

# ♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

Henry C. Lea Elementary School

School District of Philadelphia



Mrs. Aronson Room 202  
2019 - 2020

# WELCOME!

I'd like to welcome my Kindergarten students and their families! I hope this message finds you well after a wonderful summer. I am excited for this new school year. My name is Mrs. Jillian Aronson, formerly Ms. Morgan. This is my sixth year at Lea Elementary. The last four years I taught second and first grade. I have my Bachelors in Education from Kutztown University. I am certified in Pennsylvania birth through Grade 6 and prior to Lea I was a Pre-Kindergarten teacher. Currently, I am attending online classes to obtain my Masters in Early Childhood Curriculum and Instruction.

## A little about me:

My husband and I just recently bought our 1<sup>st</sup> home after celebrating our 1-year wedding anniversary in July. We have a First grader, Avery, and a cat named Bane. I enjoy board games and the movie theatre, but reading with my daughter is my favorite activity. Reading with your children is just as exciting for me as I get to watch them grow with you! My favorite children's book is Have You Filled a Bucket Today by Carol McCloud. I look forward to partnering with you this school year! I believe our partnership benefits the well being of your child. Please know I am here to support you, your child, and your family in any way I can. This year will be an adventure full of learning and fun!

## Contact Information

*Any concerns, issues, or anything else feel free to contact me at school*

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**Lea School's website:** [lea.philasd.org](http://lea.philasd.org)

# EXPECTATIONS

In our classroom, we create expectations together! Your child will learn responsibility, persistence, and patience in Room 202. We will work together to build strong, healthy relationships and learn to show respect for others in our actions and our words. The expectations will be positive and consistent to create a safe, comfortable space for learning and growing.

# COMMUNICATION

I appreciate an open format for communication with my families. I hope you will reach out to me about any questions or suggestions you may have throughout the year. While I may see some of you at drop-off and pick-up, this can be a challenging time to have a conversation. If we are unable to talk during those times and you need to reach me, please leave a message with the school, email, or DOJO me.

**Communicating through Class Dojo is the quickest for a response.**

# CLASS DOJO

This is a free communication app for classrooms, which is used school-wide. I am able to send **messages, reminders, and photos** to classroom families through this app and only the families in our classroom and Lea staff have access to the information. I highly encourage ALL families to sign up for Class Dojo to stay connected with our classroom community! Please provide your **e-mail address**, I can send you an invite to set up your account.



# HOMEWORK

Please encourage your child to tell you about their day and read with them for at least 10 minutes each day. I also suggest students get comfortable exploring books independently. Reading is not only sounding out words. I love for my students to know they are readers already through looking at and showing interest in books.

## **Suggested questions**

### **What is:**

- Something that you learned or tried?
  - Something new that happened?
- Something that made you laugh or smile?
  - Something fun or silly that you did?
- Someone you worked with, played with, sat with, talked to?

### **In this book:**

- Who was in it?
  - What did you see in the pictures?
    - What was your favorite part?
    - How did the character look/feel?
      - What happened?
- What letters/words did you see? Do you remember hearing?

## **Communication Folder**

- Encouragement and praise will go a long way to help your child become a lifelong learner.
- On occasion, I will ask you to do a small project at home with your child or send in something that the entire class can learn about.
- Notes from the school and teacher will be in this folder. This can include field trip forms, progress reports, and other types of communication.
- Please include any additional notes in this folder as the year progresses.



## Bags

- Since your child will carry items to and from school everyday, they will need a book bag or backpack with their **name** on the inside of it.
- Look through their bag **each day** for homework, special assignments, and important papers.

## School Supplies

- Please bring in the supplies asked for on the Supply List.
- Please keep in mind that we will use community bins to store our school supplies.
- Please do not send in anything of great value or anything that you would not be willing to share with others.
- If you can donate supplies to our classroom, we truly appreciate it!



## Behavior Logs

- Your child will be in charge of recording their behavior daily on a behavior calendar that will be sent home at the start of each month in their communication folder. It is your responsibility to check and sign daily.
  - GREEN- I had an awesome day! I was a star student!
  - YELLOW- After 3 warnings, I was asked to stop and think about my actions and how they were affecting others and myself. 5 minute break to think about my actions.
  - RED- After 6 warnings, I was asked to stop and think about my actions and how they were affecting others and myself. I filled out a reflection sheet explaining my actions. It will need to be signed and returned the following school day. Fill out reflection sheet.



Great Day!



Some Problems



Had Difficulty

## Dress Code Suggestion



- Everyday Uniform:

- Navy blue top and khaki bottoms.
- LEA Logo Shirt
- Closed toed shoes

## **Extra Clothes**

- Please pack an extra set (or more) of clothes for your child to keep in school in case of an emergency. Remember to replace the clothes if/when needed.

## **Arrival and Dismissal**

- Optional Breakfast served daily 8:00-8:20.

### **● Morning Arrival**

- Big School Yard: 8:30  
Kindergarten should line up at the doors where the L wing meets the Addition by the Auditorium Stage.

### **● Dismissal**

- Little School Yard: 3:00
- You can find us in the little yard through the doors closest to the auditorium or in the auditorium for poor weather.
- Let me know if your child will be attending an after school program that will pick them up or if someone different will be picking them up.
- No student will be able to leave after 2:30. This is School District policy.
- Please do not come to the classroom to pick up your child at any point of the day. If they have an early dismissal they need to be signed out in the office first.
- **Parents must ALWAYS be signed in at the office before coming to the classroom!**
- If your child is not picked up by 3:09, they will be sent to the main office.  
⇒ Early Dismissal: 12:00 in the Little School Yard