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Dear Parents of PK & Kindergarten Students,

Thank you for choosing Lackland Elementary to begin your child's journey into public school education. We are excited to meet your little ones and to get this year started! We know this can be a nervous and exciting time for you and your child.

We are still busy registering new students. At Lackland, we have four pre-kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Archibald-Ormon, Ms. Heineman, Mrs. Silvin, and Mrs. Smith, and we have five Kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Archibald, Ms. Barerra, Ms. Henry, Mrs. Sewell, and Mrs. Walker. They are a fantastic team of early childhood educators. Students will be assigned to one of these teachers (by grade level); however, we are going to spend the first week of school having all the students (by grade level), and all of the teachers (by grade level) get to know each other.

As we work to have the most balanced classes, we will have a "soft start" for the first week of school. PK & Kindergarten are such critical years in a student's development; grouping students in a way that allows each child to reach their potential is vital.

What is a "soft start"? A "soft start" allows flexibility in student classes before final classes are formed. Your child will have the opportunity to work with all their grade-level teachers for the first week of school. Our teachers will work together to get to know and support all our PK and Kindergarten Eagles. They will each work in one-on-one, small group, and large group settings with all students to observe student interaction and facilitate introductory academic and social skill lessons. This will allow the larger grade level team to make informed decisions about final class placement and help us build well-balanced classrooms.

After getting to know each other, we will make any necessary moves to balance the classes after all students have enrolled and assign a permanent teacher for the year.

Please talk to your child about this before the first day of school and help them prepare to get to know all the teachers. We are excited about this opportunity, as it will allow us to build the best classes possible.

On Thursday, August 8th, you will meet the PK and Kindergarten teams of teachers. Each team will review the schedule for the first week at this meeting. Please note students are allowed on campus for breakfast at 7:15. The tardy bell rings at 7:45. **The dismissal time during the first week of school for PK and Kindergarten will be at 12:00 pm.**

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to building a great relationship with you all.

See you soon,

Mrs. Leija

Principal