Dear families,

Welcome back! I am delighted to be your child’s teacher and look forward to a very successful school year. Let me take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. My name is Hanan Abulhassan. I graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education and a specialization in Early Childhood Education. Shortly after, I started working on my master’s degree in Bilingual/Bicultural Education and will be completing this degree in December! Teaching young children has always been a dream of mine, and now I am blessed to be living my dream. This will be my fourth year teaching at Geer Park Elementary School, my second year teaching kindergarten.

Kindergarten is definitely a year of tremendous growth and learning as your child gains independence in everyday learning tasks. I will do my best to ensure that your child is provided with a supportive and engaging environment that challenges and inspires him/her to become an active participant in the learning process. In addition, I will make every effort to create an educational partnership with you. You are the most important person in your child’s life, and I strongly believe that your support will help your child reach his/her full potential. Together, we can help your child build a strong foundation for a lifetime of learning.

Soon, the kindergarten teaching team will be holding a parent meeting. Please check your child’s folder for the upcoming date and time. For now, here is some information pertaining to our classroom procedures and policies.

**Absences** - It is necessary to call the office when your child will be absent. The number is 313-827-2300. Please send a note or call if your child will need to be dismissed early for appointments.

**Homework** - Students will regularly receive homework. A packet will be sent home every Monday and will need to be returned on Friday. Expectations and more information will be discussed further at our parent meeting. PLEASE encourage your child to be responsible about doing his/her homework. It teaches responsibility and independence.

**Communication Folders** – I will be providing your child with a ‘Communication Folder’. It is the student’s responsibility to bring this to class daily, since they will be turning in homework, and collecting new assignments in this folder. Here you will find any unfinished class work, homework, teacher notes, and handouts.

**Snack**- Every month, a snack calendar will go home informing you of when your child is to bring snack for our class. Please send enough snacks for the whole class.

An important goal in my classroom is to reinforce healthy eating habits. With this goal in mind, the following is a list of acceptable snacks:

• Crackers
• Pretzels
• Fruit and/or vegetables
• Yogurt or pudding
• Granola bars
• Fruit snacks
• Rice Cakes
• Applesauce
• 100 calorie packs
• String cheese
• Mini-muffins

Students may bring milk, water, or juice with their snack provided for the class. If a drink is provided, boxed drinks work best.

**Birthdays** – You are welcome to bring in a treat to celebrate your child’s birthday. Please provide the necessary paper products as well. PLEASE do not bring sheet cakes. Cupcakes are much easier to work with. Healthy snacks are recommended and suggested.

**Questions and Concerns**- Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child. If you call during school hours, it will go directly to voicemail since I am teaching. I will return your call as soon as possible. You may also contact me via email abulhah@dearbornschools.org or send a note with your child. Please do not wait until a scheduled conference to contact me regarding concerns.

I would like to thank you in advance for both your support and partnership for the upcoming school year. I look forward to meeting you soon! ☺

Sincerely,

Miss Abulhassan

Kindergaten Teacher