

# Mrs. Wallace's Kindergarten Disclosure

## Welcome to Kindergarten!

### Overview

Kindergarten is the beginning of firsts for our children. We learn what to expect and how to do new things as we discover, explore, and adapt. This year will be the transition from home to school and learning to trust new adults. We believe that strong academic, social, and emotional development go hand-in-hand. A happy child is a successful learner, and your child's well-being and progress are my top priorities.

### Rules and Expectations

Kindergarten students at Monte Vista Elementary will learn about our schoolwide and classroom rules and expectations during the first week of school. They will be expected to follow the Monte Vista Mustang 5 rules while they are at school.

#### Mustang 5

1. Follow adult directions the first time.
2. Keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.
3. Respect yourself, others and property.
4. Be prepared.
5. Be where you are supposed to be.

### Arrival:

Kindergarten full day session begins at 8:55 AM. Please do not arrive before 8:45 AM as the kindergarten playground is unsupervised until that time. For the safety of all children, parents and siblings are not permitted on the kindergarten playground. When dropping off or picking up, please remember to park and cross the street at crosswalks only. The front parking lot is closed to buses at pick up and drop off. Teaching safe walking routes with all children will help with our community safety plan.

### Dismissal

Daycare and bus students will be escorted to their transportation. Children being picked up will exit the kindergarten doors, proceed through the kindergarten playground, and meet parents outside the kindergarten gates. Please follow school-wide pick-up procedures. Prompt pick-up is essential. Children will be taken to the office if not picked up by 3:45pm. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

### **Birthdays**

We'll celebrate your child's birthday in our classroom on their actual birthday or the first school day after. For summer birthdays, we'll celebrate on their "half birthday" or in June. If you'd like to send a birthday treat, please provide an individually wrapped, nut-free snack or non food item for the class. We'll distribute treats at the end of the day.

### **Parent Volunteers**

To create a rich learning environment, I'll be coordinating volunteer opportunities to support our students' growth. Whether it's helping with classroom activities, special events, or lending a listening ear, your involvement is invaluable. Please feel free to reach out via email or ParentSquare to discuss how you can contribute to our learning community. Any chaperones or working with children regularly will require a volunteer background check for the district before any field trips.

### **Homework**

While we don't assign traditional homework in Kindergarten, reading together nightly and incorporating learning into everyday activities greatly benefits your child's development. Occasionally, we may start an activity in class that you can finish at home.

### **Absences and Tardies**

Every day of Kindergarten is crucial for your child's learning. Please adhere to our school and state guidelines regarding absences due to illness. We do encourage to schedule events so school is not being missed. If your child will be absent for illness, vacation, or activities, please report it to the office for attendance requirements for the district.

### **Student Supplies**

Your child will be provided with all necessary supplies, including crayons, pencils, erasers, and scissors. To avoid confusion, please label additional individual supplies like decorative pencils or pencil boxes but be mindful of distractions from learning. If you'd like to support our classroom by donating general supplies, we gratefully accept contributions by looking over our supplies list on the school website.

### **Weather**

Everyday in Utah is unpredictable but please watch for forecasts to dress students for the weather. We do have puddles, mud and other weather related conditions to be mindful of. We do go out in mild weather including snow.

### Water Bottles

We are provided a drinking fountain in our classroom but if you would like to send your child to school with a filled water bottle that they can easily open and close independently, it will be kept in their backpack. Water bottles should only contain water. To help your child become self-sufficient, please practice opening and closing their water bottle at home. Thank You!

### Snacks

We have two recesses at the beginning of the year to give breaks where students can have a snack. Some ideas are individually wrapped snacks, veggies, cheese, fruit snacks, chips, muffins, or anything else without nuts. We do have nut allergies in our classroom.

### Communication Folders

School-to-home communication folders will be sent home everyday. Please empty the folders and return them by the next day. If there are papers that need to be sent back, kindly review and return them as soon as possible.

### Toys From Home

To ensure a safe and focused learning environment, please remind your child to leave toys at home. Bringing toys to school can lead to distractions and sharing issues. Any toys brought to school will be kept safe until you can pick them up. Thank you for your support.

### Contacting Me

Communication is a very important part of supporting your child on this learning journey. Please reach out to me via email or ParentSquare if you have any questions or concerns. I will respond at my earliest convenience and certainly within 24 hours. Office hours are from 8am to 6pm. If you need to reach during the school day, call the school and leave a message.

### Bell Schedule

Monday - Thursday  
8:55 am - Arrival Bell  
9:00 am - Begin Instruction  
12:00 pm - Lunch  
12:15 pm - Recess  
3:35 pm - Dismissal

Friday - Early Out  
8:55 am - Arrival Bell  
9:00 am - Begin Instruction  
11:35 am - Lunch  
11:50 am - Recess  
1:00 am - Dismissal

Look for additional information on the Monte Vista Elementary Website.