

# WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF KINDERGARTEN!

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# A Typical School Day

- ▣ Within the school day, your child will be receiving the following minutes of instruction:
- ▣ 60 minutes of Reading
- ▣ 30 minutes of Math
- ▣ 20 minutes twice a week of handwriting instruction (This does not include writing practice throughout the day.)
- ▣ 20-30 minutes of Concept Instruction (Social Studies and Science)
- ▣ 35 minutes of Specials (Art, Music, PE)

# Discipline Policy

- ▣ Refer to the district Handbook. (On Line)
- ▣ Each classroom will develop class rules.
- ▣ Management System: Cards
- ▣ Rewards
  - Keep it Going Tickets
  - Prize Box
  - Award Certificate
- ▣ Communication Tools:
  - Planner
  - Phone Calls, E-mails, Notes

# Co-Curriculars:

- ▣ Your child will be working with Miss Piekarski this school year.
- ▣ Miss P. will be teaching:

- ▣ Music



- ▣ Art



- ▣ PE



# Fun Facts about Miss P.

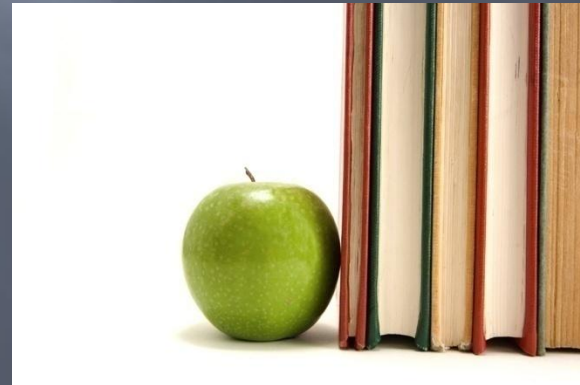
- ▣ MAPE stands for Music Art Physical Education.
- ▣ As the MAPE teacher, I will be teaching Music, Art, and P.E. to the Kindergarten classes.
- ▣ I graduated from Nordonias High School in 2004.
  - I went on to graduate from John Carroll University with my Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education.
  - I had my student teaching experience in a First Grade classroom here at Ledgerview.
  - Last year I was a Second Grade long-term substitute at Northfield Elementary.
  - I am extremely excited for this school year!
- ▣ My room number is A129.
- ▣ My phone number is (330) 908-6351.
- ▣ My e-mail address is [Holly.Piekarski@nordoniaschools.org](mailto:Holly.Piekarski@nordoniaschools.org).
- ▣ Please feel free to donate any spare craft materials throughout the year (as well as zip-lock baggies, facial tissues, baby wipes, etc.).

# Curriculum:

- ▣ Handwriting:
  - Each child will have his/her own workbook.
  - Workbooks will be send home at the end of the year.
- ▣ Science:
  - Eye-Openers Series
- ▣ Social Studies:
  - Let's Find Out News Magazine
  - National Geographic Books
- ▣ Math:
  - Everyday Math
    - ▣ Home Links will be included on the Homework Grid
- ▣ Reading:
  - Houghton Mifflin
    - ▣ 10 Themes: Each theme is broken up into 3 weeks

# Curriculum Maps

- ▣ All Kindergarten teachers within the district use these maps.
- ▣ All Kindergarten students will be learning the same things at the same time.



# Instruction Methods

- ▣ Instruction will be differentiated based on students' learning styles and academic needs.
- ▣ Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Pylypiak (Reading Specialists) will provide support within the classrooms.
- ▣ An Intervention Period (30 Minutes) been built into our day.

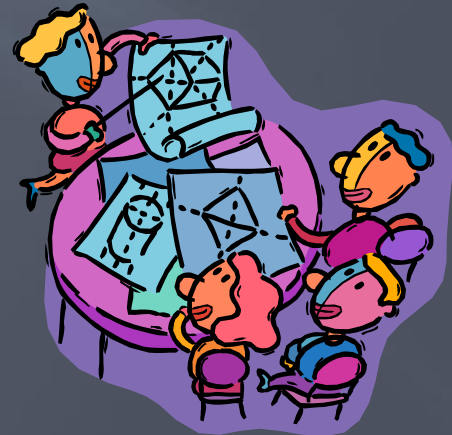


# Assessments:

- Report Cards will be coming home 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters.

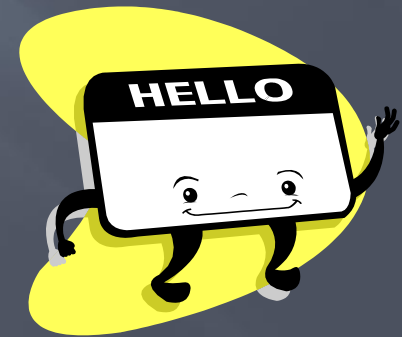


- Through out the school year, your child's teacher will conduct conferences, as well as, be available for questions.



# Conference Dates:

- ▣ Friday, November 6, 2009
- ▣ Thursday, November 12, 2009
- ▣ Thursday, November 19, 2009
  
- ▣ Your child's teacher will provide you with information concerning sign up.



# Newsletter

- ▣ Expect a newsletter most Fridays, within your child's Home/School Folder. (Green Plastic Folder)
- ▣ Short Weeks may be combined.

# Homework Policy

## Kindergarten Homework Policy 2008-2009

In Nordonia Hills the Kindergarten team believes the purpose of homework is to extend learning and/or provide practice in applying concepts initially presented in the classroom. It also provides opportunities for independent and guided work.

### **Time Allotments:**

- ▣ Kindergarten may receive up to 20 minutes, in addition to the District Reading Goal of reading 20 minutes, 5 times a week.
- ▣ Individual completion time may vary.

### **Accountability:**

- ▣ Students will turn in designated assignments
- ▣ Students will be recognized for the completion of assignments

# Homework

## ▣ Homework Grid:

- During 5 day school weeks, your child will be given a Homework Grid to complete.
- Homework Grids will be send home on Fridays and due the following Friday.

## ▣ Reading Logs:

- Your child will be expected to participate in a reading experience 20 minutes, 5 times a week.
- These reading totals will be used towards Book It Pizza Hut Reading certificates. (October - March)

# Field Trip

Tentative plans include:

January: Cleveland Playhouse, The Work of Eric Carle (The Very Hungry Caterpillar & The Grouchy Ladybug)

- Permission slips will be sent home on Friday, August 28, 2009.
- Permission slips and \$5.00 fee will be due by Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

May: TBA

# Snacks??????

- ▣ Due to increase allergies and time limitations, there will be **NO SNACK!** (Excluding Medical Necessity)
- ▣ Daily Water Bottles are permitted.
- ▣ Birthday treats:
  - Edible Treats are not permitted. (They will be returned home.)
  - Suggested items include:
    - ▣ Pencils
    - ▣ Erasers
- ▣ We are not permitted to distribute invitations. (Reference your PTA directory for information.)

# Any Questions???

We are looking forward to a great school year!

