

Dear Parents,

Happy First Day of school! It is going to be a fun year. I wanted to touch base on a few things and give you an overview of what the year is going to look like.

Arrival: Students will enter the doors closest to the playground. The doors will open at 7:45am.

Breakfast: If you want your child to receive breakfast from school they need to enter the rotunda doors and the time is 7:45-8:00.

Curriculum:

Reading: Our reading series is ***Collaborative Classroom***. This is a great series that individualizes your child's reading level. The students will be placed in a group based on their level. The students will have reading as a whole group. After the whole group reading I will meet with students in their small groups. The small groups will be based on levels. We will read at least two books a week as a class. I will also be sending home reading pouches on Monday. Inside the pouches will be books that were chosen just for your child. This will be a book for your child's level. These books will give your child confidence and challenge them. A weekly reading log will also be in the reading bag. The students should read for 10min every night.

Math: We have the ***enVision*** Math series. Each chapter has a workbook to follow. We will learn numbers, number words, addition, subtraction, time, measuring, shapes, time and money.

Phonics: We will supplement ***Collaborative Classroom*** with ***I-Ready Magnetic Reading***. We will focus on long and short vowels, ending and beginning sounds, blends, sounding words out, word families, rhyming words, etc.

Science: I love Science. Our series is ***Inspire Science***. We will do many fun STEM projects this year like; which one of Santa's cookies can hold the most milk, growing plants, volcanos, jungle life and much more.



Social Studies: Our series is *My World Interactive*. We will try to connect to topics that we are following in Science and Reading. We will cover community helpers, past and present, American monuments, etc.

Social Emotional: We will learn how to express ourselves appropriately, share, take turns, be a good friend, etc.

Water Bottles: Students will be allowed to have water bottles **only** for lunch. The water bottles for lunch can be any color.

Homework:

Homework is very important. It reinforces the concepts we learned that day or week. The students will have homework every night Mon-Thurs. Homework is recommended to be completed, but the students will never be penalized if it is not.

Lunch/Recess is everyday from 10:30-11:15. Lunch will be held in the multi-purpose room. Hot lunch is offered everyday along with white or chocolate milk. Your child must tell me first thing in the morning if they need lunch for the day. We will go out for recess everyday unless it is raining or below 35 degrees. Please dress appropriately.

Name

Please put your child's name on **EVERYTHING!** (especially uniforms and sweatshirts...they are all the same)

Specials:

Mon: Art **Tues:** Art **Wed:** Gym **Thurs:** Theatre **Fri:** Theatre

Birthdays:

Birthdays are great and important. We will celebrate with a song and a crown. Summer birthdays will be celebrated at the end of the year. Treats are not allowed to be brought to school for birthdays. If you would like to donate a game for recess in place of the treat that would be great. Birthday invitations can be passed out in school if the **ENTIRE** class is invited. I can not give any personal information (email or phone #) of another student.

Rules:

Be Kind

Stay in your seat

No talking when Mrs. Harmon is talking

Raise your hand when you want to speak

No hitting

Dismissal: Students will be dismissed from the doors closest to the playground at 2:50. Please let me know if your child is getting picked up by an older sibling. If you are late for pick up your child will be left at the front door with the security guard.

Communication: The best way to contact me is through my email jcharmon@cps.edu

I am so excited to be able to share this important year with your child. If you need anything or have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. Harmon

A colorful graphic with the text "Welcome to Kindergarten" in a playful, bubbly font. Each letter is filled with a different vibrant color and pattern, such as stripes, polka dots, or solid colors. To the left of the word "Welcome" is a small, pink heart with a floral pattern. The entire graphic has a soft, white drop shadow.