

# ♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

Henry C. Lea Elementary School

School District of Philadelphia



Miss McShane, Room 101  
2019 - 2020

# All About Ms. McShane

I am excited to begin the new school year with The Lea School! I am a certified classroom teacher with a bachelor's degree in early elementary education and special education. I graduated from Neumann University in 2014. I am currently enrolled in Drexel University to get my masters degree and become a reading specialist. I value the importance of reading and writing, and I am committed to providing your child with

the foundational skills for success in school. I utilize various instructional strategies to help our students succeed as a reader, writer, and mathematician. I set high expectations for my students because I know they are capable and deserve a high quality education.

I grew up in South Jersey with my mother and sister. I live in Broomall, PA with my four-year-old son, Owen, and my son's father, Shane. I look forward to getting to know your family and child. I believe educators and families create partnerships to benefit the well being of our children. We will have a wonderful school year with learning and fun in 101!



## **Expectations of my students: We are Lea Learners!**

I love what I do and will do my very best to make sure your child will be as successful as he/she can be in our class and in our communities. I stress personal responsibility, patience, good choices, quality work, positive/negative consequences, pride in themselves and what they accomplish, and respect for themselves, their peers, and adults. I am fair but firm. My students know what is expected of them and what the consequences are of the choices they make - academically and behaviorally. I also promote the importance of building a strong classroom community where students have room to grow, think critically, explore, and be challenged in all areas of learning.

## **Expectations of my families:**

I want to have an open line of communication with all of you. You are a vital part of your child's learning, and I need your input, advice, and expertise to help me support them to learn to the best of their ability. Throughout the year, I will be asking for family volunteers to help with various classroom activities as well as chaperone field trips. Every Friday, the Kindergarten Newsletter will go home with important information and reminders. Your active participation in your child's learning is one of the most important components to your child's success!

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)

## Take Home Folder

- ◆ Homework will be given on the first day of the week.
- ◆ Students should have no more than 10 minutes of homework each day.
- ◆ Homework will be given out on the first day of each week and will need to be returned on Friday.
- ◆ 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.



## Class Dojo



We will use Class Dojo to communicate with parents. It is a great App to send classroom reminders. I can send pictures and class updates that only the parents in our room will have access. Information will be sent home to allow access to our free classroom application!



- ◆ 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.



## Behavior Expectations

- ◆ 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. 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 myself and others. *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 myself and others. I filled out a reflection sheet explaining my actions. It will need to be signed and returned the following school day. *Fill out a reflection sheet.*
  - BLUE - After 9 warnings, I was asked to stop and think about my actions and how they were affecting myself and others. I filled out a reflection sheet explaining my actions. It will need to be signed and returned the following school day. The parent will receive a phone call or meeting at the end of the day. *Reflection sheet and parent contact.*



Great Day!



Some Problems



Had Difficulty

## Dress Code Suggestion

- Everyday Uniform:
  - Navy blue top and khaki bottoms.
  - Closed toe shoes – please no sandals or flip flops
- Gym Uniform:
  - Red or White shirts (no logo unless Lea shirt); navy sweat pants or knee length shorts; navy hoodless sweatshirt



Parent Contact

## **Arrival and Dismissal**

- Morning Arrival
  - Big School Yard:  
Kindergarten should line up at the doors where the L wing meets the Addition by the Auditorium Stage. Line Spaces are marked.
- Dismissal
  - Little School Yard:  
Dismissal at 3:09 to the little yard through the doors closest to the auditorium.
  - No student will be able to leave after 2:30. This is School District policy.

***Parents should not come to the classroom unless signed in at the main office.***

### **Lea Learner's School-Wide Expectations**

- 1) Be Respectful:
  - Do and show your best
  - Ask permission
  - Listen to others
- 2) Be Responsible:
  - Bring supplies and materials
  - Be on time
  - Take care of your things and your space
- 3) Be Caring:
  - Use kind words
  - Encourage and support classmates
  - Help others
  - Be a problem solver
  - Power of 3: Love yourself, love others, love our school!

### **The Power of Three - Classroom Expectations**

1. Love yourself
2. Love others

3. Love your classroom and school

## **Lea Learners Pledge**

We **RESPECT** ourselves and others.  
We take **RESPONSIBILITY** for our learning.  
We **CARE** about other's right to learn.

**Lea is the place that loves you back.**



**-Lea Climate Team**