Welcome to Kindergarten Parent Orientation

Class of 2022
Parents and teachers play an active role in a child's education...

Together,

we help them reach their fullest potential.
Welcome and Agenda

Welcome- Dr. Susan Owner, Principal

Introductions

• Mr. Mike Macrina, Assistant Principal
• Mr. Martin Gross, Assistant Principal
• Ms. Leech, Ms. Elznic – Room 117
• Mrs. Parker, Ms. AlAghbar – Room 118
• Mrs. Reininger (Reese), Ms. Escobar – Room 119
• Mrs. Pikul, Ms. Kunzman – Room 120
Welcome and Agenda Continued

- 1:30 - Introductions/Registration
- 1:40-2:30 - Powerpoint presentation
- 2:30 - Presentation ends/Pick up students
- 3:30 - Registration ends
What you will learn today . . .

An Introduction to:

- Being a valuable member of the Island Creek Elementary School
- What our school looks like
- A Typical Kindergarten Day
- Safety and Security
- Crocs Creed - overview
- Language Arts Expectations
- Meeting Individual Needs
- Parent Partnership
What does our school look like?

• **Strong community school**
  ➢ children are supported by parents and teachers

• **Outstanding educators**
  ➢ providing an individualized caring environment

• **Knowledge and ability**
  ➢ meeting the different learning needs of children
Island Creek Profile

- Specialized Preschool - 6th grade programs
- Significant school in Hayfield Pyramid
- Enrollment, approximately 780 students
- Active and involved PTA
- On-site child care - SACC (703-449-8989)
  - (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ofc/sacc.htm)
- Preschool Programs - Special needs
- ESOL Programs to meet individual needs
- School based Gifted and Talented program
- Non-Categorical Special Programs
Kindergarten Philosophy

The Kindergarten program focuses on:
• Language Development
• Promoting an appreciation for diversity
• Incorporating active learning
• Providing opportunities for investigation, exploration, and discovery
• Encouraging a positive self-concept
• Promoting creative expression
• Fostering positive interaction with others
• Developing quality work habits and school routines
Specials

• Library
  - Weekly visits
  - Weekly lessons and checkouts
• Art
  - Weekly classes
• Music and P.E.
  - Weekly classes 5 times a week

• Others
  • Band
  • Chorus
  • Strings
  • News Show
  • Chess Club
  • Girls on the Run
  • Writer’s Block
  • 6th Grade Book Club
  • GEMS Club
  • Helping Hands
Take a glimpse into the life of a Kindergartner . . .
Volunteer Opportunities

• Ongoing and one-time
  • Classroom
  • Specials
  • Help from home
  • School
Safety and Security at Island Creek Elementary School

- Safety and security is a top priority
  - Everyone’s responsibility
  - Safety and Security Plan
- Sign in and Out—(Everyone who comes to school)
  - Visitors- Must check in first at main office
  - Volunteers- Must check in at main office
  - Change in routines- Going home with friends
    - Note is required from both sets of parents
  - Checking in Students-
    - Late Arrival- Sign in at main office
    - Early Dismissal- Check out procedure from main office
Safety and Security

• **Supervision** *Students will be supervised at all times.*
  - **Arrival- 8:25-8:40** Staff members help transition students from arrival into the school.
  - **Late bell is 8:45**
  - **Dismissal- 3:20 (Tue. -Fri) Monday early closing (12:50).** Teachers/Patrols bring students to bus, van riders, walkers, or Kiss and ride areas and wait with students
  - **Bathrooms-** Located in classrooms
  - **Specials-** PE, Art, and Library
Safety and Security Cont’d

• Use of Badges and Identification
  - All employees must wear identification badge
    • Maintenance workers too
  - All visitors sign in and wear badge

• Lunch Account
  • Students enter a PIN# or bring money to buy lunch (yes, we do adjust to a smaller pin #)

• Label Clothing
  • Inside jackets, sweaters, possessions
Safety and Security Cont’d

- **Medications**
  - By regulation, parents only may bring medications to school and give it directly to nurse. A receipt will be given to parent.

- **Attendance**
  - Call in to the attendance phone line 571-642-6363
    - Absent students: parents are notified
  - Emergency Care Card (E.C.C.)
    - Filled out accurately; accessible via Parent View
      - Parent view not accessible until September for updates
  - Update E.C.C.- Moved, new jobs, new telephone number and Day Care information
Safety and Security Cont’d

• Transportation
  - Bus Riders: get into routine early on first day
  - Kiss and Ride: Observe Safety/Traffic Rules
    • Assigned area for pick up and drop off
    • No left hand turn onto Morning View
    • Park and walk into the building with your child is always an option
    • Bus lot is for buses only
• Delayed Openings/Early Closings
  - Channel 21, FCPS Hotline at 1-800-839-3277
  - Plan Ahead For:
    • Child Care- Make sure child knows what he or she is supposed to do in these situations.
Home/School Communication

- Blackboard/Parent View
- Email
- Voicemail
- Keep in Touch
- Island Creek Website
- Croc Currier (Monthly Newsletter)
Croc Creed Program

Encouraging Children to make good personal decisions through teaching valued character qualities.

We can all make a difference in our children’s future.
ICES Character Qualities

Respectful  
Responsible  
Cooperative  
Safe  
Honest  
Kind

What do we hope to achieve from these?
You are the key to your child’s success.

Please use the character quality words at home with your children. They will learn from your examples.
When you thought I wasn't looking.....

• When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.
• When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.
• When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.
• When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.
• When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.
• When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.
• When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.
• When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.
• When you thought I wasn’t looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.
• When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.
• When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

• LITTLE EYES DO SEE MUCH MORE THAN WE THINK!
Instruction

- Meeting the individual needs of students:
  - Learning / Developmental centers
  - Literacy / Math Stations
  - Differentiated instruction
  - Small groups / Flexible grouping
  - Resource teachers
  - Parent volunteers
**Language Arts** - Fosters literacy learning through engagement in print-rich experiences to develop:

**Oral Language**
- Listening
- Phonemic Awareness
- Speaking
- Story Retelling
Language Arts- Continued

- Reading
  - Print Awareness
  - Read Aloud
  - Alphabet Identification
  - Shared Reading
  - Phonics
  - Independent Reading
Language Arts - Continued

Writing

- Draw
- Write
- Share
Important Kinder Croc Notes

• Bring towel (Quiet time)
• Healthy snacks for afternoon
• Be conscious of allergies - i.e. nut free
• In the AM, Kindergarteners are brought to the classrooms by a Patrol (daily)
• Notify classroom teachers and front office if your child’s before or after school plans change in writing.
• Make sure you write how your child goes home on a white index card and place it in their backpacks for the first week of school.
Read to Your Bunny
Read to your bunny often,
It’s twenty minutes of fun.
It’s twenty minutes of moonlight,
And twenty minutes of sun.
Twenty old-favorite minutes,
Twenty minutes brand-new,
Read to your bunny often,
And...
Your bunny will read to you.