



Dear Parent(s)/Guardians,

Welcome to Robins K-8! I hope you had a wonderful summer. My name is Gina Ezzo and I will be your child's kindergarten teacher. Our class room number is **13**.

I have been teaching elementary school for 14 years. I first taught elementary at international schools in China and Thailand for 12 years, and two years ago I joined the amazing team at Robins teaching kindergarten. I was born and raised in Tucson, and graduated from the University of Arizona. I have a seven-year-old son and two naughty cats. Some things that I LOVE include: my family, my students, my friends, books, animals, and sushi! I can speak English, Chinese, and a little Spanish and Thai.

So what can you and your child expect in kindergarten? Your child will be learning all subjects (reading, writing, math, science, social studies, art). You will be receiving newsletters of what we will be learning at the beginning of each month. Your child will be developing a strong sense of independence, critical thinking skills, as well as expanding their creative side while still learning the basics.

The first day of school is **Thursday, August 3rd**. Kinder school hours are 7:45 a.m.- 1:50 p.m. (Wednesday hours are 7:45 a.m.-12:40 p.m. due to early dismissal.). Adult supervision will be on the playground from 7:15 a.m and that is the earliest time students can be dropped off.

Please fill out informational sheets (when applicable), and return to me as soon as possible. In addition, please keep me informed of any changes (address, phone number, etc.) throughout the year.

I am so looking forward to an exciting and fun-filled year with your child. It is going to be a great year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Ezzo

Here is some information about classroom rules and procedures that will be implemented.

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

At Robins, we follow the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) framework. The kindergarten classroom management program emphasizes positive behaviors (do's) rather than negative behaviors (don'ts). Students are expected to follow the "3 B's" at all times while at school.

The 3 Bee's

1. Be safe 
2. Be respectful 
3. Be responsible 

CONSEQUENCES

First warning..... Verbal warning

Second warning....Loss of team points

Third warning.....Think time and loss of privileges and/or conference with parents/and/or think time in other classroom

REWARDS

Verbal praise

Free exploration Friday

Call or send a note to parents

Roadrunner Rocks

Principal Pass

HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is an important component of your child's education. It is an extension of the classroom learning process. Students will have to read or be read to a minimum of 20 minutes everyday at home. Read and response forms will need to be signed and returned to school.

Parent-Read-Aloud is an important factor that contributes to your child's success in reading.

Here are some suggestions for you as you read aloud to your child:

- A. Use the title and cover illustration to encourage your child to predict what the

story is about.

B. Stop and discuss interesting parts and pictures.

C. Talk about the main character(s). Ask, "Who are they?" and "What are they like?"

D. Discuss the setting. Where does the story take place?

E. What is the problem in the story? How is it solved?

In addition, at the beginning of each full week, your child will be receiving homework.

Homework is the student's responsibility and he/she should do as much of the work as possible on their own. Completed homework will then be returned by the end of the week.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Each child is assigned a special week during the school year. During that week, the child is given many leadership privileges. One of the opportunities that your child will have during that week will be to decorate a bulletin board with important things about him or her. For example, bringing a picture of their family, baby pictures, vacation pictures etc.

Students and families will be notified when it is their turn as star of the week.

Thank you for taking the time to read about our classroom. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at gina.ezzo@tusd1.org

Please sign and return the bottom portion

I have read and understand Ms. Ezzo's class rules and procedures.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Child's Name

Date