Welcome to Kindergarten!

We are very excited to have your child as a part of our classroom community! We are looking forward to all of the exciting things that we have planned for this coming year!

My name is Miss Bache-Wiig and I am beginning my 5th year as a Kindergarten teacher at Douglas Elementary. I am really excited about the school atmosphere and the kindergarten team! This is a great community to be a part of and I hope that you feel this sense of community also! I graduated from Clemson University with a degree in Early Childhood Education and a master’s in Early Childhood Research. Ms. Reed will assist our class this year. She is a fantastic addition to our classroom community and we are excited to work together to make this year great!

We set high expectations for our students and ourselves. We strive to instill in students and enthusiasm for learning that will last a lifetime! Thank you for sharing your child with us for this important year in his/her education. We are excited to learn more about your amazing child and watch them learn and grow over the next several months.

In closing, we would just like to say how excited we are to have your child and your family apart of my classroom. This is a wonderful experience for your child and you should be so excited about what is to come. Don’t forget to sit down with your child each night and let them tell you about their day. Ask them about what they have learned and remember to listen. We look forward to working with you this year and making it the best year possible.

**Parent/Teacher Relationship**

We believe that strong parent-teacher relationships are necessary for maximum school success. Throughout the year we will communicate with you through notes, telephone calls, newsletters that will be sent via email, quarterly reports and parent-teacher conferences. We also have a classroom website that can be used to access newsletters, important information and documentation that will give you a glimpse into life in our classroom.

<http://bache-wiigclassblog.weebly.com>

**Best Ways to Contact Us:**

* Send me a note in your child’s daily folder
* Email- gbache-wiig@wcpss.net
* School Phone: (919) 881-4894
* Set up a time to meet with us individually

Please always feel free to reach out to us anytime you have a question or concern! We are a team!

**Parent Participation**

 Throughout the school year there will be a variety of special classroom activities and celebrations. We encourage you to attend these functions when possible and/or support them by sending supplies or treats. Your support of school activities makes your child feel important and sends a positive message that you value school.

**School Attendance**

 Your child’s regular and prompt attendance is crucial to his/her success. **We can’t emphasize this point enough**! Most kindergarten learning activities are group oriented and involve interaction with classmates. Therefore, it is next to impossible to make up work at home. Please view school as a priority, and see to it that your child attends everyday except in cases of illness or emergency.

**If your child is sick or has an excused appointment**

 Please send in a note with your child the next day they return to school, so that their absence can be recorded as excused. If your child has a fever, they **MUST** be 24 hours **FEVER FREE** before they may return to school. Please be respectful of other students and families and make the right decision when it comes to your child and illness.

**Changes in transportation**

 If you plan to pick up a child that normally rides the bus or you wish for you child to go home a different way then usual, you MUST send a written note or an email. Do not rely on your child to relay this information, because children can often get confused and relay messages incorrectly. So to be on the safe side, please send a note ☺. **If no written note or email is received, your child will be sent home by his/her usual method of transportation. Also please note, we will not be able to send your child home on a different bus with a friend.**

**Money**

On occasion it will be necessary for your child to bring money to school Always send money in a sealed envelope or baggie with the following information written on it:

1. **Your child’s first and last name 2. The amount of the money 3. The purpose for the money 4. My name.**

With over 20 kids to keep track of and several reasons to collect money, this helps us out tremendously and reduces the likelihood of errors. Also, if the envelope or baggie is left on the bus or dropped in the hallway, this information will help the money to be returned to my classroom.

**Birthdays**

We love birthdays in our classroom! They are very special occasions for our kindergarteners! **If your child wishes, he/she may bring treats for the class in the morning and per Douglas policy we will enjoy the treats during the day during our snack time.** Please send a note or email a day or two in advance so that we can give you an exact number of children in the class. We also ask at Douglas that treats be store bought.

Douglas Elementary school policy states that the **treats that are brought in for celebrations must be healthy**. **Please do not send in cupcakes or cake, save those for a special treat at home.** Muffins, fruit, low fat cookies, etc. are great alternatives. Too much sugar alters their focus in the classroom and at Douglas we try to stress the importance of healthy eating.

**Please do not send birthday invitations to the classroom unless the entire class has been invited.** Although it may seem convenient to distribute invitations this way, it can result in hurt feelings for those not invited.

**Daily Schedule**

9:15-9:30: Positivity Project

9:30-9:50 Letterland

9:50-10:10 Daily 5 Round 1

10:10-10:25 Fluency/Comprehension Lesson

10:25-10:45 Daily 5 Round 2

10:45-11:00- Vocabulary Lesson

**11:00-11:30 Lunch**

11:30-12:35 Math

12:35-1:05 Recess

1:05-1:40 Writing

**1:40-2:30 Specials**

2:35-3:05 Daily 5 Round 3/ Team Time

3:05-3:40 Science

3:40-3:45 Dismissal

A-Art

B-Dance

C-Drama

D-Music

E-P.E.

F-Science

All students should wear tennis shoes on P.E. day. The monthly behavior calendar will indicate the letter days for the month.