

Welcome to The Kelly Krew!

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Daily Schedule

- 7:20 Arrival
- 7:45 Morning Meeting
- 8:05 Reading Workshop
- 9:30 Writing Workshop
- 10:00 Art / Music / P.E.
- 10:55 Words Their Way
- 11:10 Science/Social Studies
- 11:40 Lunch / Recess
- 12:30 Math Workshop
- 2:10 Recess
- 2:35 Dismissal begins.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Be safe. Let's take care of ourselves...and each other!
2. Be respectful. Treat others the way you want to be treated.
3. Be responsible. Do what you're supposed to do, and do it to the best of your ability!

Expectations:

- It's always okay to do your best and ask for help.
- It's always okay to be kind and helpful.

The Bottom Line:

- It is never okay to be disruptive. Being disruptive means you are interfering with learning or being hurtful.

The Other Bottom Line:

- When your student is having a tough time, I will always look at them as a *good kid, who is having a tough time*, and not a *bad kid who does bad things*.

Classroom Newsletter

On Fridays, our newsletter will be delivered via message through the **Remind app**, which will be the primary source of classroom communication this year. It is also a way that you can easily contact me as needed. Our newsletter will keep you updated about special events, weekly Art/Music/P.E. schedules (because on P.E. days, tennis shoes are a MUST!), current learning targets, and more! You will receive an invitation from me to join our class via Remind.

Birthdays and Treats

We love to celebrate birthdays with our friends! If you choose to send in special treats for your child's birthday, please make sure they are store bought, have an included list of ingredients, and are individually wrapped. It is best to avoid anything with nuts due to the prevalence of allergies. Please let me know in advance that you would like to send in treats so I can plan accordingly. We will enjoy birthday treats at the end of the day. If your child has a summer birthday, you may send in treats closer to the end of the school year and we will celebrate then.

Please note: party invitations can only be given out at school if the entire class is invited!

Homework

Sometimes parents appreciate extra skill practice for use at home. There will NOT be any assigned homework. However, there will be optional homework available that may greatly benefit your child. The work will not be collected or graded. If, however, there are struggles or confusion on the optional work, please do not hesitate to let me know or return it for further explanation. I am excited to support your child (and you!) in any way.

Nightly Reading: Third Grade is a pivotal year. While students have spent their early years in school *learning to read*, now they will transition to *reading to learn*. They will use the foundational skills they have gained in previous years to deeply read and understand specific subject level content. This can include library books, magazines, newspapers, eBooks, etc. You can read with your child, listen to him/her read, or have him/her read independently. A combination of all three is best!

Math Lesson Practice Sheets: At the beginning of each math unit, you will receive practice pages for the upcoming unit. These are designed to help your child practice the skills being learned in class. Feel free to have your child complete just a couple of problems—or all of them! You could also save these pages for the weekend to review. These are great to help study for our unit tests! These do not need to be returned to school. Also, math facts are always important skills that can easily be reviewed at home.

Absences/Missed School Work

In the event your child must miss school due to an illness or emergency, please notify the office at 573.659.3160. I will collect the work your child has missed so it will be ready upon his/her return to school. Also, if you know in advance that your child will be gone, please let me know! Good attendance is one indicator of success in the classroom. This includes arriving to school on time. We begin our day promptly at **7:45**. This is also the time when **breakfast ends**.

Grades

Grades are based on how well students perform Third Grade level skills. While we will complete a lot of work in Third Grade, only a few items will be graded and recorded. The majority of your child's work will be used to guide instruction to best meet individual student needs. We will also check classwork together at times. These assignments will be checked by your child and the work will not be recorded in the gradebook. These assignments will be marked with a "T" which indicates that we checked and discussed the work together.

Assessments: Assessments will be graded and recorded for a grade on your child's report card. You are able to see your child's grades through the Parent Portal. (<https://jeffersoncitymo.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/jeffersoncity.jsp>) If you need more information about this, please contact the office.

A Note About Community:

Our classroom is a learning environment made up of unique individuals. All are valuable and have important contributions to make. Families, I value the home-school partnership immensely. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. I would also love to be your first contact, when you have questions, comments or concerns. That's why I provide my cell phone number! I look forward to working together with you this year!

Our Mindful Classroom:

In our classroom, we will be utilizing a couple of mindfulness practices. These include mindful quiet moments and mindful movement. If you would like your student to have a yoga mat for this time, please feel free to send one. We can do all of these practices without a mat, so no pressure to purchase anything!

It is very common for students to need to take a break during the school day. Students are invited to take a break during any independent time (just not during instruction time). I'll have a procedure for asking to take a break, because there may be times that are better than others to take breaks!

Mrs. Samantha Kelly

OOOOOOOk so that was a lot to read...here are some
highlights

1. Feel free to send a **water bottle**, but we have water fountains again
2. **Toys** are going to stay in backpacks and water bottles are going to stay in the school
3. **Jackets/sweatshirts** are a-ok with me! If they become distracting to your student or others, I may ask them to go on their hooks but we can try again!
4. **My cell phone number is 573-690-1372!**