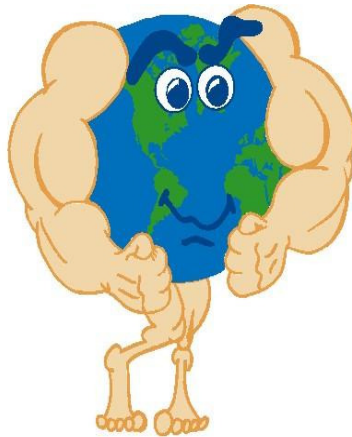


Health, Wellness, & Environmental Studies Magnet School



Mrs. Decker & Mrs. Massey's Class

Be Respectful
Be Ready
Be Responsible
Be Safe

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our class! We look forward to getting to know your child this year. Please read over the following classroom and school expectations and discuss them with your child at home.

Code of Conduct:

1. I will respect others and treat them fairly. (This means I will not laugh at others, tease others, or hurt others' feelings.)
2. I will make my school safe. (This means I will not hit, kick, push, pinch, threaten, or hurt anyone.)
3. I will respect the property of others, (This means I will not take or destroy something that belongs to someone else.)
4. I will keep my school calm and quiet. (This means I will not yell, scream, shout, talk loudly, or disturb others.)
5. I will make my school a good place to learn. (This means I will listen, follow directions, and finish my work.)

In our class we have a behavior chart and each child has a clip with their name on it and if your child breaks a rule or doesn't follow the directions their clip gets moved. We do not yell, scream or belittle the child we just remind them to make good choices and when they choose not to we tell them these are the consequences. These are the following behavior consequences:

Good News Green	Excellent Behavior
Yackety Yak Yellow	Lose 5 minutes of free time
Oh No Orange	Lose 10 minutes of free time
Rowdy Red	Lose 15 minutes of free time
Bad News Blue	Lose all of free time and a note sent to parent

* Your child will have a monthly calendar in the back of their take home folder that will have what color they were on each day. If their clip has been moved there will be a short explanation of why the clip was moved.

School Expectations:

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Rewards:

Students will be rewarded with 'Buzz Tickets' for good behavior and meeting the expectations of each area in the building. Students will be able to save their tickets to earn a ticket to a monthly PBIS celebration and treat.

Money:

Please send all money in an envelope with your child's name, and the purpose of the money.

Clothing:

If your child has an occasional accident please send them a change of clothing to leave at school. Please label their name on their clothing.

We follow the dress code in the handbook. Therefore, low cut blouses, and baggy pants are not allowed.

Please put your child's name on all coats, jackets & backpacks.

Attendance:

Students arriving to school after 8:10 will be considered tardy. They must stop in the office to get a tardy slip.

In our class we have a Portfolio Assessment that we collect all year. We collect work every day. Please send your child to school every day because it is hard to make these entries up when they miss and this work cannot be sent home for homework.

Arrival & Dismissal:

If your child is a car rider you may drop them off at the front of the building (on Rosemond in the circle drive) no earlier than 7:30 in the morning. They will be able to be picked up in the afternoons in the front of the building (on Rosemond in the circle drive) at 2:45. We will have them at the front waiting on you to pick them up but if you are later than 2:45 you will have to park and come into the building to get your child.

If your child is getting picked by someone else or going home differently you must call the school or send a note with your child. **If I do not receive a phone call or a note I cannot change the normal dismissal procedure.**

Daily Folder:

Every child will be given a Daily Folder. This folder will be sent home every day. Please check the folder for papers, notes, etc. It is very beneficial to your child when you praise them for good papers and review papers in which difficulty was encountered. This folder will have a "Return to School" side and a "Keep at Home" side. This folder needs to be returned to school every day. Begin this year right by letting your child place the folder in their backpack every night. This teaches your child responsibility.

On the back of this folder you will find their behavior chart. Please review it each night and if needed discuss with your child about improving their behavior.

Homework:

After the first few weeks of school we will begin our reading series and your child will have a phonics page sent home for homework 1 night each week (usually Tuesday or Thursday).

The only other times your child will have homework is if they are struggling on anything in class and need extra practice or if they would not do their work during class.

Grading:

Your child will bring home papers almost daily. Not every grade is put in the grade book. Also, grades will be taken on the work that they do for their Portfolio Assessment. These grades will not be sent home.

Snacks:

We have a snack every day. Please send snacks weekly/monthly to put in our snack box. We put all the snacks together so that everyone gets a snack every day.

Toys:

Please do not allow your child to bring toys, games, cards, or any other items to school. If they have a special toy they would like to share (ex. Show & Tell) please let me know and we will set aside a day that they can bring it in to show the class.

Thank you for taking time to read through this packet. We really look forward to working with you this year! I know we will have a great year together!

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me (870)-933-5850 or e-mail me at dena.decker@jonesboroschools.net.

Thank you,
Mrs. Decker & Mrs. Massey