

Dear Families,

My name is Amy Laney. I am your child's teacher. I have been teaching at Harold McCormick since 1997. I have two great kids; a girl in 8th grade and a boy in 6th grade. So I do understand how hard it is to send your child to Kindergarten. I really enjoy teaching Kindergarten! I hope you and your child enjoy his/her first year of school!

Discipline: I use a "traffic light" system for discipline. Each child begins the day on "green". He/she will receive a warning for any inappropriate behavior. If a second warning is necessary the child will receive a yellow for the day on his/her calendar. If the behavior doesn't stop after being moved to yellow the child will have a "time-out" losing time outside or during center time. If the behavior has not been corrected by this time the child will go to "red", a "red" note will go home, and he/she will lose outside or center time. "Red" notes will need to be signed and returned. A referral to the office will be the next step if the behavior continues. I hope we don't make it to this step.

Rewards: I feel positive praise is a great reward for my students! I praise them constantly through the day for following the rules, trying his/her best, working together, and for being good friends to each other. I also have a "treasure box" that they will be allowed to get into on Fridays.

Homework: Your child will have homework on most days. Please set aside a time to help him/her with it. Creating a "homework" area at home away from distractions (T.V., video games, other children) is a great way to help them. Read to your child as much as possible! I know our lives are busy but, try to read to them every night.

If you have any questions please ask me anytime. You can call the office and leave a message (547-8020).

Thank you,
Ms. Amy