Dear Families,

Welcome to A.M. half-day Kindergarten! I am thrilled to be teaching your child for the 2015 - 2016 school year. This is my sixth year teaching Kindergarten at EDUPRIZE and my twentieth year teaching in all. I have taught preschool through fourth grade, but my first love is the little ones! I have my Master’s Degree from Northern Arizona University and my Early Childhood Endorsement. On the homefront, I am happily married and am also the proud mom of two wonderful boys, Jack and Brett, who both attend EDUPRIZE.

Kindergarten is a very special year, and I am here to help each child succeed. It is my hope that each child will finish the year knowing the joy and value of learning. I want each child to have a love of books and a desire to read. I am also excited to watch your children become mathematicians and problem solvers. The area that I treasure the most is watching these timid beginning writers turn into budding authors over the course of the year. It is also my hope that every child will have a firm foundation of the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Fairness, and Citizenship. I look forward to the partnership we will create to achieve these goals.

I hope to see you at our Open House on Monday July 20th. It is recommended that you come between 9:15 and 10:15am. At Open House, you will tour the classroom, pick up important papers, receive carpool/dismissal information, and drop off your school supplies. Please bring any information you may need to fill out paperwork (insurance cards, phone numbers, etc.).

Our first fabulous day of school is right around the corner on Wednesday, July 22nd. We will meet each school day from 7:30 – 10:50 a.m. in Room 15. Students must be present on the first day in order to be considered enrolled at EDUPRIZE. Visit EDUPRIZE’s website often to keep abreast of all the exciting news (www.eduprizeschools.net). We have many fun days ahead and I am looking forward to each and every one of them!

Sincerely,
Kristi McCullough
7/20 Open House
9:15-10:15 a.m., Room 15.
It is recommended you come during the listed time to help with traffic flow. However, I will be on campus from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. that day.
Please bring the following: insurance information, doctor and emergency contact numbers, and school supplies.

7/23 First Day of School
7:30-10:50 a.m., Room 15. Students MUST be present on the first day to be considered enrolled at EDUPRIZE!

Daily Arrival Procedures
We will meet daily from 7:30-10:50 a.m. in room 15. Each day I will greet my class outside at our designated spot on the kindergarten playground, where the children will line up, and I will walk them into the building. We will begin this procedure on the very first day! You will receive more information regarding drop off and pick up at Open House.

Mrs. McCullough's Student Supply List
Please bring the items listed below to Open House on July 20th, and use a black permanent marker to write your child's name on the following:

- 1 plastic, hard cover pencil box
  (approximately 8” x 5” – snaps shut)
- 1 pair of Fiskars scissors (put into pencil box)
- 1 one-inch, three ring binder with view finder or clear insert cover (write name on the back)
- 50 heavy duty clear page protectors
  (place inside the one-inch binder)
- 1 red & 1 yellow heavy duty, plastic pocket folder with 2 pockets (write name on the back)

Do not write your child's name on the following items:
- 1 ream of white copy paper
- 4 pack of Expo Markers (thick)
- 12 glue sticks
- 1 container anti bacterial wipes
- 3 boxes of Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 1 box Kleenex
- 1 box gallon sized ziploc bags
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

I gave you a little wink and a smile
As you entered my room today,
For I know how hard it is to leave
And know your child must stay.
You've been with them for 5 years now
And have been a loving guide,
But now, alas, the time has come
To leave them at my side.

Just know that as you drive away
And tears down your cheeks may flow
I'll love them as I would my own
And help them learn and grow.

So please put your mind at ease
And cry those tears no more
For I will love them and take them in
When you leave them at my door.