**Kindergarten Syllabus**

***The Mission of Kindergarten is to set the foundation for a lifelong love of learning through hands on activities and a challenging curriculum. To make a positive difference in the lives of children professionally supported through peer, teacher, and community members.***

**School Hours**

1. Drop off: 7:30 a.m.
2. Class Starts: 8:00 a.m.
3. Dismissal: 2:30 p.m.

**Curriculum**

1. Content is aligned to the Florida Standards
2. The following strategies will be used in the classroom setting to accommodate differentiated learning: tactile activities, small group instruction, interaction and discussion with teacher and peers, internet based research, integration of literature across the curriculum, technology, strategies using manipulatives, graphic displays, and/or visual organizers, multiple intelligences based strategies, projects and alternative assessments.

**Teaching Techniques**

1. Cueing h. Note taking
2. Vocabulary in context i. Music
3. Simple repetition j. Brainstorming
4. Cloze technique k. Multi-Sensory activities
5. Role playing l. Decoding
6. Chunking m. Activate prior knowledge
7. Chanting n. Integration across the curriculum

**Grading**

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| **Grade** |  | **Verbal Interpretation** |  | |
| E |  | Excellent Progress |  | |
| S |  | Satisfactory |  | |
| N |  | Needs Improvement |  | |
| U |  | Unsatisfactory | |  |

**Discipline Plan**

* 1. This is a school-wide discipline plan that outlines our expectations for student behavior at Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science.

**P.A.R.R. is an acronym for**:

* Be **PREPARED**
* Choose your **ATTITUDE**
* Be **RESPECTFUL**
* Show **RESPONSIBILITY**

Below you will find a sample reference table that outlines each step of PARR and its corresponding consequence. Consequences will be grade level appropriate.

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| **STEP** | **CONSEQUENCE** |
| 1 | Verbal Warning |
| 2 | Behavior Notification ,  Parent Contact |
| 3 | Grade Level Appropriate Essay , Behavior Notification ,  Parent Contact |
| 4 | Detention Issued , Behavior Notification , Parent Contact |
| 5 | Parent Conference with Teacher and Administrator |

* 1. Classroom Rules
     1. Follow directions quickly.
     2. Make smart choices.
     3. Raise your hand to speak or leave your seat.
     4. Respect yourself, respect others, and respect the school.
  2. Consequences and Offenses, Spotlight on the Color System

Pink: Super Student!

Students who reach the pink level will be rewarded for their positive choices.

Blue: Good Choices.

Students who make positive choices will receive recognition as they move up the chart.

Green: Ready to Learn.

Every day your child will start off on this level. Students move up and down based on behavior.

**Yellow: Think About It.**

Students receive a warning. This reminds students to think about their choices.

Orange: Teacher’s Choice.

Students who continue to make poor choices will move to orange.

This will result in a consequence that is appropriate for the choice that was made.

Red: Parent Contact.

Students who move to red will require parental contact by the teacher.

Parents will be contacted via phone, e-mail, or note depending on the severity of the behavior.

Students will practice and review this plan in class, but teachers would appreciate it if you review it at home with your child to make sure they understand what is expected of them during a school day. You will be informed of your child’s daily behavior via the school agenda. Please sign the agenda daily. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher.

**Homework**[**Policy**](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/taylorse/connect/sylfirst.asp#Homework%20Policy)

a. Homework will be assigned nightly Monday-Thursday. Students are expected to read for 15 minutes a night, as well as 10 minutes of additional homework.

b. Remember to check child’s folder, and/or teacher page for homework assignments.

**Make Up Work**

a. The classroom teacher will gather all missed classwork and send it home with the student upon his or her return.

b. Students will have two days per absence to complete make up work, not including the day of return.

c. All tests must be made up within one week of the return to school.

[**Communication with Parents**](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/taylorse/connect/sylfirst.asp#Communication%20with%20Parents)

1. We will keep the lines of communication open!  Please contact the classroom teacher first regarding any concerns you might have.  We will do our best to address them or find the answer for you.
2. Conference dates will be set up twice a year for all students. Additional conferences may be scheduled after school upon request.
3. The best way to communicate with the classroom teacher is via email. Teachers check email periodically throughout the day. Kindergarten teacher email addresses are as follows:

Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science Phone Number is 813-793-6085.

You can keep track of the exciting things happening in the classroom by checking our weekly communication on Microsoft Teams.

**Please refer to the student handbook on the school website for a comprehensive list of policies, rules and procedures.**