

Dear Parents/Guardians,

July 26, 2019

Welcome to the Mountain Home Kindergarten! We hope you had a great summer and your child is ready for school. This year will be filled with new learning experiences and discoveries.

Enclosed please find a letter from your child's teacher. Open House for the entire district will take place on **Thursday, August 8 from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** This is a drop in and **it is critical that you and your child drop by.** This visit to the school will allow you and your child to meet his/her teacher and tour the building. It is at this time that you will receive information needed in the upcoming year as we work together to make this an invaluable experience for your child's first year of school.

The faculty and staff provide opportunities for all children to participate in age-appropriate activities in order to benefit the whole child in a safe, nurturing environment. In 2017, we declared to participate in RISE (Reading Initiative for Student Excellence) which is an Arkansas Campaign initiative to encourage a culture of reading. We are very excited to let you know that every Kindergarten teacher has been RISE AND Apple Connections trained - both focus on teaching the Science of Reading. In addition to academics, we will strive to meet your child's social, emotional, and behavioral needs as well.

School starts Wednesday, August 14, and Students will attend a full day. If you are driving your child to school, drop off begins at 7:30 a.m. Unfortunately, due to student enrollment and limited parking, you will not be able to escort your child into the building. However, we will have several smiling faces to greet your child as they are dropped off and get them to where they need to be.

We will be providing a **Free Breakfast for ALL students at the Kindergarten** and it will be served until 8:00 a.m. (Tardy bell will ring at 8:00 so if you do not drop off your child by 8:00, you will need to bring them in and sign a tardy form). School dismisses at 3:00 p.m. It will take a few days for traffic at car loading to move smoothly and in a timely manner. Please be patient and prepared to wait in the car line. Just a friendly reminder, state law prohibits cell phone usage while in the car loading line. Safety of students is our top priority.

We appreciate your help in allowing us to create a routine for your child these first two weeks of school. You are welcome to visit your child for lunch after Labor Day. Whenever you visit the school, remember that we do require photo identification as we want to keep your child as safe as possible. Please continue to have your photo ID with you even after your initial visit.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with you and your child in a personalized learning environment - we look forward to a great year.

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Janet Wood, Principal