



Welcome to the 1st Grade

Welcome students and families to the first grade! My name is Mrs. Francesca Hills and I'm looking forward to the upcoming year and the fun and exciting things we will be learning and experiencing together. Our journey begins with our **Back-to-School Open House, which will be Monday, August 28th, from 2pm-6pm.** Our first day of school will be the following day, **Tuesday, August 29th at 8:15 am.**

Classroom Procedures

Class Time: Class begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.. If you arrive before school begins, your child will attend the before school program located in the Multipurpose Room. If you arrive before 8:00 a.m. and utilize the before school program, you will be charged a fee. At 2:55 p.m. I will walk all children who do not attend the after school program, outside to be picked up. All children who are not picked up by 3:10 p.m., will be checked-in to the after school program.

Restroom & Drinks: Students will be allowed to use the bathroom and get drinks throughout the day with permission as long as direct instruction is not taking place. I will encourage students to use the restroom "going out" and "coming in" from recess. Please encourage your child to use the restroom and get a drink before class begins each morning.

Recess: We will be going outside for recess each day (unless it is raining hard or very cold). Please make sure your child is dressed properly for playing outdoors and has the necessary clothing needed to stay warm.

Lunch Time: Please send a lunch with your child each day or sign them up for hot lunch on the clip board outside our classroom door. Lunch count is taken by 8:30 a.m. each morning. If you are planning on bringing in a lunch for your child after 8:30 a.m., I must know ASAP, or they will be charged for a hot lunch that day. We are not allowed to keep lunches cold or heat food items up if your child brings a cold lunch. Each child will eat in the classroom with their class and then be excused to recess after they finish eating.

Classroom Rules

- Please raise your hand if you have a question and/or want to speak.
- Listen when others are speaking.
- Keep your hands, feet and all objects to yourself.
- Stay where you belong.
- Golden rule: Treat others the way you want to be treated.

General Classroom Information

- Bring a backpack to school everyday. One that is big enough to hold papers, lunch box and a coat.
- Please check your child's backpack daily for any important notes and/or papers.
- The "purple" CCS folder should be returned each day to school. If your child is absent, please notify the school office.
- Regular attendance is very important in order for your child to be successful in school.
- NO TOYS are allowed at school.... With the exception of a special theme day. These items will not be allowed to go out at recess time.
- Students are not allowed to be in the classroom when a teacher is not in the room.
- All Scholastic Book orders should be paid for with a check (made out to Scholastic). Please have your order turned in by the due date.
- Please notify me of any email, phone number and/or address changes during the year.
- Please notify me if someone unfamiliar is picking up your child from school.
- Please notify me of any allergies your child may have.
- All medications need to be taken to the office.
- Birthday parties- We would love to celebrate your child's birthday at school! Parents are encouraged to bring in treats (no red liquids please) if you so choose. All parties will be celebrated at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued love and support for CCS! I look forward to getting to know you and your student during the school year!

Sincerely,

Francesca Hills