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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 (11), Harper (9) and Gunner (4). Addison starts at PC Middle School this year and you will see Harper often, she will be a 4th grader at Compass! This is my first full year teaching. I graduated from WGU in December 2021 with my bachelors in Elementary Education. Then received my Early Childhood certification in March 2022. Although this is my first full year teaching it is not my first year working with children. I was a preschool teacher for 10 years before deciding to pursue my teaching certification. I also worked in a kindergarten classroom at Compass last year, taking over for a teacher who left mid year. I spend most of my time taking my kids to their activities 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

8:30-8:50 Morning Routine/ Creative Play

8:50-9:00 Calendar

9:00-9:30 Phonics

9:30-10:10 Small Group/ Literacy Centers

10:10-10:40 Writer's Workshop

10:40-10:50 Heggerty

10:54-11:19 Lunch

11:20-11:40 First Recess

11:45-12:05 Readers Workshop

12:10-1:00 Specials

Day 1 PE

Day 2 Library

Day 3 Art

Day 4 Music

Day 5 PE

1:05-1:30 Readers Workshop

1:30-2:20 Math/ Math Centers

2:20-2:40 Lead Time/ Social Skills

2:45-3:00 Second Recess/ Snack

3:00-3:30 Social Skills application/ Writing

3:33-3:50 Dismissal



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.
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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...

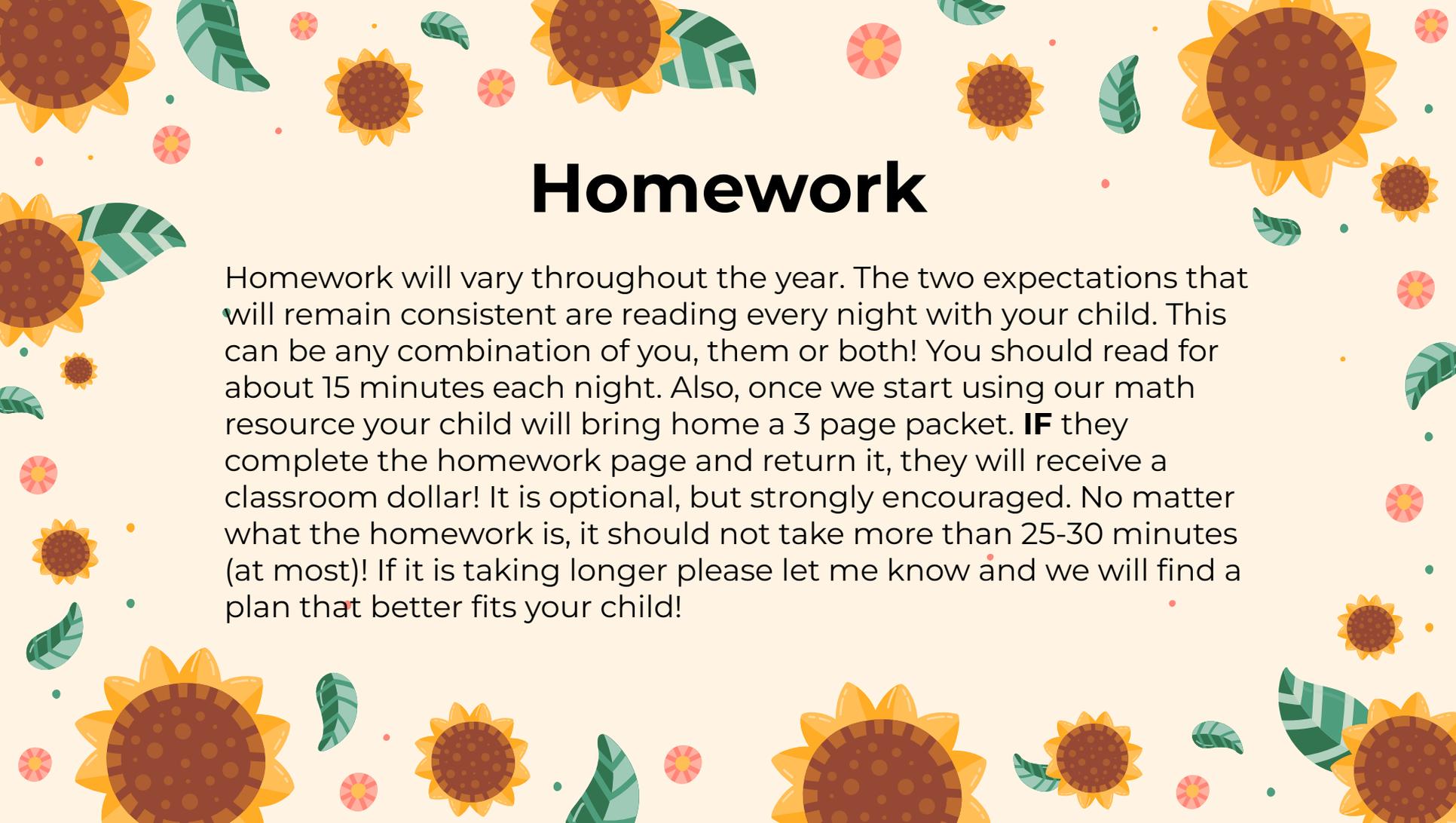
- * Receives two or more reminders/warnings to follow expectations, he/she will be sent home with a note stating the behavior they struggled with. This note should be signed and returned to school.
- * Continues their behavior even after their warnings, he/she will be asked to complete a think sheet at our safe seat. This will be sent home and should be signed and returned to school.
- * Continues their behavior after completing a think sheet, he/she will be sent to a buddy room.
*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

Homework will vary throughout the year. The two expectations that will remain consistent are reading every night with your child. This can be any combination of you, them or both! You should read for about 15 minutes each night. Also, once we start using our math resource your child will bring home a 3 page packet. **IF** they complete the homework page and return it, they will receive a classroom dollar! It is optional, but strongly encouraged. No matter what the homework is, it should not take more than 25-30 minutes (at most)! If it is taking longer please let me know and we will find a plan that better fits your child!



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 - Homework should be completed on time and returned to school.
 - 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 to donate to our classroom. 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 during second recess. 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 at recess. 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. More information to come!

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



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