Dear Parents,

 Welcome to Kindergarten! This is an exciting time for you and your child and I am happy to be a part of it. My name is Emily Fine and this is my first year teaching Kindergarten in my own classroom. Last year I was an assistant teacher to a half-day program Kindergarten classroom in Ellensburg. I graduated from Central Washington University last June, and am looking forward to start teaching!

My Philosophy:

 I believe that all students have the ability to learn. My job is to build an environment that the children can actively learn from. Learning is something we actively do, so the children will be given as many opportunities to try something new and experience the learning for themselves. I realize that the children are not coming in as a blank slate, they have a lot they have already learned from their first and most important teacher: YOU!

 You are always welcome in my classroom and we look forward to seeing you as often as possible. I understand that things can get busy at home, so if you are unable to make it in that’s completely fine. Just let me know if you have any questions or comments. There is a spot in the children’s folders that comments can be left, but I can also be reached at \_phonenumber\_ or \_\_\_\_email\_\_\_.

Our classroom is a learning community and will be a safe place for the students. It will be a place where children feel like they can take risks and chances. They will be exposed to more math, reading, and writing as well and their progress throughout the year will surprise and delight you! ☺

Students will be placed in different learning groups. These groups might consist of those at the same ability level, but they will also work in groups that have a wide range of ability level so that they can learn and teach from each other. All groups are flexible and I will put the students in the best place possible for them to learn.

Homework:

 There is no homework in this class other than to read with your child. Reading with your child is going to teach them more about reading, then anything else. I will send home “Reading Tips” that will give you some ideas to help them really start improving their reading.

Rules of the classroom:

 The only rule in our classroom is respect. We must respect each other, ourselves, and the environment. If there are any issues at school I will send home a note on their behavior sheet in their folder. If you have any questions feel free to call or email me.

Looking forward to getting to know you and your child this year,

Emily Fine