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Welcome To Kindergarten

Mrs. Jolly room 110

Meet the Teacher



Welcome to kindergarten! I am Samantha Jolly and I am so excited to be your kindergarten teacher this year. A little about me: I grew up in Omaha, NE but moved to the Platte City area in 2005, graduating from Platte County High School! Go pirates!! I currently live in Camden Point, MO with my Husband Josh and our three children Addison (12), Harper (10) and Gunner (5). Addison will be in 7th grade at PC Middle School this year and you will see Harper and Gunner often they will be with us at Compass! I graduated from WGU in December 2021 with my bachelors in Elementary Education. I then received my Early Childhood certification in March 2022. I was a preschool teacher for 10 years before deciding to pursue my teaching certification. I started teaching Kindergarten at Compass in 2021 and I am excited to continue this year! I spend most of my time taking my kids to their activities, coaching youth cheer and crafting. I am also a big KC Chiefs fan!! Some of my favorite things are unsweet tea, the color teal, coffee, and shopping on Amazon.

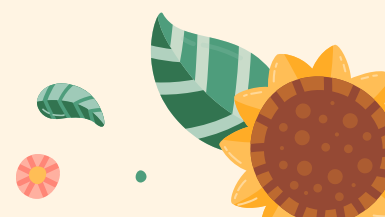




Leader in ME

We will learn about and use the 8 Habits in Kindergarten. We will have daily lessons during our LEAD time. Each child in our class will have a leadership role. This helps promote responsibility and ownership of our classroom. It also helps to show respect for personal and school property.

Kindergarteners will also be focusing on social skills lessons such as taking turns, being a good sport, or handling not getting your way. This goes right along with our Leader In Me curriculum!



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Classroom Expectations

Our classroom is a family! We will do our best to make each other feel welcome and safe. To do this we have a set of “rules” or as I like to call them, classroom expectations. There are only five but I feel they cover most of what we need do to maintain a safe environment for our classroom family!

1. Raise your hand to speak
2. Listen when someone is speaking
3. Follow directions quickly
4. Be a caring friend
5. Always do your best work

Mrs. Jolly's Class Schedule

8:35-8:50 Morning Routine/Restroom/Creative Play

8:50-9:10 Morning Meeting

9:10-10:00 Phonics/PA

10:00-10:50 Small Group/Literacy Centers

10:54-11:19 Lunch/ Restroom

11:20-11:30 Reader's Mini Lesson

11:30-11:50 Recess

11:50-12:30 Reader's

12:30-1:00 Writing

1:03-1:53 Specials

- Day 1: Library
- Day 2: PE
- Day 3: Art
- Day 4: Music
- Day 5: PE

1:55-2:50 Math/ Math Centers

2:50-3:05 Restroom/Recess #2

3:10-3:20 Closing Circle

3:30 Car Riders Dismiss



Star Folders

- Each child will have a S.T.A.R. Folder they will take home each night.
- S.T.A.R. Folders contain important information.
- Right side - papers to send **right back** to school (homework, important forms, etc.)
- Left side - papers to be left at home.
- Pouch - notes, transportation changes, lunch money, etc. I will check this pouch every morning.
- **Please check and EMPTY** your child's folder nightly and send it back to school.
- In the back of the folder I have also taped their RAZ login, as well as, their QR Code for chromebooks if needed.



Behavior Management and Communication

In order to guarantee that all children in Kindergarten experience an excellent learning climate, consequences will be enforced for poor behavior. However, it's no secret that everyone makes mistakes, and I want each child to know that it's OKAY to make mistakes. Mistakes are something we can learn from. With that said the following plan will be used for behavior/discipline:

If your child...

- * Receives two or more reminders/warnings to follow expectations, he/she will cool off in our safe seat and be sent home with a note stating the behavior they struggled with. This note should be signed and returned to school.
- * Continues their behavior even after their warnings, he/she will be asked to complete a think sheet in a buddy room. This will be sent home and should be signed and returned to school.
- * If behavior issues still occur after being sent to a buddy room, he/she will be sent to the principal's office.

A "Safe Seat" is a chair within the classroom that is away from the learning environment. This seat allows the student time to collect himself/herself while thinking about his/her actions.

A "Buddy Room" is a different classroom where a student may go if the behavior continues.

A "Think Sheet" is a form filled out by the student and staff member. The student will draw and/or write what they did wrong and what they should have done. This helps them take ownership and reflect over their actions.

- * Teachers reserve the right to assign consequences based on the severity of the behavior.


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Homework

Your child will begin to take home a R.E.D bag during second quarter. You and your child will work from this bag for about 15-20 minutes each night. The R.E.D bag will work on fluency, heart words, encoding (spelling) and reading decodables. You will get more information at parent teacher conferences in early November!



Things to note:

- Weekly Newsletters - A weekly newsletter will be sent home via email every Friday! Each newsletter contains important reminders, updates, and events happening in our classroom.
 - Toys - Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school (unless it is show and tell day). Toys can be a distraction to not only your child, but others as well.
 - Transportation Changes - If your child has an after school transportation change, please call the office no later than 3pm.
 - Homework - will start second semester and should take no more that 20 minutes each weeknight.
 - Visitors/ Volunteers - There will be opportunities throughout the year. Be on the lookout for more information
 - Birthdays - We are not able to have whole class birthday celebrations. However, you may send in pre packaged, individually wrapped snacks/items to donate to our classroom store. Students can purchase these with classroom money. We will do our best to make your child feel special on their birthday!
 - Snack - We will have a short allotted time for snack everyday. Your child may bring one small peanut free item. It is best to bring a snack item in a disposable bag that can easily be thrown away. Please note – snack time is not a time to finish lunch.
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How to reach me


The best way to reach me is email:

jollys@platteco.k12.mo.us

- You can also reach me by phone at 816-858-0157 Ext 4049
Please leave a voicemail and I will return your call at my earliest convenience.

We will also use Class Dojo to stay connected. When you download the app it will work a lot like texting! It's a convenient way for me to send reminders and you to ask simple questions! You will get more information at back to school night!

*Please keep in mind the district communication expectation is within 24 business hours. As a parent myself I know how important timely communication is. I will do my best to respond promptly!

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I am so excited to get to know you all this year! Kindergarten is such an exciting but sometimes scary milestone for your child. I hope to make it the best experience for not only your child but you as well! Always reach out with any questions or concerns, I am here to help!

It's going to be a great year!! Go Pirates!

Mr. Jolly

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