



Kindergarten Handbook 2024-2025

Welcome

I am glad school has started. I look forward to getting to know your child and your family.

For those of you who do not know me, I will introduce myself. I am married with two adult daughters. My husband is Mike. He is on the CBA school board and works at FlexChem, as a division manager. My oldest daughter, Bailee, is a graduate of WOCS, CBA, and OBU. She teaches Bible, Art, Home Economics and Life Skills at Christian Heritage Academy. She is also getting married on September 7th. She will be marrying Matt Crews. He is IT for Devon Energy in Oklahoma City. My youngest daughter Bradyn, also graduated from WOCS and CBA. She is a cosmetologist and co-owns a spa, B & B Essentials in Weatherford. She is married to my son-in-law, Tyler Stark. He is a graduate of Weatherford and SWOSU. He works for the business office ASAP in Weatherford. Tyler and Bradyn had my first grandson Bryler Wayne on April 20th. I love being a Boujee (that is my grandma name my girls gave me 😊) I have had the privilege of being in early childhood in some form for the last 28 years. I am thrilled to be teaching your child kindergarten. I know this is going to be a wonderful year of fun, learning, and most importantly drawing closer to the Lord.

Please feel free to set up an appointment for a conference if you have any questions or concerns. In addition to teaching kindergarten, I am the Early Education Director for all three campuses. In my absence Renee Johnson will be in the classroom as my teaching assistant. I am so excited to have her. My family time will be limited this year, so please be mindful of that. I know many of you have my cell number, but I would like to encourage you to use Group Me for communication. I will accept and answer all communication through email or Group Me, Monday through Friday before 6 PM.

Email: kindergarten@wocs.org

School phone: 580-323-9150

**Please note that anything in this handbook is subject to change. They are kindergartners and I will adapt anything necessary to meet their needs, at my discretion.

Class Verse

“Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the devil.”
Ephesians 6:11

Grades

The first nine weeks all kindergartners will receive satisfactory or improvement grades.

The second nine weeks we will start taking letter grades.

The Bible grade is based on their memory verse each week.

The reading homework does affect your child’s reading grade.

All other grades are based on graded papers.

Homework

The scissor box will be the only homework for the first nine weeks. I will have one box that will rotate through all the students. The scissor box will have a pair of scissors and scissor exercise papers for them to practice. Please have them finish cutting out the papers the night they bring it home. Return the cut-up paper, box, and scissors to school the next day. This will be something fun and will help each student with his or her cutting skills. We have one classroom rule with scissors: Only cut paper. Please reinforce this rule at home.

The kindergartners will start having reading homework sometime in the second nine weeks. They will have reading homework on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This does affect their reading grade.

Reading Goals

We will be participating in a version of Braum’s Book Buddy program, October through March. To meet each month’s goals, you will need to color all the objects on each month’s page.

Reading to your child at this age is especially important. Exposure to literature while a child is learning to read is crucial. I would encourage you to read to your child daily.

Library

The kindergartners will start checking out books on September 3rd. They will be allowed to check out one book. If they have returned the one, they have out, they will be allowed to check another. Library days are Monday-Thursday. We will have Show and Tell on Fridays when we start.

Show and Tell

Show and tell are on Fridays. Our show and tell will correlate with the letter or subject matter we are studying. I will let you know the letter we are studying, in my weekly note, and your kindergartner may send a show and tell that begins with that letter.

Take Home Folders and Tuesday Folders

Take Home folders are RED and need to be returned to school the following day. The students MUST have these folders at school every day.

Tuesday folders are BLUE and need to be returned on Wednesday.

Please make a note that each folder has a section for items that need to be returned to school.

Field Trips

Our tentative plans are to go to We Rock The Spectrum in September. A community helpers field trip in November. A trip to CBA in February. A Blue Zoo field trip in April with all three campus kindergartens. If you plan to drive on any

field trip and take any children other than your own child. The office will need to have a copy of your driver's license and insurance.

Pastor Appreciation

Our class service project is going to be pastor appreciation. In February, we will be making candy jars for our pastors and praying over them as a class. Each student will deliver these jars to their home church pastor.

Discipline Plan

Each kindergartner begins the week with three cards (shields). A student will lose a card if he/she breaks a rule or if Mrs. Brown feels it necessary, because of other disruptive reasons. If the child keeps the green shield card, the yellow card, and the red card by Friday, the child will be able to choose out of the "treasure chest." If the child loses the green shield card only on or before Friday, Mrs. Brown will choose out of the treasure chest for the child. If the child loses both the green shield and the yellow shield the child will be unable to receive a treasure that week. Each week they start over with the green card and the yellow card. I am hopeful all my students will have all cards every Friday.

They also have a red shield card. This card can be replaced each day. If a child has lost both the green card and the yellow card and needs to pull a card, they will pull their red card. This means they will not receive the P.M. snack for the day. This card can be replaced each day. If a child pulls the card after the P.M. snack, they will lose it for the next day. I have found some students need a new chance each day.

Water Bottles and Blankets

Please send a water bottle and a small blanket. I am not allowing sheets for the mats because of sanitary reasons. We will have a water bottle station. We have a sink, and I will refill the water bottle daily or as necessary. The blankets need to fit in your child's classroom cubie. I will send home the water bottle and blanket on Fridays to clean at home. I will need you to send a clean one each Monday.

Birthday Parties

All birthday parties this year will be immediately after chapel. You are welcome to stay at the drop off for your child's birthday blessing in chapel and a short party afterwards. Your child will be in charge of the snack for that day. I found because of the time doughnuts, cupcakes, or cookies are a good idea. Please do not send goodies bags or gifts to this party. If you would like to send a gift for our classroom from your child that would be a wonderful idea.

Classroom Parties

Christmas Party, Friday December 20th @ 12:30

God's Love Party, Friday, February 14th
@ 2:00

Resurrection Party, Thursday, April 17th @ 2:00