



Corbitt Connection

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Welcome

Hello! My name is Mrs. Corbitt and I am so excited to be your child's first grade teacher! I have been busy preparing for an exciting year and I know that we are going to have a wonderful time. I look forward to working with you to make this school year both meaningful and fun.

I have been anxiously awaiting the start of the new school year and the awesome adventure it will bring. Let's work together as we leap into learning and have a great year!

School Attendance

Your child's regular and on-time attendance at school is crucial to his/her success. It is also school policy to send in a note explaining your child's absence within 3 days of returning to school. Only then will the absence be "excused."

School Hours: 8:30-3:00 p.m.

Morning Arrival

First grade students meet their teachers every morning in the first grade hallway between 8:00-8:20 a.m. Please do not bring your child to school before that time unless he/she is having breakfast here, as there is no one to supervise your child before 8:00 a.m.

Dismissal

School is dismissed beginning at 2:50 p.m. Car riders will be gathered by grade level in front of the school. There will be a car line that begins forming in front of the school as early as 2:35 p.m. Please have your child's color-coded sign in your car either on your dash or propped up in the glass by your visor. Children that ride the bus will wait in the bus loading area. A teacher will take the children to their bus.

If you need to pick up your child early, you must sign him or her out at the office. The office will call the classroom and ask for your child to be sent down. If a parent comes directly to the classroom, he or she will be sent to the office to check out their child.

Family-Teacher Communication

I believe that school is a partnership between school, home, and your child. As a member of this partnership, I will communicate with your family regarding classroom events, your child's progress, etc...

Please check your child's backpack **every day** for newsletters, notes, and home activities. Your child's backpack is the best way that we can transport school related information to you! There might be important days and deadlines in your child's backpack. It is important that it is checked and cleaned out **daily**. ☺

Money

On occasion it will be necessary for your child to bring money to school. Always send money in a sealed envelope or ziplock bag with the following information written on it:

1. Your child's first and last name
2. The amount of money
3. The purpose for the money (lunch, book money, party money, etc...)
4. My name and grade

With more than 20 children to keep track of and several reasons to collect money, this helps me out tremendously and reduces the likelihood of errors. Also, if the envelope is left on the bus or dropped in the hallway, this information will help get the money to the right place.

Open House!!! Sept. 3rd

Volunteer Opportunities

Parents and families are a great source of volunteers in the classroom! Throughout the year, I will need volunteers to help with a variety of projects and activities.

If you or an adult member of your family is interested in volunteering in our classroom, please be sure to fill out the District provided volunteer form. You must be approved before any work can be done in the classroom. Also if you have any special talents (arts, crafts, etc. . .) please let me know.

Toy Policy

In the past, there have been problems with children bringing toys to school. Students bring them out during inappropriate times (breakfast, group time, etc...). Sometimes the students will only share their toys with certain groups of friends. For these reasons, there is a "no toys from home" policy in our class.

Book Orders

Frequently during the year I will send home book order forms. Please take the time to look over these forms. They offer great books for as little as \$0.95! All books purchased will earn bonus points. These bonus points are used to buy books and materials for the classroom.

If you decide to order books, please send order form and money in a marked envelope. You may send a check or money order made out to *Scholastic Book Clubs*.

Although I encourage parents to look at the book orders, you are under no obligation to buy.

Dress Code

As a reminder the following items are prohibited at school: backless shoes, shoes with wheels, spaghetti strap shirts, mid drift shirts, and shorts, skirts, and skorts higher than the student's fingers tips when the arms are relaxed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Important Dates to Remember

September 7	Labor Day
October 26	Planning Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving
Dec. 17-Jan.1	Winter Break
January 18	MLK Birthday
January 22	Planning Day
February 16	Presidents' Day
April 1	Planning Day
April 2	Spring Holiday
April 5-9	Spring Break
May 28-31	Memorial Day

Watch for weather "flex" days and early dismissal days as well.

*****Our first Early Dismissal day is September 9th and we will dismiss at 1:45 p.m**

Birthday Policy

Birthdays are a special day in many children's lives. If you would like to send a special treat, I would be happy to pass out individually sized snacks at the end of the day. (This may include but is not limited to *Little Debbie* cakes, cupcakes, etc...) Please send enough for every child in the class.

If your child is having a party at home, I can only distribute invitations if all the children in the class are invited. If you can not invite all of the children, please do not send them to school. Many children get their feelings hurt if they are not invited.

Field Trips

Field Trips are a great way to extend learning. Our class will go on several field trips throughout the year. For all field trips I will send home a permission slip. Please sign and return the permission slip and money as soon as possible. The permission slip must be on file or your child will not be able to go. I cannot accept a hand written note or telephone call. It must be a signed permission slip!

I love to have volunteers for all of our field trips. If you volunteer, you will be supervising a small group of students. I would like to encourage a parent, grandparent, or other adult family member to volunteer. For safety reasons, siblings can not attend field trips with us.

School Meals

How much do school meals cost?

- Lunch
Elementary student is \$1.50
"Reduced meal" student is \$0.40
Parent/Adult \$3.00

Pre-pay Option

You may send in money for your child's account at the beginning of each week, month or even pay online.

- Full Price Lunch for one week \$7.50
- Reduced Price Lunch for one week \$2.00

Please be sure to send money for the cafeteria in an envelope with your child's first and last name, amount and lunch number on the outside.

School Meal Payment Plan Online!

Visit www.mylunchmoney.com for more info. You will need your child's student number. The student number can be obtained several ways: I can give it to you, the office can give it to you, or you can even look on your child's report card.