.75 each day. Your child may purchase milk for \$0.75 if they bring lunch from home. I suggest that you prepay on your child's lunch account ([www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com)), so that your child does not have to bring loose change to school on a daily basis. This works much better for kindergarten-aged children. They will be given a lunch card to use in the cafeteria everyday. A reminder notice will be sent home when your account is low. Although snack items are available in the lunch line daily, it is important to remember that kindergarteners may only purchase them on Fridays. If your child has any food allergies or requires a special diet, you may want to consider packing your child's lunch each day.



### **Snack:**

➤ Please send a nutritious snack with your child everyday. Water bottles are allowed. Please understand that we only have about 10 minutes for snack, therefore it should be something that your child can eat relatively quickly.

➤ Please pack the snack separately from their lunch.



### **Specials:**

- Our class will be attending specials each day. Examples of specials are: Music, Physical Education, Art, STEM, Media, Social Thinking, and Guidance. I will keep you informed of the specials schedule through the class newsletter.

### **Recess:**

- We will have recess outside each day all year unless it is dangerously hot or cold. In the event of inclement weather we will have an indoor recess. Your child can take a water bottle, hat, and sunglasses to recess if needed to be comfortable.

### Homework:

- In kindergarten, we ask that you read with your child every night for 10-15 minutes. Your child will have a daily "reading bag" which will include books they choose and strategies learned in class. Please sit with your child each evening. Make it part of your routine. We would like for you to explore the pictures, talk about the author and illustrator. Have children retell the events in the story in their own words. Model good reading for your child. Have your child explain strategies he/she is learning in class. Please enjoy books every evening with your child, even when your child is reading independently.

### Rest time:

➤ We will have rest time for the children each day. The children are not required to sleep, but they are required to "rest" quietly. We stay really busy in kindergarten, and the majority of children need this down time. Please send a regular sized towel (no blankets or super sized towels) with your child's name clearly labeled on it. We will send towels home every Friday to be washed. Please send them back the following Monday morning. Later in the year, our class will take time to rest our brains and bodies with some quiet activities like reading or drawing.



### Report Cards

- Your child will receive a report card at the end of each quarter (9 weeks). I will be holding parent conferences twice during the school year. These will be scheduled after the first and third quarters.

### Clothing:

➤ The Kindergarten teachers highly recommend that your child regularly wear tennis shoes that are comfortable for jumping, climbing, running, etc. Flip-Flops and open backed shoes have been hazards in the past and we discourage wearing them. Students must wear tennis shoes to participate in P.E. and recess. Wake County Policy prohibits wearing short or tight garments, bare midriff shirts, and strapless shirts. Please read your Student/Parent Handbook and the Laurel Park Handbook for additional Dress Code information.



➤ Please pack extra clothing (shirt, shorts, underwear, socks, etc.) in a large ziploc bag. We will keep this bag in the classroom. If you would like to change out the clothes as the weather changes or your child grows just send in a new bag of clothes, and we will send the old ones home. Even if your child has not had an accident in quite some time, it is better to have clothes here so we do not need to call you at home or work in case of an emergency.

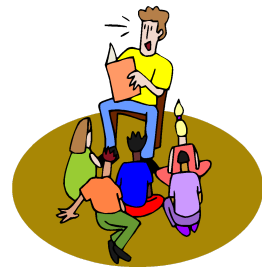
### Medications & Immunizations:

- All medication will be administered in the office. The office can only administer prescription or over the counter medicines with a completed Physician's Order Form for Medication (WCPSS form 1702). Do not send these types of medication with your child to school. Parents must deliver medications to the office with the appropriate documentation. In addition, children are not permitted to bring cough drops, Tylenol, lip balm, etc. to school for safety reasons. If you want additional information please see Laurel Park's Handbook.
- It is very important that we have accurate immunization records for each child in our classroom. Please submit all immunization records as soon as possible.



### Volunteering:

- We welcome parent volunteers in our classroom, for special events, and field trips. We do, however, ask that you do not come in during the first six weeks of school (we will send out a volunteer calendar with details after the first six weeks). Your children need time to adjust to new teachers, friends, and schedules. We want your child to feel very comfortable and independent.
- During these first few weeks we would like to encourage all parents to register through the Wake County Volunteer Registration process. This will allow parents time to be approved to volunteer in our class and/or attend field trips. If you are interested in attending field trips, you must apply and be approved as a volunteer. Without this clearance you will not be allowed to go with the class on a field trip. Register in the Media Center.
- Per Wake County Policy all visitors/volunteers must sign in at the office and obtain a badge.



### Dismissal:

- Children may be picked up during the day for appointments through the Front Office. However, children will not be released to parents after 3:20 in the afternoon. We try to eliminate any traffic in the building right before dismissal to ensure every child's safety.

### Birthdays:

We all love celebrating kid's birthdays! A school birthday party doesn't need to involve cupcakes or other unhealthy foods. Laurel Park Elementary promotes healthy eating habits and exercise choices. Many children have food allergies and other health conditions that impact bringing food into our classroom. There are many ways to celebrate besides food. Some other options are: come read a special book to the class, eat lunch with the class, prepare an art project, give small treat bags filled with non-food items (such as stickers, a puzzle, pencils), donate



an item to our recess bag, etc. Please contact me regarding your celebration idea for your child.

- Parties in the classroom are not allowed by Wake County policy. Birthday party invitations will not be given out at school unless all children in the class are invited to attend. In addition, we cannot provide you with any contact information including phone numbers, email addresses, or home addresses. You may obtain this information if you purchase a directory from the PTA.

### **What can you do to help?**

Read the Daily Folder and talk about your child's day with your child  
Look at your child's work and be excited for their learning  
Sign up for clearance for volunteering and field trips  
Foster independence in your child (shoe tying, buttoning, zipping, cleaning up toys, etc)  
Set routines, expectations, and accountability in your child  
Read with your child every day  
Read our weekly newsletter and support your child's learning  
Join our PTA

### **Questions:**



- Any questions and/or concerns are welcomed during the year! Please contact me by writing a note in your child's daily folder, by sending me an email or by calling the school office (290-2333) and leaving me a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible within 24 hours. Do not try to come in during arrival or dismissal to discuss concerns. I will not be able to give you my full attention during that time. Reserving time for a conference will be the most effective way to find time for us to discuss student progress and/or parent concerns.

**We are looking forward to an amazing year together!  
Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and support!**

