Good Evening Stokesdale Parents,  
  
This is Mrs. Bennett, Principal of Stokesdale Elementary with reminders about the upcoming first week of school.  It was great seeing all of you at Open House last night!  Seeing students and parents in the building again was an awesome sight, because it is going to be a "Great" year! Please remember school will start on Monday, August 28th and safety is our top priority here at Stokesdale.  Students cannot be dropped off before 7:00.  There will be no supervision until after 7:00.  The school day starts at 7:00.  Breakfast will be served from 7:00-7:25 and if students need breakfast, they may go through the cafeteria line.  Afternoon dismissal will be at 2:10 for K-2 and 2:15 for 3-5.  All students should be picked up by 2:25 each day.  For car rider line, please do not turn on the side street that connects to Athens Road.  Turn on Angel Pardue Road and then turn right on Athens Road to proceed to the car rider line.  Buses will be moving around cars in the car rider line to get to the bus unloading zone at the front of the school.  Car tags will be given out the first day of school.  Please post your car tag on the rearview car mirror when picking up your student each day.  Please be patient as students, staff, and parents adjust to a new school year with procedures and especially our car rider line the first week of school.  If your student is riding a bus, please check the GCS website under Transportation or download the Here Comes the Bus app to access your bus number and track your student on their bus route.  Students will receive their One Cards and devices this upcoming week.  One Cards will be used on buses, cafeteria, media center, and to enter the school building each day.  Students will need to wear their One Cards everyday to school.  If you plan on picking up your student from school early, please call before 1:30 so we can have your student ready for dismissal. Kindergarten parents may walk their students to your Kindergarten teachers back door on the first day of school.  Kindergarten parents we know this will be a hard day for you, but please know your student is in good hands and we will take care of them. Parents with students in grades 1-5 will not be allowed to walk their students in the building.  For teachers to train students in routines and procedures, parents will not be allowed to each lunch with their student for the first two weeks of school.  The 23-24 Stokesdale Family Handbook will be sent home in your teacher's first classroom newsletter through email.  Please read over this handbook so that you are informed of the procedures here at Stokesdale Elementary.  Please make sure that your child's teacher has a current email and knows how your child will be getting home each day.  We look forward to an “Awesome” first day and first week of school.  Thanks so much for listening and have a great evening!