

The ABC's of Ms. Hubbard's Class!

A	is for attendance. Please be at school each day and on time. The tardy bell rings at 7:55am. We have lots of work to do in kindergarten and missing any time makes it harder to keep up. If your child has to miss, please send in a note or doctor's excuse on their next day back.
B	is for breakfast. Breakfast is available each day in the cafeteria. You can pay daily, or pay on your child's account weekly or by the month. When you send in money please put it in an envelop and label it with the amount and your child's name. Your child will have a lunch code that they will use for breakfast and lunch. Help them memorize this code as soon as possible!
C	is for communication. I have an open door policy so if you feel you need to speak with me for any reason please feel free to contact me. You can put notes in the BEE book or email me, too. Please respect instructional time is reserved for the students, not conferences.
D	is for dismissal. The dismissal bell rings at 2:40. We have many students who all have different ways of going home each day. Please make sure that you update any changes in the office and with your teacher. Remember, I will always side with caution when it comes to sending your students home. I must have a written note or email when changing the routine route home.
E	is for email. My email address khubbard@oconee.k12.sc.us . Please email me at any time. Often times I will be able to reply via email faster than phone.
F	is for fun. Please keep all homework fun. This is a great chance to connect with your child and help them build self confidence. Remember that all children can learn and have special gifts, but they each have their own timeline. Encouragement works better than pressure! Learning should be fun!
G	is for great behavior. I expect great behavior from all kids at school each day. Please check your child's BEE book each night. If there has been a problem, I will send a note. I will also try to send home positive notes as often as time allows.
H	is for homework. Homework consists of reading together each night for fifteen minutes. In addition, I will send home a sight words for the week that you should practice at home. I may also send home games with your child periodically. Please practice these at home.
I	is for independence. Your kindergartener is capable of doing many things on their own. As parents we try to encourage and help, which is great, but remember to back away and let the students to do the thinking.
J	is for journal. Students will have a personal journal to write in as they choose. I will also send home a journal with our classroom mascot Skippyjon Jones, to document his adventures with your family. Each weekend a different student will bring Skippyjon Jones home.
K	is for keeping updated. I will use the weekly Newsletters to keep you posted. If there are last minute changes, I will use remind101. We will also check your child's BEE book each day for notes or information from you.
L	is for lunch. The children have 4 choices of school lunches each day. This is overwhelming! Please discuss the choices with your child each morning so they are prepared to make their selection. You are welcome to join us for lunch. See handbook for guidelines.
M	is for morning. We want your child to come to school as prepared as possible for the school day ahead. Please be sure your child is in bed early every school night. Also, make certain to give your child a healthy breakfast. Our school cafeteria serves breakfast if that helps you out.

N	is for important news. If your child has anything important or fun happen in life, please share with me. Not only will it help with learning, but it also helps me to connect with your children as people. If this is news that we can share in the newsletter and celebrate as a classroom family, please let me know.
O	is for my open door policy. If you need to talk to me, please feel free to do so. I am usually at the school by 7:15. However, because of our busy schedule and needing to prepare for our day, it is best to meet with me in the afternoon.
P	is for patience. Kindergarten can be challenging the first few weeks of school. Everything is new and sometimes scary. It takes a while to learn the rules and procedures for school. Be sure you make mornings happy and pleasant, which requires a little preparation every night before bedtime. Pack the backpack, put shoes beside backpack, and have everything ready to go! Those extra minutes each night will help mornings go smoothly.
Q	is for questions. If you ever have any questions about what is happening in school or something your student says has happened at school, please feel free to contact me. Keep in mind, perspective is not always reality.
R	is for recess. Please make sure your child wears clothes that they can play in and don't stress if they get dirty. Your child may come home with dirt, paint, glue, etc. That means they had fun!
S	is for specials. We go to library, computers, PE, music and art each week. Please check your child's notebook to see which days are we have a certain special. They MUST have on tennis shoes in order to participate in PE, so please be sure they wear them on the appropriate days.
T	is for teacher. My name is Koti Hubbard and this is my second year teaching. I have a master's degree in Literacy from Clemson University. My B.A. is in Early Childhood and I was a kindergarten assistant for two years while completing my master's.
U	is for unfinished work. It is not often that I will send home unfinished work with your child, but if this does happen feel free to finish this with your child at home. This could help you see your child's progress.
V	is for volunteering. Whether it be coming in to do projects or sending things home, help is always needed in the classroom. Please let me know if you are willing to help. Our center time (check the schedule) is our time where parents can come in to help students with snack, projects, or academics. Parents are a child's first teacher and that does not stop when they enter school.
W	is for water. We have a water fountain in the classroom. If you prefer your child to have a separate water bottle please make sure it seals completely closed so it does not spill easily.
X	is for eXperience. Kids come to kindergarten with many different experiences. Some have preschool, some do not. Some know their alphabet, some do not. This is OK and expected, so please don't worry if your child is "ahead" or "behind." The key is to make sure they keep moving forward!
Y	is for your help. Please help by checking the BEE book each night, completing homework together, reading with your child, talking to your child about their day, and making sure their backpack is clean and not too heavy. Also, be sure to send your child a change of clothing in a large ziploc bag with their name on the bag, just in case of an accident.
Z	is for z's. Make sure your child gets enough sleep each night to be productive the next day. Doctors suggest children in kindergarten need approximately 10 hours each night. It is important for you to determine how much sleep your child needs each night.