



# Welcome

## 2022/2023 school year

Dear Parents/families,

We are excited to start the school year off this Sunday at the Ice cream social, 1 to 3pm. We hope you can all make it. There has been a change in staff this year. We have a new Reading and Language Arts teacher, Sarah Brothers. You will all get to meet her at the social. Below is some helpful information about the school. If you have any questions feel free to email us or ask on Sunday.



## **Homerrooms:**

There are 4 classrooms at TCH. They are the Math, Art, Reading, and Science rooms. The students are broken into four homerooms, one in each classroom, which are referred to by their homeroom name, i.e. students whose homeroom is the Math room are called "Math roomers."

The science room students are the upperclassmen and are called "seniors." The seniors hold fundraising events throughout the year to raise money for a senior class trip.

Homerrooms are where students keep their belongings, have morning work, and eat lunch. Each homeroom has its own bathroom and door to the back yard. Students do not stay with their homeroom group all day. They will go to classes independently and receive one on one teaching in each subject. The exceptions to this are yoga, music, spanish, social studies, and gym. These classes will be at a set time and they will go as a group. Homerrooms also go on field trips as a group.

## **Dropoff:**

Pull into the parking lot and head right around the circle. Stop at the door. A teacher will open the door to meet your child.

### **Pick up:**

When school ends at 3 p.m. the students return to their homeroom. When your car pulls up front we will send your child(ren) to you. Please have a sign in your car with your child's name. Do not pull away until instructed to do so.

### **Cubbies:**

Each child has their own cubby. A cubby is where the child keeps their school work, books, folders, and other personal objects. No one is allowed to go into another student's cubby and take things out.

### **Morning Work**

Morning work starts at 9 am. The students need to be at school sitting in their homerooms at 9:00. I recommend students arrive at school around 8:45. This gives them time to walk in, put coats and lunchboxes away, get out materials they need for the day, and get seated.

Morning work lasts from 9:00 to 9:30. The students will be in their homerooms working at this time. During this time the students also sign their daily contract.

## **Contracts:**

After morning work the student is free to go about their day. Each of the classrooms are now open for the students to visit and learn. The backyard and playroom are also open at this time. Students are allowed to go outside, to the playroom, or to a class. It is up to the students to decide what classes to go to and when they want to go to them. For this reason each student must make a contract with their homeroom teacher daily. On the contract the student tells the teacher what classes they are going to that day. The students do have a minimum number of classes they must attend.

Part of their education at the school is learning to go to classes they have agreed to go to that day. In the beginning it is a lot for younger children to keep track of their time and go to class, their homeroom teacher will help them. As the students get older and the year progresses every student will learn to manage their own time.

If a student does not make it to one of the classes in their contract then they are confined the following day. This means they lose the ability to control their schedule and their homeroom teacher sends them to classes. The next day they will get to manage their own time again.

## **Lunch/snacks:**

Please send your child to school with lunch and snacks. We do not provide food at school.

We have 3 eating times during the day.

**10:15** Snack- something small that they can eat with one hand. This is a quick break in the day. Something small and quick to eat. Cheese sticks, blueberries, granola bars are examples of snacks that work well. If it requires a spoon (yogurt, applesauce, etc.) or a napkin (Cheetos) it is not a workable snack item.

**11:30** Lunch- The students have from 11:30 to 12:00. We **do not** allow students to trade or share food. We do not have any allergies in our classroom at this time. If I become aware of an allergy I will send an email home.

**3:00** Snack- after school students sit in their homerooms and are allowed to eat another snack. This can be leftover lunch food or a specific item you send in. If you are not in after care and are picking up your child at 3 then they do not need this snack.

**Cleanup:** The students are required to clean up after themselves. This includes wiping down their lunch desk, sweeping up any crumbs, throwing away their trash, and closing up their lunch boxes.

## **Clothes:**

**Outdoor boots:** Rain boots or winter boots are used when our back yard gets muddy. Please have a pair that stays at school for your child.

**Change of clothes:** If your child falls in the mud or has an accident, they will need to have a change of clothes at school ready for them.

**Gym and yoga:** Appropriate clothes for the day they have these classes. Yoga is on Thursday. Gym class is on Friday.

**Cold weather accessories:** When the time comes students are allowed to play out in the snow and cold. Hats, boots, gloves, coat, and snowpants (or change of pants) are required.

## **Materials:**

You have paid a materials fee. We provide all the pencils, pens, erasers, notebooks, workbooks, glue, crayons, markers, folders, etc. You do not need to buy any of these things.

## **Homework:**

We do not give out homework. Your child will be given assignments by each teacher and we work with them in class.

## **Additional Classes:**

Besides the four main classes the students have yoga, music, spanish, and gym. As they get older additional classes will be added (social studies, Latin, literature).

### **Field Trips:**

We take many field trips throughout the year. Some are planned and some come up on that day. Please Make sure you have filled out the field trip permission form.

[Field Trip Form](#)

### **Reports/Parent- Teacher Conferences:**

Four reports are given out during the school year. Two midterm reports and two semester reports. The midterm reports will be a short summary of what your child is doing and how they are coming along in each class. At the end of the semester you will receive a more detailed report on your child.

We hold parent-teacher conferences during the semester reports. On those days you will sign up with your child's homeroom teacher for a 15 minute time slot between 9am and 11:15. Your homeroom teacher will have reports from all the teachers on your child's progress. We do not give grades. As of right now these conferences will be an online meeting and your reports will be sent to you digitally. Also, at any time during the school year if you would like to talk to a teacher, then we are happy to set up a meeting. You can call or email the school to request this.

**Here are some helpful links:**

[School Website](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Field Trip Form](#)

[Photo Release Form](#)

[Parent Handbook](#)

[Amazon Wish List](#)

Again Welcome to the new school year and I look forward to seeing all your children!

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