

## Cassell School Room 502



August 26, 2024

Hello Parents:

Welcome back to another exciting school year in Room 502! We are ready to continue learning and growing this school year. We hope that everyone had a fun and restful summer break. We look forward to hearing all about the summer fun you and your family had. I am looking forward to another awesome and exciting school year with Ms. Bailey, and Ms. Martinez working with us in our classroom. We are excited to have your child back in our classroom. We will continue to work 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 that 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 LEVEL Up Our Learning. We will continue to focus on responsibility, independence, and being respectful, safe, and kind throughout this school year.

**ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAYS:** Art with Ms. Kay Lynch

**TUESDAYS:** Theater with Ms. Marie Lynch

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

**THURSDAYS:** Theater with Ms. Marie Lynch

**FRIDAYS:** Art with Ms. Kay 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 to communicate with you daily. 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 and if your child has a difficult morning, did not eat breakfast, 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. You can also email me at [hjmcbrearty@cps.edu](mailto:hjmcbrearty@cps.edu) or call 773-535-2640.

**BREAKFAST & LUNCH & SNACK:**

All students receive a school breakfast and lunch. We are encouraging students to go independently up in the breakfast/lunch line and make choices for themselves. 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. We have a peanut, and tree nut allergy 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), or a particular sensory item, they can bring them to class for their break. We will send them home daily.

**MUSIC & ART THERAPY:**

We are so fortunate and excited to continue to have Music and Art Therapy in our classroom this year. Our students really enjoyed participating in it each week. I am inclosing a parent letter from Dr. Femi Skanes with my back to school forms. I will let you know the schedule for our therapy once I have it.

**JUST IN CASE CLOTHES:**

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

1 pair of pants

2 pairs of underwear

1 pair of socks

1 shirt

These items will stay in your child's book bag.

**FAMILY PICTURES:**

Please send in 1-2 family photos for your child to have at his/her desk. Students really enjoy looking at pictures of their families.

**ENTRY & DISMISSAL:**

Our class will enter and exit through the main front doors. Students who are getting dropped off by a parent can arrive at school at 7:45 am if they are eating breakfast at school. School begins at 8:00am. Students entering after 8am are considered tardy. 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 Kristen Berg and her email is

[kkberg@cps.edu](mailto:kkberg@cps.edu)

Our Occupational Therapist is Meg Jennings and her email is

[mmjennings@cps.edu](mailto:mmjennings@cps.edu).

Our Speech Therapist is Julie Gainer and her email is [jegainer@cps.edu](mailto:jegainer@cps.edu).

Our school nurse is Anamarija Dimevska and her email is [adimevska@cps.edu](mailto:adimevska@cps.edu).

Our school psychologist is Rhonda Stone and her email is [rstone2@cps.edu](mailto:rstone2@cps.edu).

I am looking forward to a successful year of having fun, learning, and growing. I am so excited to have your child in our classroom and at Cassell School. Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at 773/535-2640 and my email is [hjmcbrearty@cps.edu](mailto:hjmcbrearty@cps.edu). Thank you again so much for your continued cooperation and support. I am looking forward to another amazing school year!

Heather McBrearty ☺