

## **Kindergarten Expectations:**

**By working on these skills throughout the year it is the goal that all kindergarteners will:**

### **IN LANGUAGE ARTS:**

**demonstrate a joy of literature  
understand basic concepts of print  
know that print conveys meaning  
identify upper and lower case letters  
use sound/symbol correspondence  
communicate clearly (in complete sentences)  
believe in themselves as readers and writers  
feel comfortable using temporary, inventive spelling  
write first name with one upper and rest lower case letters**

### **IN MATHEMATICS:**

**demonstrate an understanding of  
patterns  
classifications  
order/ordering  
graphing  
estimating  
numerals 1-10, count past twenty  
the concept of 1-1 correspondence  
counting small quantities**

### **IN THE ARTS/PHYSICAL EDUCATION:**

**see themselves as artists/athletes  
be risktakers in art, music and P.E. experiences**

**INCREASE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD THROUGH SOCIAL STUDIES AND SCIENCE EXPERIENCES.**

**GROW SOCIALLY AND EMOTIONALLY IN ORDER TO BECOME INDEPENDENT WORKERS AND THINKERS AND PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF GROUPS.**

Expectations are a powerful tool. We know that when students are expected to succeed, they usually do. It works with parents as well. When parents are expected to get involved, they are more likely to make the effort.

What expectations should principals have of parents:

The Seven Good Habits of "school-proving" your child

1. Provide good discipline and structure for children at home. Children need guidance and routines at home. Scheduling a daily homework time and bedtime is important. Promote the disposition for learning.....which means to be able to use and apply knowledge.
2. Make reading a regular, fun, no stress activity. This includes letting children choose appealing materials and taking turns reading aloud.
3. Encourage children's love of learning. Parents' expressed enthusiasm about school and education can be contagious. Tell students that "school" is their job. Support the classroom teacher.
4. Make sure children learn to be responsible for their actions. Rewards and punishments should be related to behavior whenever possible. Do not act as your child's lawyer.....give them "one to grow on". Punishment's purpose is to prevent the "crime" from happening again.
5. Spend time with your children. Nothing replaces a loving one-on-one interaction with a parent.
6. Require regular school attendance. Frequent absences or tardiness can hurt school performance.
7. Improve children's study habits. Parents should reinforce such basic skills as learning the letter names, counting objects, writing first name with capital and small letters. Please remember that these are skills; they should not be confused with "habits of the mind"..i.e. being curious, being able to adjust to school socially and emotionally.