

The ABC's
of Junior
Kindergarten!

Green Room Class Handbook

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Absent Days

If you child misses school and you would like them to make up what they missed let me know! If there is something we can send home we will put it in their take home folder so they won't miss anything!



Birthdays

Birthday Treats: Birthdays are so special to our Junior Kindergarteners!! We love to celebrate this special event. If you choose to send in a treat to share, we ask that you please drop it off in the morning so we will be sure to have to available for snack time.

Summer Birthdays: Some children never get a chance to celebrate their birthday at school because it falls in the summer. We never want that to happen in our class, so in May we have a

Summer Birthday Bash where we celebrate all our kid's with summer birthdays!

Birthday Invitations: We do not want to have any hurt feelings in our school, so we are asking that Birthday invitations are passed out only if all students in the class have been invited. Look for information for other students the Class Directory.

Books for Birthdays: You may also decide to participate in "Books for Birthdays". To celebrate your child's special day, consider donating a book to our class library in his/her honor... a favorite story is perfect! We will insert a special bookplate with your child's name and birthday on it, and add it to our story collection for our little readers to enjoy!



Chapel

We have Chapel Tuesdays with Mrs. Dana.

Classroom Economy

The students will be able to earn money as part of a Classroom Economy in our room. Every day your child has a "purple" day, he/she will earn one dollar. They also receive "payment" for being a class helper or Star of the Week. See Class Jobs section for more information. The students will collect this money in their Green Wallet and watch their good behavior pay off! If they have a "red" day they will subtract a dollar from their wallet. See Discipline for more information. Not only will our Classroom Economy reinforce good choices, it will also allow us to practice adding and subtracting!

Class Store: The children will have a chance to spend their money at our class store every two weeks. This is where we need your help! We would like to ask for donations of new or gently loved items for our store. These may include: dollar store items, "happy meal toys", books, toys, stickers, pencils, etc. Please send in anything you think the children would enjoy. We would appreciate your contributions at any time during the school year!

Class Jobs

Each week we choose new Class Jobs. This helps us learn responsibility and take pride in our classroom! These jobs include Paper Passer (\$2/week), Two Scrap Monsters (\$5/week), Light Checker (\$2/week), Library Assistant (\$3/week), Line Leader (\$5/week), Lunch Helper (\$2/week), Meteorologist (\$1/week), Head Table Washer+Assistant (\$3/week), Hand Sanitizer (\$1/week), Banker (\$2/week) and Star of the Week (\$10/week). As you can see each job is awarded a "payment" at the end of the week to save in their

Green Wallet or use in the class store!

Creative Movement

Mrs. Chelsea teaches Creative Movement (P.E.) on Thursdays

Conferences

Please contact me any time you wish to discuss your child's progress. We can communicate through e-mail, telephone call, note in the GREEN Notebook, or an in-person conference. The division-wide conference dates are listed below, or we can set up a conference whenever the need arises. Yearly conference times are listed below:

Sign up for mid-year conference starts Feb. 13

End of the year conferences are held the first week of May (optional)

Contact Information

Here is my contact information. E-mail is probably the quickest way to contact me. I will try to reply as soon as possible. You can also write me a message in your child's G.R.E.E.N. notebook or call the school.

EMAIL:

greenclass@childrenscenterpreschool.com

SCHOOL PHONE:

682-229-1961



Class Directory

At the beginning of the year a directory of the students will be put in your GREEN Notebook. This will include the child's name, parent's names and e-mail.



Emergent Reading

We use the Reading A to Z curriculum to encourage reading in our classroom. These printable books will be sent home each week and can be kept in your Reading Treasure Box to keep the learning going at home!

Enrichment Schedule

Tuesdays:

Chapel at 11:00

Music at 11:20

Thursdays:

Creative Movement at 11:00

Spanish at 11:20



Family Projects

Each month your child will receive a fun-filled Family Project to complete together. These activities are always geared at working together and I hope you enjoy them! Sharing of these projects is a great way for the students to practice their oral language skills as well.

Focus Letter and Number

While we are always reviewing all our letters and numbers, we focus on one of each every week. This helps us focus on writing them correctly and recognizing them. We also learn our letters in sign language.



G.R.E.E.N. Notebooks (Get Ready: Everything, Everyday, Neatly!)

Our class is using G.R.E.E.N. Notebooks to keep us ultra-organized! Our G.R.E.E.N. Notebooks hold everything students and parents need to keep informed of class and school events and information! Everything is right here in one binder!!

