



**Welcome to Mrs. Rullo's
Kindergarten Class**

2011-2012



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten! I am pleased to be your child's teacher and am looking forward to working with you to have a fantastic year.

Here's a little background information on me. I was born and raised in Colorado. I graduated from Colorado State University with a B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies with a concentration in Early Childhood Education. After obtaining my teaching license, I substitute taught for a year in the Poudre and Thompson School Districts. I started teaching at CVA in 2006 and discovered my passion for Core Knowledge Curriculum. I am currently living in Denver with my husband and my dog.

Please feel free to contact me at 303 774-9555 ext. 105 or via email Rullor@cvamail.com. Due to the classroom environment I will not answer my phone during the day. I prefer to be contacted via email. I will check my email before class and after class.

1st Grade's Classroom Management Plan

General Philosophy: Each classroom will be a happy, healthy, and safe learning environment where each individual can grow cognitively, socially, and emotionally. This is accomplished by setting clear expectations and providing opportunities where each child can succeed. There needs to be consistency with rules, routine, and problem solving strategies. It is also important that the class has a sense of community and each child has a sense of belonging and responsibility to that community.

Classroom Rules:

Our "Be" Rules are:

Be Respectful

Be Kind

Be Listening

Be Safe

Be Helpful

Positive Reward System: This will be done individually, in groups, and as a whole class.

****Verbal praise and recognition will be used very frequently****

Individually- Each child will have opportunities to accumulate *Super Duper Dollars (\$5 or \$10)*. They can spend their earned money on privileges/prizes at our class store. Also they may receive reward certificates/ notes sent home, opportunities to present and share in class, and display of work.

Whole Class- Fun Friday can be earned weekly. Each Friday, the last 30-45 min. of the day, will be for free time, games, art projects, or special activities.

-There will also be collective ways to earn special privileges. For example, when the class fills a jar full of marbles they get a popcorn party.

Group- Children are put into teams and have opportunities to earn points/stickers through a group effort to be cleaned up, ready to go, quiet for the next direction, etc. *This will be done per class and may vary *

Redirection Plan- If the classroom rules are not followed and verbal reminders and/or suggestions of what else the child can do don't work, then a child will have a consequence. This will be handled on a case by case basis. Some possible consequences may be missing recess/ Fun Friday minutes, writing an apology note, community service, writing the classroom rules, being sent to a designated area to calm down,... etc. **If a consequence is given, then as soon as possible the child will be walked through dialog to reflect what the problem was and is helped to find solutions. **

Note: Anything that is severe will be handled by the principal and you will be notified.

Classroom Information:

-Friday Folders will be our main source of communication. It will include your child's work, homework, and any office information. **Folders are returned on Monday.**

-Weekly Newsletters will be emailed to you. This will inform you on what's going on in our classes each week.

Newsletters will also be on the school's website under teacher pages

-Homework Homework may be sent home when extra practice is needed. It will be sent in the Friday folder and needs to be turned in by the next Friday. Book Bags and reading logs will be sent home after winter break. Any projects will be given specific dates and instructions.

-Snack- **please provide your child with a snack daily;** no snack will be provided by the school.

-Volunteers- **You must give at least a one day notice prior to when you want to come in so we can plan for your help.** Please see the attached sheet for possible volunteer opportunities.

-Birthday Treats – Birthdays are very important to the children. Please feel free to send in treats so we can celebrate. Please let me know a day or two in advance so I can plan accordingly.

-Drop off and Pick up – Class will start at 8:00. I will pick up the students from the designated area on the south side of the building. I will bring the class in a few minutes before that so we can start on time. Please be on time. Three tardies equals one absence in our infinite campus system. Mrs. Valdez will bring out the class to our designated area at 11:00. If your child is not picked up by 11:15 they will be taken to the front lobby.

-Inclement Weather – If the weather is bad the students will need to meet in the gym before school. After school they will be watching for their rides from the front lobby.

-Accidents – If you know your child is prone to have accidents please pack clean clothes in their backpacks. The school has some extra clothes but there never seems to be enough for the little ones.

Parent Volunteer Form

Please put a check mark next to the ways you would like to volunteer for our class. I will keep it on file and rotate jobs if there is more than one request to volunteer. Thank you so much! Your time and interest are greatly appreciated.

_____ In Class to work with students.

_____ In Class to prep materials, copies...

*Please remember I need one day's notice prior to when you come in.

_____ Centers w/ groups - this is a consistent, dedicated L.A. position- once a week would be great

_____ Monday

_____ Tuesday

_____ Wednesday

_____ Thursday

_____ Friday Folders- this needs to be a consistent spot and done at school

_____ Room Sanitizing- includes: cleaning desks, shelves, dry erase board, etc. -once a week would be great

_____ Take-Home Work- cutting, assembling, computer work, etc. - I give the directions, send it home, and give a due date for returning it back to me.

_____ Store- this is also a committed volunteer position. Every two weeks you will come in and run our class store where the students get to buy treasure box items and privileges with their *Super Duper Dollars*.

Name: _____ Phone# _____

Email: _____