

Navigating Unchartered Waters

I am privileged to be the instructional leader at *Wilkinson County Elementary School* and look forward to working with all of our stakeholders to achieve academic excellence. Each challenge presents the opportunity for team building and networking with colleagues, parents, students, and community members. My navigational plan includes key elements to assure success and is published herewith:

- My compass will help me map out a plan to enhance the success of this venture as we launch into the territory of learning. We will adjust the scope of exploration as the group becomes acclimated to Best Practices and various Depths of Knowledge.
- As I take the helm, I will steer away from shoals of gossip, reefs of stereotypes, and boulders of ill temper lest the crags damage our rudder and send us off course.
- I will use binoculars to maintain a vision for excellence; adapt a keen eye of discernment to see the potential in the crew; and maintain a constant view of our clear cut goal for the voyage.
- As captain, I will make my expectations known from the beginning, set limits, and articulate consequences (positive and negative). When the gales of discord swoop upon our vessel, I will implement our security plan to circumvent a mutiny.
- At the beginning, we rehearsed procedures that would be used during our nine month voyage to assure they became routine. This structure will allow our crew to execute even during my absence.
- I shall strive to be consistent in my dealings with everyone and know that we will have a productive, positive school climate during our exciting voyage in the sea of knowledge.
- We look forward to reaching our port of call – *Academic Excellence*.