



Welcome to Mrs. Revels' Kindergarten Class

2010- 2011

"It is today that we must create the world of the future" ~Eleanor Roosevelt

I am so excited to have your child in my class this year. My name is April Jo Revels. I am 26 years old. I have lived in Person County my whole life and I am 2002 graduate of Person High. I graduated from Greensboro College in 2006 with a BS in Elementary Education. I am currently working on my Master's Degree in Elementary Education, and I am almost finished! I have taught third grade, first grade, and kindergarten. Kindergarten is a big year for both you and your child. It is a huge transition year for most. Communication will be the key to the success of your kindergartener this year. Please do not hesitate to ask me anything! Below you will find the ABC's of kindergarten.

Arrival- If students plan to eat breakfast; they should go straight to the cafeteria before coming to class. Students should not report to class until doors are open for car riders. Doors will open between 7:50 and 8:00.

Absences- If your child has to be absent please send in a written note. Absences will be filed as unexcused without a note. You may write your own or use the one that I have provided for you.

Breakfast- Breakfast is free for kindergarteners. If eating breakfast, students should report straight to the cafeteria before coming to class.



Birthdays- No one loves birthdays more than me! You are more than welcome to bring cake or cupcakes on the day of your child's birthday. However, they may only be brought during our lunch time. If your birthday falls on the weekend we would love to help you celebrate another day of the week.



Behavior- In our classroom we use a stop light system. Each day, every child starts on green. Upon making a bad choice or not following directions, a warning will be given and the child will move to yellow. After yellow if the child continues to make bad choices they will move to red, and a note will come home and a phone call to a parent when necessary. I do believe in second chances so each every child has a chance to earn their way back to green if they make good choices the remainder of the day. A behavior log will be kept in your child's 3 ring binder, (see below) and it needs to be signed every day.

Green= I'm having a great day

Yellow= I've made a bad choice but I still have the chance to get back on track.

Red=I have made several bad choices today, and had a hard time following directions.



Binder- Our main form of communication will be your child's 3 ring binder. This binder will be sent home every day. This binder will be used to bring home important papers, newsletters, homework, and work that is completed in class. It

will also be used for you to send notes to me and money for lunch, fieldtrips, pictures, etc. This binder will be the home for your child's behavior log as well. THIS BINDER SHOULD BE CHECKED AND CLEANED OUT EVERY DAY! I will provide binder and all materials when your \$6 is received.

Box Tops- Help our school raise money by turning in your Box Tops.

Conferences- Conferences will be held November 4-5 and again January 27-28, however you may schedule a conference with me at any time throughout the year.

Contact me:

Email- This is a great way to contact me. I check my email periodically throughout the day.

Phone-I will not take calls during instructional time, however you may leave me a message and I will return your call during my planning or after school.

Binder- Notes may be sent in your child's binder, which I will check every morning.

Discipline- In my class it is my ultimate goal to use positive reinforcement at all times (stickers, high fives, hugs, etc.) However, there are times that consequences must be used. In these cases, the following are examples of consequences that are used in our class: Five minutes of no recess, Time out from free centers, phone call home, silent lunch, silent snack, etc.

Dismissal- School will dismiss at 3:00. Please wait for your child in the car line. We ask that you do not park and walk up unless you need to speak with me or come into school for some reason. Parking in the bus parking lot or in other restricted areas is off limits.

Extra change of clothes- Please make sure that your child a season appropriate change of clothes at school at all times in case of accident. If your child should have an accident and wears their extra clothes home, please be prompt in sending another set of clothes back to school.

Field Trips- We will be going on two field trips this year. One will be a community helper fieldtrip which we visit several places around our town, and the other will be to the Museum of Life and Science in Durham.

Homework- Homework will be sent home every Monday and will be due on Friday. You are welcome to keep homework in binder during the week but I will not remove it until Friday. Homework is usually just a couple of sheets to review what we are learning. There will be occasions when your child will need your assistance with their homework activities, but for the most part they should be able to complete homework independently with the exceptions of reading instructions.



Illness- Though your child's presence at school is very important, so is the health of your child and the rest of the students in our class. If your child is running a fever or has recently vomited, please take precautions and keep them home from school. REMEMBER, YOUR CHILD MUST BE FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS (WITH OUT MEDICATION) BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL.



Lunch Money- Lunch money can be sent to school daily or in advance to be put on your child's lunch account. You may send cash or checks (made out to Helena Cafeteria). It is very helpful to put your child's lunch account number on all checks sent to school.

Missed work- Kindergarten is a year of exploration and discovery. Therefore we do a lot of activities that require hands on and not a lot of worksheets. Therefore when your child misses school it will be difficult to send home make up work.



Nap- We will have nap every day. Your child will need a kindermat or blanket to nap on. The first half of the year, nap will be 45 minutes, and 30 minutes the second half of the year. Your child may wish to bring a blanket or special stuffed animal from home. Please make sure all stuffed animals are small enough to keep inside of their cubby.

Names- Make sure your child's name is on EVERYTHING that they bring to school!



Open Door- You are ALWAYS welcome in our classroom.



PE- We will have PE on Wednesday and Friday. On these days it is very important that your child wear appropriate shoes, preferably tennis shoes. Any child not wearing appropriate shoes will not be able to participate.

Projects- Throughout the year your child will be asked to complete several projects at home. These projects will require assistance from an adult. These projects should be creative and original.



Snack- We will have snack every afternoon. You are responsible for your child's snack. Healthy snacks are preferred, No soft drinks are allowed at school.

Scholastic Book Orders- We will place Scholastic book orders almost every month. We will send home order forms and you may return CHECKS to school or you may choose to order online. I will send more information about ordering online.

Volunteers- Volunteers are always welcome in our classroom. We love volunteers to help with tasks around the room and work with small groups or individual students. Volunteers are also needed to chaperone our fieldtrips. If you wish to chaperone on field trips you must fill out a back ground check. These normally have at least a 3 week turn around. Please fill these out and turn them in to me at the beginning of the school year.

Website- www.mrsrevels.com Please visit our website often to stay updated and see pictures of what's happening in our classroom.

Donations- If you would like to make donations to help cover the monthly hosting and maintenance fees of our website, your help would be greatly appreciated. You may do so by clicking the "Donate" button on the homepage on my site. I will also have a "Spare change" jar in our class if you would like to donate spare change for our site.