The binder includes many important parts:

1. **The Perfect Pouch:** Use this pouch for money, notes to the teacher, etc. (NOTE: Please put any money in an envelope or baggie first that lists your child's name, amount, and purpose for the money.)
2. **Colors for Behavior:** The front section of our G.R.E.E.N. Notebook will inform you which color your child was on for the day.
3. **Class Handbook:** This Class Handbook is also a part of our G.R.E.E.N. Notebook. Please do not remove it so it will always be available for quick, easy reference.
4. **Introduction Pages:** These are the order in which we introduce new things such as Dolch Sight Words, Scripture Verses and Spanish Words. These will help you stay up to date with what we are introducing in class and reinforce it at home.
5. **Take-Home Folder:** The purple take-home folder is also a part of the G.R.E.E.N. Notebook. It's a good idea to make a habit of looking in your child's folder each night. One pocket is for items to return RIGHT back to school and the other is for items to be LEFT at home such as completed work and information on upcoming events (please remove these items every night).
6. **Monthly Calendars:** A calendar for each month is provided in the G.R.E.E.N. Notebook. These calendars provide A LOT of information about what is happening and what is coming up, so be sure to review them frequently!

Students need to be responsible for the notebooks and bring them to school everyday. Please help your child by reminding him/her to bring it each day and remember these important do's:

1. DO take very good care of your GREEN, it will be used all year.
2. DO bring your GREEN home each afternoon and bring it back each morning.
3. DO clean out terrific student work and school flyers every night.

Also remember these important don'ts:

4. DON'T leave your GREEN in your car, on the bus, at home, at daycare, or at Grandma's.
5. DON'T let anyone tear any pages out of your GREEN or borrow it.



Homework

Periodically we will send homework home in the Take Home Folder. It could be a worksheet, an emergent reader or a reading assignment. Complete the worksheet and send it back or sign the assignment sheet and send back to school to receive a sticker. When a child gets 5 homework stickers they get \$2 for their Green Wallet.



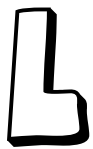
Journal

Writing and brainstorming is an important part of our classroom! We have a Brainstorm Journal that we work on throughout the year. It gives the children a topic to brainstorm on and write a word for.



Keep Updated

You can keep updated on classroom events and happenings by checking out our class website. Our Newsletter—the Kinder-Garden (Watch us grow!)—will also keep you up-to date. Always check your child's G.R.E.E.N. Notebook nightly for information as well.



Labeling Items

Please label your child's backpack, lunch box, coat, hats, gloves/mittens and everything in between with his/her name! Many children have similar items

and it really helps if things get lost!

Lunch

Time: Our class goes to lunch from 11:55 AM—12:25 PM. If you forget your child's lunch in the morning please bring it before this time. If you are planning on ordering Quizno's please do so in the morning and their lunch will be delivered.



Math

We have a Focus Number each week. With this number we work on writing it correctly as well as one-to-one correspondence. We do lots of hands on math throughout our day as well, including measuring, adding, subtracting and categorizing!

Music

We have Music on Tuesdays with Mrs. Erica.

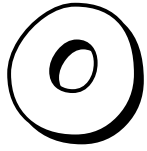


Newsletter—Kinder-Garden (Watch Us Grow!)

Every week look for our class newsletter which will keep you updated on all necessary information and class happenings. Please check your child's take-home folder (in the GREEN Notebook) for the news!

No School

Our class calendars and school website lists all the scheduled days that there is no school (childrenscenterpreschool.com). In the event of inclement weather we follow Birdville ISD closings.



Online

We will often post updates and pictures online on our Facebook page and through e-mail!



Parent Pick-Up

Please refer to the CCBV Parent Document for pick-up procedures. We cannot dismiss the child from the classroom without an approved person there to pick them up. If you are planning on picking up your child early please let us know in the morning, if possible, so we can have all their things ready.

Picture Journaling

Each week the children will get a chance to let their creativity run wild during a picture journaling project. They will be given a fun topic to draw about and will also be given the chance to write.



Quiet Time

We have “quiet time” daily in our class. This is usually at the end of lunch while friends are finishing eating. Students can read a book or do a puzzle at this time.

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Recess

We have recess daily from 11:20-11:50, weather permitting. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather with a jacket if needed (please, no flip-flops). In case of inclement weather, we will have recess in the 'A' room.

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Science and Social Studies

We will be learning about Science through exploration and observation in and outside of our classroom. Our Social Studies will also take our learning from ourselves to our community (and beyond!).

Scripture Journal

We learn a new scripture every two weeks during circle time, then we review the scripture while coloring the page for our Scripture Journal.

Star of the Week

Each student in our class will become a Star of the Week twice this year! They are a special, honored student throughout their exciting week!!

Monday—About Me poster: The Star will bring home an About Me poster to create and bring on Monday. It will be shared on Monday and hung in our classroom!

Tuesday--Favorite Picture Book: The Star may bring in a favorite picture book to read to the class.

Wednesday--Mystery Box: The Star will place an object that is special to him/her in the mystery box. Then the Star will write two clues to describe the object in the box. The class will try to guess the mystery! You may also send a small treat or goodie to share with the class on Wednesday, if you wish.

