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Dear Families,

**![C:\Documents and Settings\reynolm2\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\9LPGUT53\MC900232101[1].wmf]()** Welcome to Kindergarten! We are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. Kindergarten is the foundation to your child’s school career. This transition can be hard for both you and your child. It is important to encourage your child to come to school each day with a positive attitude toward learning. We hope this will be an exciting time for both of you, as your child discovers the joy of learning. During the school year you can expect your child to learn skills for reading, writing and math. Your child is our ultimate concern, so please do not hesitate to call or send a not if you have any questions or concerns. I appreciate your interest in supporting your child this year with his/her learning experiences in our room.

**Lunches**

Your child may buy or bring a lunch. You can prepay at any time by check or cash. If you send in money please make sure you attach your child’s name to the payment and note saying it is for lunch. It is easiest for us if you put the money in your child’s homework folder. We will be checking these folders daily. The cost of lunch will be $2.75 per child per day. You may also purchase milk only for 55¢.

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**Breakfast**

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**Snacks**

 We will have a small snack time daily from 2:00-2:15. Please send in a healthy snack and juice or water with your child daily. Please **no candy** or **soda**. Our school policy states that **no red or blue drinks** are allowed in the classroom (it stains our carpet). Please send in items that can be thrown away or easily stored in your child’s book bag. Make sure your child knows what is for snack and what is for lunch if both are sent in (do not put your child’s snack in a lunch box as this can be confusing for a five-year-old). If you are able and would like to send in extra snacks (for students who forget) we would really appreciate the donation.

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**PTA**

 PTA is a big part of our school. We would not be able to do many things without their help. Please join to help our school. The cost is $5.00. Look for the PTA form in your Open House packet.

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If your child is absent for any reason, please send a note to school on the day he/she returns stating the reason for the absence. Any absence that is not followed by a note will be considered unexcused (see student handbook). If you know your child is going to miss a day ahead of time, please let us know. All make up work will be sent home the day your child returns and should be completed within the week.

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**Medical Information**

**![C:\Documents and Settings\reynolm2\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\SXJB40PM\MM900336569[1].gif]()** Please inform us if your child has any medical conditions that require special treatment or medications. Some of these may include allergies to bee stings and/or food that we must be aware of. **We cannot give medication to your child without the proper paperwork filled out and signed by a doctor. You can get the forms form the office or GCS web page.** Items such as sun block, Chap Stick and eye drops are considered a form of medication. Your child may not use these items without a doctor’s note.

**Birthdays**

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**Homework**

 Your child will have homework each night (Monday- Thursday). The work will consist of activities that reinforce what your child is learning in the classroom. Any work your child does not finish throughout the day (including morning work, if your child is late) will be sent home as **additional** homework for the night. Homework folders will be checked and emptied each morning. This is a good place to put important items such as bus notes, notes for us, lunch money, etc. Make sure you check your child’s homework folder daily.

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**Discipline**

 We want your child’s first experience in school to be a positive one. We have put a few rules in place to try to achieve a positive and successful leaning environment for all children. The class rules are…..

* Listen carefully
* Follow directions the first time they are given
* Respect others, yourself and your school. Be kind with your words and actions.
* Raise your hand to speak or stand
* Stay on task. Do not disturb others who are working.
* Keep your hands, feet and all objects to yourself

![C:\Users\wrightm2.GCS-DOMAIN\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\I4PY008I\CLOTHES_1[1].jpg]()**Clothing**

Please make sure to send a change of clothes to keep at school for your child. Accidents come in many forms and we do not want to inconvenience you by calling to bring a change of clothes to the school. Also send a light jacket with your child daily. The temperature in our room may vary.

We have mulch on our playground here at Pleasant Garden. Foam flip flops and high heels are difficult for your child to run and play in. Please have your child wear tennis shoes or sturdy sandals daily. Please make sure he or she wears tennis shoes on our gym day.

![C:\Documents and Settings\reynolm2\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\SXJB40PM\MC900078737[1].wmf]()We hope to focus on positive behaviors. Details about our classroom behavior chart are in this Open House packet. Children will have opportunities to go to the prize box, candy jar and earn lunch with a friend for positive behavior. If at any time you would like to donate goodies for our treasure chest, donations would be greatly appreciated!

![C:\Documents and Settings\reynolm2\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\YQKIV82H\MC900088966[1].wmf]()If at any time you need to talk to us, please do not hesitate to do so. We are here for you and your child. With that being said, the easiest way to reach us about a concern is through email. Please allow us ample time to respond to your email. Changes in transportation should never be sent by email and you should plan to write a note, the morning of, if there is a change.

One of the biggest steps in life is a child’s first year of school in kindergarten. In order to make this school year a successful experience for your child, cooperation between teacher and parents is essential. We look forward to a great year with you and your child. We are working towards the same goal….the education and happiness of your child. LET’S WORK TOGETHER!

Sincerely,

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