

Dear Parents & Children,

Welcome to K-4! We are so excited to be your child's teachers and look forward to working with all of our families this year! Our goal is to prepare your child for K-5 emotionally, socially, and academically in a positive and nurturing environment.

This is my 18<sup>th</sup> year at Westcliffe teaching in 4K and K-5. I graduated from Wingate University with my degree in Early Childhood Education. I taught in Charlotte N.C for 8 years. I am a highly qualified teacher in the Greenville County School System and look forward to working with your child in 4K this year!

Mrs. Hammons is also a valuable asset to our classroom and a highly qualified teacher as well. She has worked in a kindergarten classroom for many years. Mrs. Hammons has a degree in Early Childhood Education from Gardner-Webb University.

We have many fun learning activities planned for our school year. Each week the children will learn a new "letter of the week." Our circle time, art projects, and books will all center on our letter of the week. This year's focus will be:

- Writing and recognition of capital and lower case letters
    - Shape, color, and number recognition
      - Spelling and writing names
        - Phonics
      - Patterns and sequencing
        - Problem-solving
    - Development of fine motor skills for future writing
  - Developing social skills by taking turns, sharing, and playing with our friends.
- "The High Scope educational approach for the K-4 child rests on the belief that children are active learners who learn best from pursuing their own interests while being actively supported and challenged by adults." (Educating Young Children)

We are looking forward to working with your child and are excited to be a part of their growth and development. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

Lynn Olson & Mary Jane Hammons