

Summer 2023

Welcome to Kindergarten!

My name is Mrs. Ralph. I will be your teacher this year! We are going to have a great time learning new and fun things with one another. Reading (and Orton-Gillingham phonics) is very important in kindergarten and it is my favorite thing to teach. I am going to help you love to read and make learning to read a really exciting experience. Remind your family to keep reading with you this summer, this way you can show off for me once school begins! We will be working on counting, addition and subtraction, and much more. You can jump start on those this summer as well!

I am sure you are curious about me. I grew up with a military family so we traveled often. I finally settled down in Florida when I married Mr. Ralph and we've lived in Apopka ever since. We have a high school senior named Elise who is just so sweet and was adopted from Guatemala. We love her dearly! We also have two cute but naughty cats named Shortbread and Samoa. I love to drink coffee, read, and go to the beach. Early Childhood Education is my passion and I love teaching. This will be my 25th year of teaching. I have taught transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade. But Kindergarten is my very favorite! I am really excited to start our new adventure learning with you as a Kindergartener. I am ALWAYS open to parents' ideas, concerns and suggestions, so feel free to call or email me throughout the school year. If you have any questions before we get started, I hope you will email me at: carolyn.ralph@ocps.net

There are so many great things that happen at WLE and I know you are going to make many friends and love being a wolf pup here. Please check out the supply list attached to this letter. This will show you what you can begin looking for this summer. These supplies will be part of our classroom learning all year long and will help you to grow and be successful.

Please check our WLE Facebook page for information about Meet the Teacher dates and times. Until then, I would love for you to draw a picture for me of you and your family so I can hang it up in our classroom. I can't wait to see your amazing artwork and I especially cannot wait to meet you!

Have a wonderful rest of your summer...I will see you very soon!

Love,
Mrs. Ralph

*****CLASS SUPPLY LIST ON NEXT PAGE*****

MRS. RALPH'S KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST

- 4 boxes of 24 count *CRAYOLA* Crayons
- **1 pair children's FISKAR scissors**
- **1 plastic folder** (two pockets and prongs any color)
- 12 ELMER'S glue sticks
- 2 bottles of ELMER'S glue
- 24 sharpened #2 pencils
- **One pair of iPad headphones with microphone** (no earbuds please)***
- 1 K-2 Primary Composition notebook (pages half blank/half lined) *Staples has them and they are red (about \$3.00). Walmart also has them and they are blue.
- 4 reams of copy paper
- 1 box of Kleenex
- **1" 3-ring binder** with clear pocket front (this will hold their agenda).
- **1 backpack (regular size)**

***Elecder i40 or i41 headphones with **microphone** on Amazon is one of the best and very sturdy! Your child will need the microphone for iPad assessments.

*Please label the above **BOLD** items only with your child's name

Girls Only

- Gallon sized Ziploc bags
- 1 bottle of liquid hand soap
- 1 box of markers (Crayola thin markers)

Boys Only

- Quart sized Ziploc bags
- 1 bottle of sanitizer
- 1 box of markers (Crayola fat markers)

**Optional supplies we use if you would like to donate:*

skinny highlighters, skinny dry erase markers, watercolor paint