

# Mills Park Open House Kindergarten

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

# Welcome!



- **Meet the Teacher**

# Common Core

- 42 states now share common core standards
- One thing is for sure, kindergarten is not what it used to be! The days of naps and unstructured play are long gone! Listed below is the skills your child will learn based on the Common Core, a nationwide initiative to align states, schools, and grade levels!
- Common Core Introductory Video for Parents:
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxefsLG2eps&list=UUF0pa3nE3aZafBMT8pqM5PA&index=2&feature=plcp>
- Link to Wake County Schools' Common Core webpage:
- <http://www.wcpss.net/common-core/>
- Article from Carolina Parent:  
<http://www.carolinaparent.com/articlemain.php?Common-Core-State-and-National-Standards-Come-to-North-Carolina-Schools-3486>



# Communication

- All of us working together – child, parents, and teacher – to be successful
- Email is checked throughout the day (planning, lunch)
- Send notes
- Phone calls before and after school (arrive around 7:15 and leave about 4:15pm)
- Monthly Newsletters



# Orange Panther Folder

- Folders go home daily – Please check! Send back important documents as soon as possible
- Comments on back – may not occur every day
- Notes, lunch money, forms, etc.



# Behavior

- Positive reinforcement (verbal and non-verbal); use class goals & celebrate
- PRIDE (class and school)
- More individualized if needed

# Homework

- Monthly Reading Journals
- Family Projects
- Math Alignment Homework Lessons
- Read to your child at least 10 minutes each day!
- Did you know... 12 sight words make up 25% of those we read and write.
  - 100 sight words make up 50% of those we read and write.
  - About 300 sight words make up 75% of those we read and write.
  - Practice sight words-reading and writing
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 25 are expected by the end of Kindergarten



# The Web

- Class Web Site: Weebly
- Updated on Monday-PLEASE CHECK
- Closed Facebook Group
- Lots of Information





# Volunteers

- WE LOVE THEM!!!
- Must register at school in the library AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!
- Will start October
- In and out of school volunteering

# Conferences & Report Cards

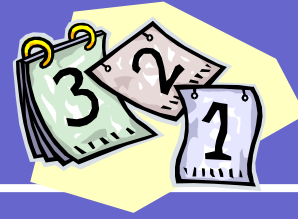
- First Quarter Conferences (see sign up sheet)
- Report Card at end of each quarter
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Student Led Conferences
- MCLASS



# Extra! Extra!

- **Field Trips** – more information to come later (fire station, pumpkin farm, and in-class field trips)
- **Supplies** – THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
- **Snack** – send in one healthy snack daily
- **Water Bottles** – send for outside (labeled with name)
- **Learning Experiences** – different times of the year, curriculum based

# Day to Day

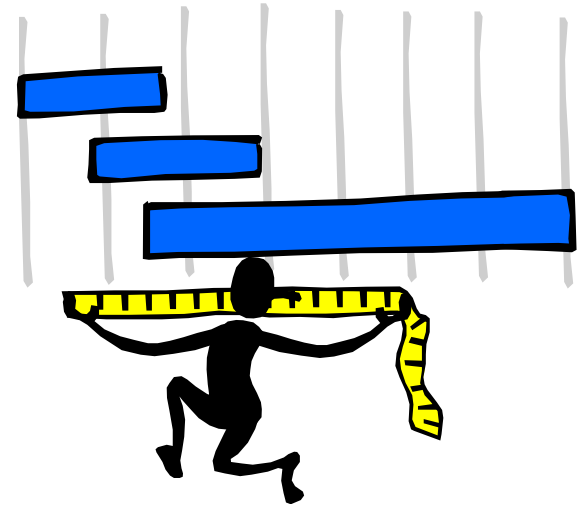


- **Morning Meeting** – reading, math, writing, and singing
- **Social Centers/play centers**
- **Writer's Workshop** – drawing and writing
- **Phonics** – Letter Land- letters, sounds, words
- **Shared Reading** – Print concepts, comprehension
- **Math** – Whole group, hands-on centers
- **Literacy Centers** – Daily 5, hands-on, covers curriculum, individual needs; guided reading groups
- **Science** – centers, kits shared reading, special projects
- **Social Studies** – centers, shared reading, special projects
- **Daily Review** – writing, sharing
- **Packet-Helpful Information**

# Standards Based Grading

## What is Standards Based Grading?

Measuring student achievement based on the standards instead of in comparison to others or according to the amount of progress made.



# Next...

- We will have a FANTASTIC year!
- Door is always open; do not hesitate to ask