Thursday--Lunch Buddy: You are invited to join your child for lunch on Thursday! Our lunch time is 12:00 PM-12:30 PM. You may also choose to invite a sibling or a favorite relative to be your child's lunch buddy. (Note: I would also be happy to change the schedule if you're planning on joining us for lunch and Thursday doesn't work with your schedule.)

Snazzy Snack Time

Every Thursday we will have a Special Snack. This is usually something that the kids get to make or put together themselves! There will be a Snack Sign-up Sheet on the Parent Info Board each month, so please look over it and sign-up to bring part of our snack when you can! Also, on the other days of the week we will be having "everyday" snacks like goldfish, crackers, pretzels, etc., so if you would like to periodically provide those types of snacks for our kids that would be great too!

Spanish

We have Spanish Thursdays with Mrs. Randa. We also introduce new Spanish words each week in class.

Schedule

9:00 AM—9:35 AM Greeting/Morning Centers and Work

9:40 AM—10:05 AM Circle Time

10:05 AM—10:15 AM Bathroom Break

10:15 AM—10:35 AM Snack

10:35 AM—11:00 AM Language Arts/Centers

11:00 AM—11:20 AM (Monday) Focus Letter/Number Review

(Tuesday) Chapel

(Wednesday) Science Lab

(Thursday) Creative Movement

11:20 AM—11:35 AM (Monday) Scripture Review

(Tuesday) Music

(Wednesday) Emergent Reading

(Thursday) Spanish

11:35 AM—11:55 AM Recess

12:00 PM—12:30 PM Lunch/Quiet Time

12:30 PM—12:50 PM (Monday) Art/Centers

(Tuesday) In-Class Spanish/Centers

(Wednesday) Math/Centers

(Thursday) Art/Centers

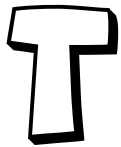
12:50 PM—1:10 PM Get Set for School Workbook/Centers

1:10 PM—1:30 PM One-on-One Work/Centers

1:30 PM—1:45 PM Backpack Pack, Job Time/Payment, Class Store (Every other Thursday)

1:45 PM—2:00 PM Closing Circle Time

*If our door is shut when you come to pick up your child we are completing our Closing Circle Time, if it is possible please wait outside until we finish and open the door to dismiss!

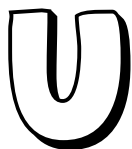


Teacher

WELCOME to Junior Kindergarten!! Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself... my name is Chelsea Robberson and I am excited to be your child's teacher this year. This is my fourth year at the Children's Center at Bear Valley. I grew up right here in Fort Worth and obtained my Associate's Degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Kaplan University. Before CCBV I taught at several schools including serving as the Kindergarten teacher at Ruach International Christian School in Honduras as well as coaching Stretch-N-Grow classes. I am looking forward to working with you in order to make this a successful year for your child!

Toys and Other Items

Please help your child to remember to leave toys and other play items at home. They often pose a distraction and I worry about them getting lost or "borrowed" indefinitely.



Utterly Well Behaved Children

Each day the children start on green. If a child is still misbehaving after a warning, their card is moved to yellow then red, if needed. I save red for major offenses or repeated offenses, red light results in visit to office. If a child does something exceptional like help when they weren't asked, hold the door for a friend, etc., their card is changed to purple. At the end of the day, children who are on purple get \$1 and a note home, children on green get a sticker or stamp, yellow gets nothing, and red gets a note home and the loss of \$1. You will be able to see what color your child was on each day in their G.R.E.E.N. notebook. See G.R.E.E.N. notebook for more information.



Classroom Volunteers

One thing we, of course, are always wishing for is volunteers! I will have sign-up information at Meet the Teacher. Since we are all learning routines during the 1st month of school (and it's easier to do that without a lot of extra people in the room), volunteer opportunities will begin in October. Thank you for all your help!!!



Water Bottles

Water is “fuel for the brain” and I encourage students to drink during the day to keep those brains working, so *please* pack a water bottle daily for your child. I only ask that you please send “poptop” water bottles rather than “screw top” water bottles (and label it with your child's name). This helps tremendously and leads to a lot less spills. Thanks!

Wish List

Occasionally you will find a Wish List of items that our class would like to have for various projects on the Parent Info Board. If you are able to donate any of the things listed, we would greatly appreciate it!

Student Work

Completed class work and projects are sent home in the GREEN Notebook to help you monitor your student's progress. Looking over this material with your child will help him/her to take ownership of this work.



eXtra Clothes

Please provide a change of clothes, underwear, and socks in a Ziploc bag. Whether it's a spill from lunch, a messy art project, or another type of accident... it always helps to be prepared! Soiled clothes will be sent home in a plastic bag, so you'll know if the "Just in Case" clothes need to be replaced. Thank you!



YOU!

YOU are your child's first teacher and I need your help to make his/her Junior Kindergarten year a success! Strong family-school partnerships build strong learners... thanks for all you do!



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Please make sure your child gets lots of sleep each night. Our day is quite busy and packed full of fun! We want to make sure that he/she is ready to do his/her best!!

