

Hello Kindergarten Parents,

My name is Paula Hal and I will be your son or daughter's Kindergarten teacher. The first couple of weeks of all day school will be exciting and challenging for everyone. You can expect your child to be "very tired" after they get home, so please make sure they get lots of sleep. One way or another, I'm sure we'll all survive the first few weeks of school, even though it will be a long day for everyone at first.

All about me

I grew up in Atchison, I now live at Paradise Lake, Effingham. I received my Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree for Kansas State University. This will be my 38th year of teaching in the Effingham school district, and my ninth year to teach kindergarten. I've also taught the first, second, third, & fourth grades. My husband, Bob and I have been married for 37 years. Bob is an Operations Sergeant for the Kansas Army National Guard in Hiawatha, Kansas. We have two daughters, Stephanie & Tiffany, who are 28 years old and graduated from Kansas State University. Stephanie lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She works for the University of Tulsa as an Assistant Director for Media Relations in the Athletic Department. Tiffany lives in Overland Park, Kansas and works for Platform Advertising as a Media Analyst.

Book Bags

Please look through your child's book bag "each evening." They will receive a red folder, where I put any notes from me to you. Also please send any notes to me in this same folder. Please return this folder to school **EVERY DAY!** Whenever you need to send money to school please put the money in an envelope with your child's name on the outside of the envelope. Then put the envelope in the red folder. On Friday's they will bring home their work they have done throughout the week. Please be sure to praise them for their efforts.

Newsletters

I will try to send a newsletter home once a week, generally on Friday. Also my newsletter will be on the school website. In this newsletter I will keep you updated on information that deals specifically with our kindergartners, such as what we've been up to in class that week and any upcoming events.

Show and Tell

"Show and Tell" has a purpose: To get children in front of their classmates to talk. It also builds confidence and self-worth. Starting the first of September, I will send home a monthly calendar telling the dates your child will have their "Show & Tell."

Absences

Whenever your child misses a day of school you must call the school that day to notify us of your child's absence. Also your child will need to make up the work at home that they missed at school that day.

Library Books

Your child will have a chance to check out two books each Wednesday from our school librarian, Mrs. Erickson. When you return these books they may check out books from me if it is not on a Wednesday. After we have had library there will be a form on which to write down the names of the books you read with your child. Books from school, home, or other libraries are all gladly accepted. When your child completes 1 book sheet (20 books) and gives it to me, they will put up a bubble next to their Care Bear on the bulletin board. For each 20 books that are read, your child will receive a reward. It will be fun to see how many bubbles your child can earn, and your child will also benefit greatly from all those books you read together.

Birthdays

We do celebrate birthdays in class. If your child wants to share birthday treats with the class, they may do so. Treats are entirely optional. You need to try and follow the “Ideas for Classroom Snacks” in your Parent-Student Handbook on page 8. Summer birthdays are also celebrated whenever you want to celebrate them. It looks like we are going to have 10 children in our class this year.

When not riding the bus home at night

You **must** send a note or call us whenever your child will not be riding their regular bus. If you are picking them up every week on the same day, you only need to send a note once stating this. Example: If your child takes dance lessons every Monday, you’ll only need to send the note once unless for some reason they aren’t going that Monday.

Book Orders

When you write checks for book orders, please make the check out to the book company. **Don’t make the check out to the school!**

Need to chat with me

My home number is 913-833-5132. You may also put a note in your child’s red folder.

35mm Film

Each of you was asked to supply one roll of 35mm film. Throughout the year I will be taking pictures of your children doing various activities. I will be making each child a photo book that they may have at the end of the year. The processing cost around five dollars. If you would like a photo book, please send \$5.00 for the processing to school by **October 1st**. Cut off the bottom of this note and return it to school along with the money.



Yes, I would like a photo book and here is the \$5.00 for the processing.

Signed _____