

# Mrs. Makris and Mrs. Walck

Welcome to Kindergarten!

My name is Mandy Makris and I am so excited to work with your family this school year. I received my BS in Elementary Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. This is my 8<sup>th</sup> year here at Allen Jay and I am happy to return. I am married and I have 1 son, Jordan, that will be 2 on March 3. I also have 1 dog, Minnie Jay, that is 6 years old. I would love to speak with you any time; you can e-mail me at [makrisa@gcsnc.com](mailto:makrisa@gcsnc.com), call the school at (336)434-8490, write me a note, or come by for a visit. Please remember that during school hours I am working hard with your child and others. Calls during school hours will be handled in the office or sent to my voicemail here at school. If you have an urgent message, please leave a message with the office staff and they will be sure to get that information to me in a timely manner. Thank you in advance for all of your hard work and support this school year!

## Mrs. Makris and Mrs. Walck's Procedures

**Arrival:** Students riding the bus to school will walk in a line directly to the cafeteria. They will pick up breakfast and then go to the classroom. Students arriving by car should also go directly to the cafeteria to pick up their breakfast and then proceed to the classroom. **At Allen Jay we have free breakfast for every student. This is a great program that will only continue if our students take advantage of it. Even if your child has had breakfast at home, please send them to the cafeteria for breakfast.**

**Entering classroom:** Students will enter quietly and put their folders in the designated spot. All notes and money should be taken out by students upon entering and handed to Mrs. Makris. Folders will be checked by a teacher later in the day and we will take out anything that students may have forgotten. Please let your child know if they have something important in their folder (example: picture money, field trip information, change of transportation note, etc.) that needs to be called to our attention. Students should put their belongings on a hook, find their seats, and eat their breakfast. Students may talk with friends at their table in a quiet voice.

**Behavior and Consequences:** Students will start every day on "I am having a good day." Each child will have the opportunity to move up or down throughout the day based on the choices that they make. Each step will be represented by a different color. I will send home a behavior sheet every night that says what color your child ended up on at the end of the day. If for some reason they are below green, I am having a good day, I will write a number for that day on the behavior log.

I am at my best today. Purple	I am being a terrific student today. Pink	I am having a good day. Green	Oops, I have been warned. Yellow	I am having a few problems but am working to do better. Orange	I know I can do a better job. Red	Tomorrow will be a better day. Blue
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1. I did not use self-control. 2. I did not follow directions. 3. I hurt a/some classmate(s).  
4. I was disrespectful. 5. I did not behave in the hallway/sidewalk. 6. I was not doing my work.  
7. I did not follow cafeteria rules. 8. I had difficulty in my specials class. 9. I did not follow playground rules.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me. If there is a problem that I consider major at school I will either send a note home or call home. Consequences for bad choices may include sitting silently in seat, being moved to another classroom to calm down, or an alternative activity during recess.

**Jay Bucks:** Students will be able to earn Jay Bucks at school for making the right choices in common areas (hallway, cafeteria, playground, bus). These should be kept at school. If students receive Jay Bucks on the bus, please remind them to return them to school. At the end of each quarter, students will be able to go to “Jay Mart” and purchase items using their Jay Bucks.

**Classroom Rules:** I do my best to keep our classroom rules simple. We have 5 basic rules:

1. Eyes on the teacher.
2. Ears ready to listen.
3. Hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.
4. Raise your hand to talk.
5. Be nice to everyone.

**Snack:** Each day your child will be allowed to have an afternoon snack. Please only send healthy snacks (crackers, fruit, veggies, etc.) that have low sugar. We will also have a snack provided by the school each day. These will **always** be fruits or vegetables. I allow students to taste our school snack, if they do not like it, they may eat a snack from home. If your child is a picky eater, you may want to send a snack from home just in case. We want your child to try new foods but do not want them to feel left out if they do not eat fruits or veggies.

**Lunch:** Please feel free to stop by and join your child for lunch anytime **after Labor Day**. (This will give us a chance to teach students lunch room procedures.) ALWAYS CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL ON CAMPUS!

**Report Cards/Interims:** Please sign and return all interims and report card envelopes. I will do my best to schedule conferences on an as needed basis. Please let me know if you would like to schedule a time to meet. This year we will also be having student led conferences. In these conferences, your child will explain what we are doing in class and how they are doing.

**Dismissal:** Dismissal is at 2:30. **If there is a change in your transportation you must send a note to inform me. WE CAN NOT TAKE YOUR CHILD'S WORD TO CHANGE THEIR TRANSPORTATION!! If your child is normally a bus rider and you are planning on picking them up in a car you MUST send a note or we WILL put them on the bus. If your child is going home with another student we also need a note. Even if your child is a car rider; if you normally pick them up and someone else is picking them up, let us know. All car riders will receive a card with their names on it. This card MUST be visible in the car of the person who is picking up your child. If it is not, you will be asked to pull around into the main parking lot and pick up from the front office.** These rules are put into place so we can ensure the safety of all students.

**Sickness at school:** If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or higher they will be sent home. They should stay at home until they are fever free for 24 hours. Also, if your child vomits at school they will be sent home. If, your child has lice (live bugs) they will be sent home. They may be sent back to school after they have been treated with the proper medicine. **Please be sure to keep your phone numbers updated with us and the office so that we can get in touch with you if needed.** Students need to be in school as much as possible; however, these rules help to keep sickness from spreading to the whole class.

**Absences/Check outs:** If your child is sick or absent for any reason, you will need to send in a note or e-mail when they return to school. **If you are picking your child up from school early you must go through the office and check them out. There will be no early pick-ups after 2:00. If you need to pick up your child after 2:00 you will need to go through the car rider line.**

**Volunteers:** If you are interested in volunteering in our classroom or our school please let me know when you are available and what you are interested in doing.

**Nightly Expectations:** We will be sending home folders each night, as well as homework. We plan to send home a small amount of homework that will be most essential in supplementing what we are doing here at school. Please take the time to check your child's folder every night, do homework with your child, sign their homework sheet, and record their reading on their GCS reading calendar. As I mentioned, we are only sending home what we feel is essential. Let's work as a team to make sure that your child excels in kindergarten this year!!

**We are very excited to be working with your family this year!**