August 26, 2015

Dear Parents of Incoming Kindergarten Students,

Your child is officially registered to attend Kindergarten at Monte Cristo Elementary! We are so excited to help them start their educational journey.

Last year was the first year that Granite Falls School District offered All Day Kindergarten. We were completely amazed at how much the children learned, and our belief that early learners are so capable and enthusiastic about learning was confirmed. The majority of last year’s Kindergarten students are entering first grade as strong readers, writers, mathematicians, students, and friends.

As we look toward your child’s start to Kindergarten, I wanted to make you aware of what the beginning of the year will look like. Please make note of the dates below.

**September 1: Kindergarten Parent Orientation at 6:00 pm**
Teachers will present program information and answer your questions about Kindergarten. You will also sign up for a time to bring your child in to visit his/her new classroom and have a family meeting with your Kindergarten teacher. This is intended to be an adults-only event (but if you cannot find child care, please come with your child anyway).

**September 2, 3, 4: Kindergarten Family Meetings**
Teachers will have activities for students to participate in while getting to know you and your child.

**September 8, 9, 10: Small groups attend**
To ease the transition into an All Day Kindergarten program, small groups of students will be attending on these dates. Parents will be able to choose the date that works best for them.

**September 11: First Day of Kindergarten for ALL students**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 360-691-7718. You can also reach me via email hthaut@gfalls.wednet.edu.

Fondly,

Mrs. Thaut