**CANYON CHARTER SCHOOL**

**2013-2014**

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**KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION**

**ROOM K-1**

**Mrs. Hamilburg, teacher**

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**WELCOME to Canyon Charter School! I look forward to getting to know you and your children.**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**I open the class at 8:10. School will end at 11:30. There will be a Late Day program beginning September 23 where your child will stay until 1:30 two days a week, either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. Students who attend STAR after school will be picked up at the classroom by STAR teachers and walked over to the STAR classroom. Please let me know your child’s STAR schedule. STAR begins on the first day of school.**

**CLASS ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY are very important. Students are expected to arrive at school no later than 8:10 and I begin class promptly at 8:15. If your child is tardy or absent, please complete an absence form located by the front door of the classroom.**

**PARKING: There is NO PARKING in front of the school before 8:30am. We have a very efficient drop-off procedure that is organized and staffed by parent volunteers. Please be very careful when dropping off or picking up your child. PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK! Please do not park in the parking lots. They are for teachers and staff only – each parking space is assigned to someone.**

**SNACKS: The students have a daily snack during recess at 10:00. Please send a HEALTHY snack for your child – candy is not allowed! As part of our emphasis on health and nutrition, we will from time to time be making our own snacks in the classroom and hopefully include food harvested from our own Kinder Garden!**

**Also, please pack snacks in re-usable containers. Canyon has adopted a low-trash policy and we’re teaching environmental awareness and responsibility.**

**FOOD ALLERGIES: Please let me and the office/school nurse know ASAP if your child has any allergies or sensitivities.**

**VOLUNTEERS: We need you! There are many ways to contribute your time to the classroom. This year we will be using the on-line program Sign-Up Genius. PLEASE SIGN UP! These jobs begin immediately!**

**ROOM PARENTS: We need 2 Room Parents. They coordinate class and school projects and basically function as my liaisons with the parents.**

**GARDENERS: We have a small container garden in the kinder yard. Our goal is to plant fruits, vegetables and herbs that the students can eat, to teach the connection between healthy food and healthy bodies and minds, and to use the garden as living laboratory for science, math, language arts, and social studies. We also will be cooking! Please volunteer for these projects.**

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING: If you are volunteering in the classroom, please plan to attend one of the training sessions: TUES., 8/20 at 1:15 OR WED., 8/21 at 2:15.**

**LABELING BELONGINGS: Please label EVERYTHING, including snack containers and lunch boxes! Each child has a cubby so if something is missing, check there first. It’s amazing what you will find!**

**FIELD TRIPS: This year we will go on several field trips. I will send home trip slips for you to sign. We will also need drivers so I will post a sign-up sheet.**

**ENRICHMENT CLASSES: Thanks to Canyon’s parent Booster Club, your children will benefit from several special classes taught during the school day by our Enrichment Teachers. This year’s program includes Computer Lab, ST Math, Art, Music, P.E., and Drama. I will send home a schedule.**

**BIRTHDAYS: This year Canyon has adopted a policy of no birthday parties at school. Kinder students can bring a favorite book to share with the class.**

**CONFERENCES: Parent-Teacher conferences will be held in November and March. If you would like to meet with me at any other time, please just schedule it with me before or after school.**

**HOMEWORK: Yes, there is homework! It is sent home weekly in a MONDAY BAG. Every Monday your child will bring home the Monday Bag which will contain school work and a homework packet. Homework is due before or on the following Monday. We recycle the bags, so please send the completed homework in the original bag. The cover letter will explain the homework and contain important announcements. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.**

**COMMUNICATION: Please always feel free to ask any questions or share concerns. My email address is on the front page of this orientation packet (****HamilburgK1@aol.com****). I will send home a weekly (or sometimes biweekly) email newsletter that will inform you of all the exciting and wonderful activities that we are doing in the classroom. Please be sure to provide accurate email addresses. At some point I will also have a website. Stay tuned!.**

**SHARING: We have a Student of the Day. There is a new Student of the Day every day. The Student of the Day is the only student who shares on that day. The schedule is alphabetical so we begin with the student whose name is first in the alphabet and move through the students accordingly. The Student of the Day (S.O.D.) gets several perks: sits in the Frog Chair, is the line leader, and brings home the Wonder Bag. The sharing assignment is in the WONDER BAG. We have about 5-6 different sharing assignments throughout the year. Don’t worry – I will let you know! The directions will be in the bag and sometimes there will be a notebook or some other sharing prop – PLEASE DO NOT LOSE THE WONDER BAG or its contents! If your child has something that he/she is dying to show the class and it’s about something we are studying and we have time, he/she can share, too.**

**TOYS: Please do not bring them to school. This is a Canyon rule. Leave them in the car or at home.**

**CLOTHES: Comfort is everything! Please dress your child in clothes that he/she can move around in and that you don’t mind getting dirty. Girls are sometimes more comfortable if they wear shorts or tights under dresses. Also, no flip flops or open-toed sandals or shoes, please! On P.E. days, please have your child wear sneakers – no UGGs, cowboy boots, party shoes, or any other shoe style that easily falls off. We run – a lot!**

**HERE’S TO AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD!**

**Fondly,**

**Mrs. H**