

## **SOUTH CENTRAL ELEMENTARY**

### **"K-NOTES" FROM THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS**

Dear Parents:

Your child will be entering a new world of friends and learning next Fall. We hope it will be a helpful experience to him/her, and also give us a chance to assist each child to reach his/her fullest potential.

Kindergarten is not what it used to be. We do what First Grade did 10 years ago. It is no longer a social Kindergarten. It is an academic Kindergarten.

The children will begin reading at least by the middle of October—just a word or two at first. In May, hopefully, they will be reading two or three sentences on each page of an 8-16 page booklet. These books will be about the many themes we will cover having to do with the letter of the week, science and social studies. Other themes we will cover include apples, pumpkins, farms, holidays and seasons, butterflies, bears, space, oceans, and gardens. In math, we will cover numbers from 1 to 100, patterns, time, money, clocks, and addition and subtraction.

ON THE FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN OR BEFORE, EACH CHILD MUST HAVE HIS OR HER PHYSICAL AND IMMUNIZATION RECORDS TURNED IN AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR HE/SHE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START SCHOOL.

Dress regulations are as follows: Both boys and girls may wear shorts in warm weather. Consider layering warm shirt over t-shirt. If weather is too cool and child does not wear a coat or long-sleeve shirt, they will not be allowed to go outside.

When planning school clothing and outer wraps for cool weather, please consider a child's ability to dress and undress and do not purchase clothes which have complicated closings. This will help him or her to become independent.

Please encourage your child to start tying his or her own shoes. It will be very helpful if your child has achieved this skill by the time he or she starts kindergarten. Kindergarten children may begin bringing library books home in September. If you or a member of the family read books to the child, it will be a great benefit in helping him or her learn to read.

#### EXPERIENCES:

Take trips to benefit your child. Examples would be grocery and other shopping trips, visits to the park, zoo, farm, and library. Construction areas are another idea such as where homes are being built or roads resurfaced. Picnics and cookouts where your child can prepare and cook their own hamburger or hotdog offer another experience for your child. .

#### POSSIBLE RESPONSIBILITIES AND CHORES:

1. Dressing their self, bathing, brushing their teeth, and tying their own shoes.
2. Cleaning and caring for own room.
3. Helping in the kitchen by setting the table and clearing the dirty dishes. This helps when it comes time to carry their lunch trays full of food in the Cafeteria!
4. Pet care, if you own one.