

## **HELPFUL HINTS FOR 2018-19**

### **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS AND PROBLEM SOLVING:**

Our classroom follows three basic rules:

1. Be Kind
2. Be Safe
3. Be Productive

Students will use and work on their self-advocacy and problem solving skills throughout the year.

### **OUR SCHEDULE:**

#### **Start Time: 7:55am**

*Students can arrive in the room after 7:40 am and work quietly until the school day begins. Please make sure students enter the classroom by 7:55 am to ensure our day stays on schedule.*

#### **End Time: 3:40pm**

*For students that are getting picked up, we will be located outside of Mr. Wallace's door. Students that are still waiting for their parents after 3:45pm can be found in the Longhouse Room.*

**Morning snack** is 9:20 am to 9:35 am then students will go to recess from 9:40 am to 9:55 am \*It is a long morning so I encourage students to bring a healthy snack, such as an apple, carrots, crackers, etc. Breakfast should be eaten before coming to school.

**Music** Students will have Music, Strings or Intro to Band every day this year from 10:05 am to 10:35 am.

**PE** will be on Monday and Wednesday from 1:30pm to 2:00pm. Please make sure your child wears gym shoes on those days. On nice days, we will have PE outdoors.

**Recess & Lunch** will be from 12:35 pm-1:25 pm

### **GENERAL CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:**

**BATHROOM:** Students are allowed to use the bathroom when they choose. They will place a bathroom pass on their desk and take a hall pass. There are times that are not appropriate to leave for the bathroom and we will decide these times as a class (not during teaching time or right before a break).

**CLASS JOBS:** As a class we'll be responsible for making our classroom a tidy and comfortable space.

**WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE DONE:** There is almost always a line item list on the whiteboard that lets students know what to do if they finish something before the rest of the class. Silent Reading at your desk is always a good choice if the list is missing, or if all tasks are complete.

**CLASS MEETING:** Students will participate in daily class meetings. We will be working on social skills and problem solving. Kids will also learn to appreciate and acknowledge each other for acts of kindness and personal achievements.

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**HOMEWORK:** Students are expected to read each night for at least 20-30 minutes. For math, students should have enough time to complete their lesson each day in class, however, what does not get finished will be sent home for homework. Students can active learners at home by doing research, reading, reviewing what we have done in class and/or finishing work that was not completed at school.

**SUPPLIES:** Please refer to the district provided classroom supply list.

**CALENDAR:** Please refer to the district provided calendar for holidays, Friday school days, and conferences.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Birthdays are wonderful. I have a special birthday box that each child will have an opportunity to choose from. If your child has a summer birthday, we'll be sure to acknowledge their day at another time during the year. The school district asks that you do not send treats for your child.

**NOTES:** Please send a note to school or contact me by email/phone if you have anything that needs to be communicated (ride home, injury, absences, etc.). Last minute changes happen, so please be sure to contact the office or me via email before 2 pm. If you have an emergency, please call the office directly.

**WATER BOTTLES:** are welcome in the classroom. (no glass or sugary drinks, please)

**EXTRAS Clothing & Shoes:** are encouraged, but not required. The weather can be unpredictable in Corbett, so please feel free to bring an extra change of clothing for surprising weather or unfortunate accidents.

**VOLUNTEERS:** are welcome in our classroom. Jobs vary from working with students, making copies, creating sample projects, and going on field trips. Complete a background check form and contact me about times you are available to help in our classroom. I will also periodically send out pleas for help with last minute projects.

**TECHNOLOGY:** in order for students to use technology at school, we ask that you review the district policy and provide permission. This will be sent home during the first week of school.