Dear Parent(s)/Guardians,

Welcome to Robins Elementary School. I hope you had a wonderful summer. My name is Erika Marrufo Cardenas and I will be your child's Kindergarten teacher. Our class room number is **15a**.

I have been teaching for 26 years. I taught First grade for six years and the rest have been in Kindergarten. I graduated from the University of Arizona. Go Wildcats! I earned my master's degree in Bilingual/Multicultural Education. I have endorsements in Early Childhood Education, English as a Second Language, GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) and Reading Specialist. I was fortunate to be one of five teachers in Tucson to win the "Rodel" award where I got to mentor seven student teachers. It was a wonderful experience to teach our future teachers! In May 2017, I was also fortunate to win "District Elementary Teacher of the Year" for TUSD. It was a great honor. I am lucky to do what I love for a living.

Your child will be learning all subjects (reading, writing, math, science, social studies, art, P.E.) through themes. You will be receiving newsletters of what we will be learning. 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 4th**. Kinder school hours are 7:45 a.m.- 1:50 a.m. (Wednesday hours are 7:45 a.m.-12:40 p.m. due to early dismissal.) Adult supervision will be on the playground at 7:15 a.m. On Wednesdays, parents will be allowed to drive through the first entrance. Cones will be removed only on this day.

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cardenas

Here are some things to help inform you about our classroom rules and procedures that will be implemented.

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

My classroom management program emphasizes positive behaviors (do's) rather than negative behaviors (don'ts).

The three Bee's

- Be safe
- Be respectful

- Be responsible

CONSEQUENCES

First warning…… Verbal warning

Second warning....Think time (5 min.) and/or loss of team points

Third warning……Loss of privileges and/or conference with parents/Think Time in other classroom

REWARDS

Verbal praise

Free exploration Friday

Call or send a note to parents

Feeding Pebbles, Bam Bam, and Dory paper bones for classroom celebration

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 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.** Please have your child return their empty folder on Tuesday. This allows the teacher to prepare the folder for the following week. Completerd homework will then be returned by the end of the week. He/she will receive a star on the homework chart every week the homework packet is returned. Failure to do so may result in loss of privileges.

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 will be told who the " Star of the Week" will be.

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

Please sign and return the bottom portion

I have read and understand Mrs. Cardenas's class rules and procedures.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Child's Name Date

Robins K-8 Kindergarten Supply List 2022-2023

2 boxes of 24 count crayons (Crayola crayon brand please)
2 notebooks (70 sheets)
1 pencil box for personal supplies
1 over the ear headphones (to keep in the classroom)
10 pre-sharpened pencils
6 glue sticks
1 pair of kid's scissors (Grades PreK-2nd sized/rounded tip)
1 box of colored pencils
1 pack EXPO dry erase markers
1 NEW sock (to use as dry board eraser)
2 pink erasers
2 set of washable markers
1 set of watercolors with a brush
2 ream of white copy paper
1 container of hand wipes
1 bottle of hand soap
1 rolls of paper towels
2 boxes of Kleenex
1 two-pocket PLASTIC folder for homework (**please write student's name on the front of this item only**)
Other supplies do not need to be labeled.
Please note that some supplies are for individual use and some for community use.