

Mrs. Fleming's Classroom Information 2019-2020



I'm so glad to be your child's teacher and look forward to working with your family! We will have so much fun this school year! The first 2 weeks that your child begins with us will be a time for them to get used to our routines and rules. We've found that they live up to our high expectations and learn our structure quickly!

Following is a list of information for you! Call or email if you have questions!!

--**BOOKBAG**: your child will need a book bag that can fit an 8.5X11 inch folder, and so that we can fit a communication folder and art projects inside!

--**WE LOVE MESSES!** It is so important to have children learn to tolerate textures on their hands, and to learn to paint, draw and express themselves in print. We do art every day. Art may not be a finished product, but may simply be the process of fingerpainting, or playing in shaving cream or play doh. We have fun but we get messy! We do have smocks that we wear, but sometimes messes still happen. Please plan accordingly when dressing your child, so that favorite white shirt doesn't get ruined with paint.

--**CHANGE OF CLOTHING**: It's very important that we have a change of clothes for warm and cold weather, to keep in the classroom when needed. Please send these in a large Ziploc bag with your child's name clearly written on the bag, because we get busy and don't want to misplace them! We also will need diapers and wipes (if applicable) on a regular basis and will let you know when the supply is getting low! We can keep the clothing here at school if you like.

--**COMMUNICATION**: I welcome regular communication and encourage this! Please use my school email whenever possible: karen.fleming@lcps.org . I am not able to text parents but will contact you ASAP with an email. Feel free to call me at school, as well, between 12:00 and 2:30 at 571-252-1920.

--**SOCIAL MEDIA**: Unfortunately, I cannot "friend" you or accept a "friend request" on Facebook when I am your child's teacher, as much as I'd love keeping up with your family pictures!

--**OUTSIDE PLAY**: We love going to the blacktop play area, going when the temperature is at least 45 degrees (we stay for longer periods outside when it's warmer!) Please make sure you provide a hat and gloves for your child when the weather gets colder. We can keep these in your child's bookbag and return them each day.

--**SNACKS:** We have snack time each day after arrival. We do have a few snack items, but it would be helpful if you still send some type of snack food that you would want your child to have (i.e. crackers, banana, applesauce or fruit cup, cheese stick.) We will provide ice water, but you can send a drink if you like. We occasionally introduce a new food, like fruits and vegetables, to try. Please let me know if you'd prefer your child not participate in the tasting. We never require them to try a bite, just encourage. It's often a good way to help those picky eaters expand their food repertoire if they see other students trying, too.

--**WIPES, TISSUES, PAPER TOWELS, ZIPLOCS:** We could always use these paper supplies!!

--**CLOTHING AND BACKPACK LABELS:** I urge you to put your child's name on ALL of their personal items, as we tend to get confused as to what belongs to whom. You can label simply by putting a piece of tape onto the object and write your child's name with a permanent marker. We want to be sure that things get back to their rightful owner!

--**WEBSITE:** I post information onto the Frederick Douglas School website. You can find this at the following web address: <https://www.lcps.org/Page/96214>

--**VISITING THE SCHOOL:** When you visit the school, you will be asked to provide your identification (yes, your driver's license!) and the reason for your visit. This pertains to ALL people who enter after the morning bell, since all doors are kept locked. (Even the principal has to show her ID to the camera!) Enter the office and they will walk you through the steps!

--**LUNCH:** please refer to the lunch menu you can find on the LCPS website. You can pay in check, cash, or online. And, of course, feel free to pack your child's lunch if you prefer. We won't have access to microwave things, so please keep this in mind when packing!

--**COMMUNICATION:** I will send home a weekly newsletter to let you know what books we will be reviewing, and activities that go along with the book for the week. This is a way for you to reinforce things at home. Please know that if an issue arises, I will be sure to contact you via phone or email.

--**ARRIVAL:** Our bell rings at 7:35 for entrance to the school. If you are transporting your child, please arrive between 7:35 and 7:50. You can drive through the "kiss and ride" loop and stop at the number "6" sign, where you will see preschool staff members. Please refrain from driving around any cars in your path, as this can be dangerous.

--**DEPARTURE:** Our students are dismissed at 11:45. Should you pick up your child at the end of the day, please meet us at the front of the building at 11:45, and wait in the "kiss and ride" loop. There's no need to enter the building to sign out your child.

