

# welcome

## 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> classroom



Mrs. Amy Hammer- Head Teacher

Ms. Erica Shadrick- 1-2 Assistant

Mrs. Tyka Price- Principal

# DROP OFF AND pickup times



We are open from 6:30 am – 6:00 pm for students who need before and after care. Please sign up with Mrs. Price for before and after care. Our class drop-off time is at 8:05 am and pick up is at 3:15 pm. If your child has a sibling, you will follow the schedule for the oldest child.

# OUR Schedule



8:30-9:00	Morning Gathering
9:00-11:45	Morning Worktime
12:00-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:00	Recess
1:00-2:10	Afternoon Shelf Work
2:20-2:50	Specials
3:15	Dismissal

## specials

Monday- Music  
Tuesday- Sign Language  
Wednesday- P.E.  
Thursday- Spanish

# ATTENDANCE policy



School starts at 8:30 am and ends at 3:15 pm. Please teach your child the importance of being on time. The day is filled with educational experiences, and we want to ensure that your child is benefitting from all of these. Attendance is important, so please have your child attend class regularly. If your child is absent, please message me through Class Dojo, as well as send in a written parent excuse or doctor's note when your child returns to school. If you know your child will be absent in advance, please let me know so I can get your child's makeup work ahead of time. Please note: If your child has more than 18 unexcused absences per year, your scholarship and/or your child's academic grade promotion may be jeopardized.

# STAY connected

class dojo



Our class uses a behavioral system called **Class Dojo**. Students will be given points for positive behaviors such as being kind, on-task behavior, and showing perseverance. They will lose points for negative behaviors such as being disruptive, not following directions, or being unkind to peers. Total points will be redeemed for special prizes and privileges. You will be given a special code that allows you to sign in and view your child's behavioral progress at any time. It also allows parents and teachers to send private messages to one another. **This will be the primary means of communication for our class, so please be sure to sign up.**

# policies

## Sick child policy

Consistent attendance is essential for the best academic progress, however if your child should become ill it is in his or her best interest to stay home. Your child cannot progress when ill and will recover much more slowly without proper rest and care. If your child has a communicable illness, please notify the school immediately. Children that are experiencing contagious symptoms may not attend school. Do not send your child if he or she has had a fever in the past 24 hours. Your child is welcome to return to school after being fever-free WITHOUT medication for a minimum of 24 hours. If your child runs a fever, begins vomiting repeatedly, or has more than one runny stool, you will be contacted to come and pick up your child. If your child contracts head lice, they must stay home from school until they are found to be free of all lice and their nits. Please see the addendum in our handbook for updated information regarding Covid-19.



## dress code

Students are required to wear uniforms Monday through Thursday each week. Students may wear any solid-colored t-shirt or polo shirt. Pants, shorts, and skirts may be navy blue, black, khaki, or denim. Fridays are dress down days and students are not required to wear uniforms. Characters, slogans, or objectionable material may not be worn. Shorts are to be worn under all skirts and all skirts and shorts are to be no shorter than finger-tip length. Closed-toed shoes (preferably sneakers) must be worn every day. No flip-flops, open-toed sandals, or high heels are permitted.

# Daily needs



Morning Snack: Students will have snack each morning during gathering. Snacks should be healthy, such as fruits/vegetables, yogurt, cheese sticks, granola bars, etc. No sweet or sugary snacks are allowed for morning snack.

Lunch: Students need to bring a lunch box to school each day. Lunches should include a protein/main dish, fruit or vegetable, and a drink (no sodas), as well as any utensils they will need to eat their meal. Chips, gummies, cookies, or other items may be included, but students will need to eat their protein and fruit/vegetable first. \*Lunches are NOT refrigerated, and we do not do heat-ups in class. Please put all hot foods in a thermos and include an ice pack, if needed, to keep lunches cool.

Water bottles: Students need a water bottle brought with them each day to school. **We do not have water fountains for the students to drink from, so please be sure they have a water bottle with them every day.** We do have water bottle fillers so they may refill the bottle if it is empty. They should have only water in their bottle. No other drink should be brought in unless they have a juice pouch in their

lunchbox

# Daily work



Students will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of different topics during the year. Reading, language, writing, and math will be taught formally each day. Science, social studies, humanities, and practical life skills will also be taught in the classroom. Other activities will include music, physical education, art, Spanish, and sign language. Our curriculum is a blend between hands-on activities, cooperative learning, digital exploration and more traditional schoolwork. The curriculum is individualized for each student so that he or she can progress at their own pace.

Students are NOT assigned daily homework assignments. If your child doesn't complete their daily classwork, it may be sent home for homework, but we often try to offer additional time in class. Daily practice of sight words, and math facts is encouraged. Children are also encouraged to read each day. Statistically, children that are read to and who read each day do better in school.

Folders will be coming home each Friday with your child's work for the week. Please empty and return the folders to school at the beginning of the next week.

We have spelling tests each week. Spelling words are not something that we practice every day in the classroom. Please take the time to study your child's spelling words with them each night. Spelling words will be sent out each week through Class Dojo.

We will have share each Friday. Students will be allowed to bring in one item to share with the class. This item must be able to fit in their cubby. We do not have room in the class to keep large items. If your child has something special they would like to bring in that needs to be put in a safe place, please let me know so I can make sure to put it away safely.



# Grading



Our grading system is a bit different in the primary classroom, as we give  $\sqrt{+}$ , or  $\sqrt{}$  on your student's daily classwork. Spelling tests may have percentages and/or letter grades on them. However, report cards will not have typical letter grades (A-F). Instead, the following will be used:

O=Outstanding (The student consistently performs well above average and exceeds standard expectations)

S=Satisfactory (The student has consistently strong performance and is meeting standard expectations)

N=Not Demonstrated Consistently (The student is not meeting all standard expectations on a consistent basis)

U=Unsatisfactory (The student is working well below grade level)

# Homework



We have a homework calendar for each month that students may do if they choose. This is not required and is intended to be a fun extracurricular activity. Students are asked to complete 15 items from the calendar and return it by the first Monday of the next month. Students who do complete the homework calendar will get a special treat such as a popsicle party, treasure box, extra free time, etc.

# conferences



Formal parent-teacher conferences are held during the first grading period and again at the end of the year to discuss report cards, test scores, and any other pertinent information. If you need to schedule a conference at another time, please let me know and we will set up a time to meet. At this time, all of our conferences will be held by phone.

# Birthdays



Birthdays are special occasions for children. If you wish to bring in a birthday treat, I ask that you please let me know a day or two in advance. Treats must be store bought and individually packaged. No home-made treats are allowed. Please send them in with your student. We will take pictures of the children celebrating and post them to your child's story on Class Dojo.