Growing Minds Learning Center

First Steps 4K Class

Parent Welcome Letter

Hello wonderful parents I am so glad that you have chosen Growing Minds Learning Center for your child's 4K needs. We are excited to have your little learner as a part of our center family. Let me start by introducing myself. I am Mia Gentry, owner and director here at Growing Minds. I graduated from Spartanburg Community College with my teaching certificate an Early Childhood education. During my tenure at SCC I received my preschool credential 1, 2, and 3 as well as a credential in special needs. I graduated from Carolina College of Theology where I received my bachelor’s in Theology as well as my master’s in biblical studies. I am currently pursuing my associate degree in early childhood education. I have worked with children for over 12 years in some capacity.

2020-2021 will be the first time GMLC has been a part of First Steps 4K and we are extremely excited. It is our intention to build a school/ family here for your child. We are going to do everything in our power to make you feel like we are your family as well. You are going to hear several terms throughout the school year. One is Conscious Discipline, the next is school/ family, and you will also hear the children often say we wish you well. We have gone through quite a bit of training over the past couple of days to prepare ourselves for the curricula that is going to be taught to your children. We will be utilizing Teaching Strategies Gold an excellent assessment tool in, Creative Curriculum and ASQ . I know these terms may sound so foreign to you but do not worry you will get to know them almost as well as we do.

I am asking all parents to bring the following items to class tomorrow. An oversized pillowcase, a small blanket, and a change of clothes. I would also like for you to bring a picture of yourself along with your child for our family wall. Over the next couple of weeks, you will be asked to fill out forms and give us information about your child, your home culture, and about their habits. Please bear with us as we try to gather all the needed information from you concerning your little one.

Best Wishes

Mrs. Gentry