



Cassell School Room 502 "Love Where YOU Learn"

August 21, 2023

Hello Parents:

Welcome back to school! I hope that everyone had a fun and relaxing summer break. I can't wait to hear all about the summer fun you and your family had. I am looking forward to another awesome and exciting school year! Ms. Bailey, Ms. Martinez, Ms. Kilroe, and Ms. Brandt will be working in our classroom. We are excited to have your child in our classroom and continue to work with him/her. We will be working with your child towards meeting his/her IEP goals. We are committed to meeting all of your child's individual needs. Your child will be taught in a caring environment which supports independence, effort, creativity, risk taking, fun and challenges. In this safe, caring and empowering environment, students find joy and fun in learning. We are dedicated to helping your child become a happy, well-adjusted lifelong learner. Our school wide theme this year is Loving Every Growth Opportunity "The Sequel". We will continue to focus on responsibility, independence, being respectful, safe, and kind throughout this school year.

ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE:

MONDAYS: Art with Ms. Kay Lynch

TUESDAYS: Art with Ms. Kay Lynch

WEDNESDAYS: Gym with Mr. Panazzo-Please have students wear their gym shoes and gym uniforms

THURSDAYS: Theater with Ms. Marie Lynch

FRIDAYS: Theater with Ms. Marie Lynch

TAKE HOME FOLDERS:

Take home folders will go home daily with your child. Please check your child's folder daily. Please review all of your child's work with them. This will be a great opportunity for your child to show you what he/she has been working hard on in our classroom.

COMMUNICATION BINDERS:

We will use our binder as a way communicate with you on a daily basis. Please write in your child's binder with any information that you would want us to know for the day and return it to school the next day. This information can include fun activities that we can talk about with your child as well as if your child has a difficult morning, did not eat breakfast and or did not sleep well. Please inform us of any information that we should know about your child for the day. This is very useful information for us in working with your child. We will write to you about how your child's day is and any other news we need to share. Your child's communication binder and take home folder will go back and forth daily.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH & SNACK:

All students are able to receive a school breakfast and lunch. Please let me know if your child will be receiving a school breakfast and or lunch. We will have a daily snack time in our schedule. Please send a small healthy snack and water bottle daily. Please let me know if your child has any food allergies. **We have a peanut, tree nut, egg, cheese, almond milk, cherry allergy in our classroom. Please do not send any items to our classroom with the above ingredients. We want ALL of our students to be safe in our classroom.**

REINFORCERS:

In our classroom we use the First Work Then Break prompt and routine. When students are finished with their daily tasks they will have a break. If your child enjoys certain small toys, fidget item(s), a particular sensory item, they can bring them to class for their break. We will send them home daily.

STUDENT INFORMATION, WALKING FIELD TRIPS & DONOR'S CHOOSE PHOTOGRAPHY PERMISSION SLIPS:

I am sending home: student information, walking field trip permission slip, and a Donor's Choose Photography Parent Permission Slip. Please complete these forms and return them to school tomorrow.

JUST IN CASE CLOTHES:

Please send in a ziplock bag labeled with your child's name:

1 pair of pants

2 pair of underwear

1 pair of socks

1 shirt

These items will stay in your child's bookbag.

FAMILY PICTURES:

Please send in a family photo for your child to have at his/her desk. Students enjoy looking at pictures of their family.

ENTRY & DISMISSAL:

Our class will enter and exit through the main front doors. Ms. Bailey & Ms. Kilroe will be at the front doors. Students that are getting dropped off by a parent can arrive at school promptly at 7:55 am through the main right side door. School begins at 8:00am. They will come straight into the building. Students that are getting picked up by a parent after school will be dismissed at 2:55pm through the main left front doors.

RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS:

Our Social Worker is Ellie Lemberis and her email is ellemberis@cps.edu.

Our Occupational Therapist is Meg Jennings and her email is mmjennings@cps.edu.

Our Speech Therapist is Julie Gainer and her email is jegainer@cps.edu.

Our school nurse is Jessica Perez and her email is jnperez22@cps.edu.

Our school psychologist is Rhonda Stone and her email is rstone2@cps.edu.

I am looking forward to a successful year of having fun, learning and growing. Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at 773/535-2640 and my email is hjmcbrearty@cps.edu. Thank you so much for your continued cooperation and support. I am looking forward to another amazing school year!

Heather McBrearty ☺