## 2025-2026 Kindergarten Information

<u>Drop off-</u> The first few days the teachers will be in the lobby to meet the students. We will take them to the classroom from there. After that, you can drop them off in the car line and they will make a line like the other students and will be dismissed to come to the classroom. The paras in the lobby at the beginning of the day will dismiss all of the Kindergarten students together to come to the classroom. If students arrive early, please have them wait in the lobby/lunchroom. There are many morning meetings and there is not always an adult in the classroom before 8:05.

<u>Pick up-</u> If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please make sure you have your pick up number in your vehicle and follow the WC pickup procedure. Your child will be called by number from their classroom. If your child rides the bus we will get them to their bus. They do have the option to go to the after school program as well, which runs until 4:30 Monday-Thursday.

<u>Snack-</u> Please pack snacks for your student to have daily. You may also donate party packs of allergy free, healthy foods towards our class stash. Items include Skinny Pop, Pirate's Booty, pretzels, and string cheese.

<u>Facebook-</u> This year, you may join our classroom Facebook page to get updates and information about the year. I will also be sharing pictures of activities on our page. This is also a great way to communicate with me if email does not work for you.

<u>Daily Schedule-</u> I will send home a copy of our schedule when it is finalized, which is always subject to change. (Schedules change yearly depending on our specials times, Title 1/ Special Education teachers' schedules and AEA recommendations.)

<u>PBIS-</u> This is a behavior support program we use here at West Central. As an Elementary we have three expectations we follow. They are: We Are Responsible, We Are Respectful and We Are Kind. These are expectations we use in our classroom as well. The first day of school we will talk about each expectation and list what rules fall under each one. As we start the school year more information will come home on some other PBIS items.

<u>Birthdays-</u> You are welcome to bring treats for your child's birthday. If they have a Summer birthday, we will celebrate their half-birthday!

<u>Amplify-</u>We use Amplify CKLA as our literacy curriculum. We embed science and social studies lessons and standards into this learning.

<u>Math-</u> We use the Bridges Math Curriculum and build in at least 60 minutes of math time each day. Please work with your child on counting to 100!

<u>Heggerty Phonemic Awareness</u>- This is a phonemic awareness program that covers many early literacy areas. It is a quick large group lesson each day that helps students practice rhyming, beginning sounds, middle sounds, ending sounds, compound words, blending sounds, adding/omitting words/letters, and nursery rhymes.

<u>Science/Social Studies-</u> The Science and Social Studies standards are embedded in our Reading and Math lessons.

Any Questions? Please feel free to give me a call or email me at kkueker@wc.k12.ia.us or macushion@wc.k12.ia.us. Thank you! We are looking forward to a great year in Kindergarten!