



Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe! My name is Ms. Wagner and I very excited to be your child's 5th grade teacher this year! I look forward to getting to know you and your child! I believe that the more we work as a team, the more positive experience school will be this year. I would like to encourage you to reach out to me anytime with questions, comments, or concerns. The more I get to know your child, the better teacher I can be for them! This year will look a little different but it won't stop us from learning! J

In 5th grade, your child will learn all about the solar system, ecosystems, fractions, division, creative writing, figurative language and so much more! Each month I will send home information about what we are learning in each subject, as well as provide resources that can be used at home to assist your child in building their skills.

I believe that students are able to learn more easily and remember what they learn when they are able to engage through hands-on activities. This means that throughout the year I will use projects to engage your child in learning! These projects will also allow your child to show what they have learned in their own personal, creative way. One of my past classes' favorite projects (and mine!) is designing a "Biome in a Box," where they research an ecosystem and create a diorama of that ecosystem in a box! I am always wonderfully surprised at the creativity students exhibit in their projects and hope you encourage them to think outside the box and really challenge themselves and display what they have learned!

I want you to know that I understand this summer has been unprecedented and that many of you had a difficult choice to make. I want to help you feel more comfortable with your child returning to school. I am implementing (as well as all of Eastland Preparatory Academy) CDC recommendations for safely opening my classroom. I have included a list of procedures and guidelines being used in our classroom this year and throughout EPA. I also included a school supply list for your child. Please remember that all student materials must be kept separate and that this year's school list may look a little different. If you have any trouble getting supplies, please reach out to me and I will try to assist as I can.



All of us at EPA are working hard to ensure the safety of our students' and your families. I know there will be adjustments made as we learn new recommendations and as we come across challenges. I encourage everyone to be positive and flexible when speaking with their child. The more positive we can be about the changes and policies, the less stress children will have about coming back. Things will look different, but we are planning and training to ensure everyone has a safe and welcoming learning environment to return to. I am very excited to return to the classroom and get back to learning!

If you have any questions or concerns about this information or what we are doing to help protect our students, families and staff, please reach out to me by email at cwagner@eastlandprep.org, visit the school website at www.eastlandprep.org, or contact our EPA administrative staff. I am so excited to get back into the classroom! I look forward to meeting everyone soon and having a great 2020-2021 school year. This will be a legendary school year! Based on how everyone rallied together and worked hard at the end of last year with distance learning, I know WE GOT THIS! J

Thank You,

Ms. Wagner



Classroom Safety Precautions:

- *All students must wear a mask daily. I will also wear a mask and face shield. Exceptions for wearing a mask should be cleared through administration. The only time we will not wear a mask is while eating lunch.
- *All students will have temperature checked upon arriving at school and then will report directly to our classroom.
- *All desks are 6 feet apart from each other.
- * All materials used by a student (pencil, paper, etc) will be the students' own supplies that will be kept at their desk, not shared with other classmates, and will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
- * Students desks, classroom boards and tables will be cleaned three times daily. I will sanitize each area in the morning before students arrive, while students are at recess and specials, and at the end of the day once students have left the building.
- *Students are not permitted to use the water fountain so students should bring a clear water bottle with WATER ONLY to class each day.
- *Students will remain in the classroom for breakfast and lunch. Desks are cleaned before and after meals.
- *Specials including Art, Technology and Physical Education will still be provided. Specials teachers will reach out with any information or supplies needed specifically for their classroom. All materials must be kept separate and sanitized.



Class Rules:

- *Follow directions
- *Raise your hand to ask questions or comment
- *Stay in your seat or request to move around the room

Class Expectations

- *Be Responsible. Come to class on time, with all needed materials, and be ready to learn.
- *Be respectful to others. Listen to your teacher. Listen to your classmates. Wait your turn to talk.
- *Be respectful to yourself. Complete work with your best effort. Ask for help if you need it.
- *Be honest. We all make mistakes and need help sometimes.
- *Be a team player. Offer help to others. Be open to working with everyone in our class.
- *Be kind. Express your opinion in a nice way.

Consequences for not following Class Rules/ Expectations:

- 1st/minor: Recess detention
- 2nd/ moderate: Parent contact- note/phone call
- 3rd/ major: Referral to office for disciplinary action

My classroom management philosophy focuses on creating a culture of accountability in students for their actions. I make attempts to mediate the behavior within the classroom with the student. If that does not resolve the issue, parent contact will be made. The goal is to work with the student and parent to identify the cause of the behavior and to develop a plan together to stop the behavior. Referrals to the office are done on an as-needed basis, when other measures have not been successful, or the behavior constitutes reporting.