## Kindergarten Orientation









# Welcome!

- Interpretation
- Today's program
- Staff introductions
- Health Room
- Communication
- Registration
- ► PTA
- First day of school
- About FHES
- Closing



# Health Room The team and our roles

Vivienne Goldstein – Public Health Nurse

Valerie Berg – The School Health Aide





#### What we do

- ☐ Care of Sick and injured (S&W, BA, BR, ICE) not full service
- Medications/forms-med, inhaler, epi
- ☐ Vision and Hearing screenings for K and 3rd
- ☐ Individual HCP and action plans
- ☐ Med flag list-confidential
- ☐ Review for Public Health Trends
- ☐ Health Promotion lessons and messages-general and based on statistical trends
- □ Train staff on procedures –
- ☐ Participate in medical 504 and IEPs—so need updated info

#### Can we chat?

- Chronic condition that impacts child during school day-best to reach me by email
- ☐ Physical form with immunizations-over summer
- ☐ HIF/ECC annually—send in note if new contacts or new conditions diagnosed
- ☐ Forms for medications available on-line and in health room
- ☐ Email: <u>vgoldstein@fcps.edu</u>

### What you need to know

- ☐ Send change of clothes-we don't have them
- ☐ When to stay home
  - □ Fever
  - □ Vomit
  - □ Diarrhea
- ☐ Please be specific with symptoms on absence line
- ☐ Please call us if injured, going to be out
- □ Doctor's note if out for 3 days and if need accommodations when back—ex. Broken leg

## Communication is critical!

- Modes of communication
  - Principal Sunday Newsletter News You Choose
  - o FHES website @
    - http://www.fcps.edu/FreedomHillES/
  - o FHES blog @ <a href="http://hillhighlights.edublogs.org/">http://hillhighlights.edublogs.org/</a>
  - o Twitter @FreedomHillES

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## Communication is critical!

- Modes of communication
  - Pre-arranged conferences, email, phone
  - Interim reports (optional, mid-quarter)
  - Progress Reports (quarters 2, 3, 4)
  - Classroom Blackboard/Google Classroom websites
  - Attendance line 703.506.7878

# Registration

A few words from Mrs. Hassinger, Student Information Assistant (SIA)



# Freedom Hill PTA Sahar Javadi, VP of Membership



#### FHES Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

What is it?

Organization of Parents, Teachers and Staff who come together to support Freedom Hill Elementary School

- What is our does the PTA do?
  - Fosters sense of community
  - Raise funds
  - Supports faculty learning, technology initiatives, teacher wishlists, classroom libraries
  - Enrichment activities (chess, robotics, soccer, basketball, guitar, etc.)
  - Events like: Halloween Fun Night, International Day, Spelling/Geography Bees, Bingo Night, Readathon, 5K Fun Run, Field Day, etc.
- Visit <u>www.freedomhillpta.org</u> and sign up for the newsletter!





#### FHES PTA Kindergarten Playdates

- Tuesday, June 18 2019
- Saturday, July 20 2019
- Sunday, August 11 2019
- 1<sup>st</sup> event of the year –
   Back to School BBQ (TBA)

Can't wait? Sunday, May 5 – 5K/1M Fun Run/Spring Fling





#### FHES Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

- Get involved.
- Universal participation.
- Volunteer for a position
- Visit <u>www.freedomhillpta.org</u> and sign up for the newsletter!
- Follow up on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>!
- Want to get a parent's perspective?
   Contact us:
   Sahar Javadi: sahar\_javadi@yahoo.com
   or any board member.



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# First Day Goals

- Plenty of rest and a healthy breakfast!
- Parents may escort their child to the cafeteria at arrival (parents are not allowed to go to the classrooms)
  - Teachers and assistants will greet everyone
  - Labeled supplies should be left in the cafeteria
  - Students will be escorted to their classroom and say
     "See you later!" to their parents
  - Parents/guardians remain in the cafeteria

# First Day Goals

- Set the tone for the year!
- Guide students through all daily procedures (unpacking, lunch, recess, dismissal)
- Communicate expectations for behavior
- Familiarize students with the campus
- Review the daily schedule
- Review safety procedures
- Establish relationships
- BUILD INDEPENDENCE!

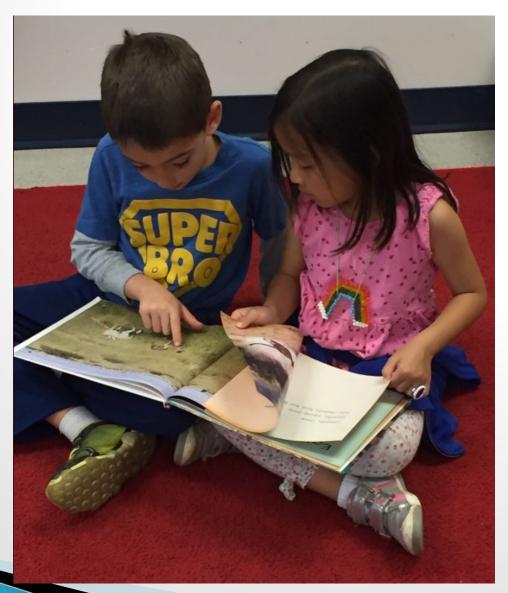


# First Day Goals

Getting everyone home safe!!!

Make sure dismissal plan is set and communicated!

### Typical Kindergarten Day



## Arrival

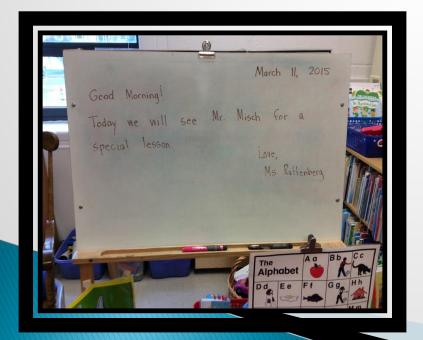
- > Arrive by 9:10 (late bell at 9:20)
- > Breakfast available starting at 9:00
- > Students will walk to class independently after the first day with fading support as needed
- > Parents should not go past the main lobby
- > Teachers cannot speak with you in the morning without an appointment
- > Teachers greet students at the door

#### Responsive Classroom Practices

- Use effective teacher language to promote academic and social growth
- Encourage engagement by giving students meaningful choices
- Start each day in a way that sets a positive tone for learning
- Set high expectations and teach students how to meet them
- Establish routines that promote autonomy and independence
- Build a sense of community and shared purpose
- Teach students 21st century skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, collaboration, creativity, and innovation

## Morning Meeting

- Greeting
- Sharing
- Group Activity
- Morning Message





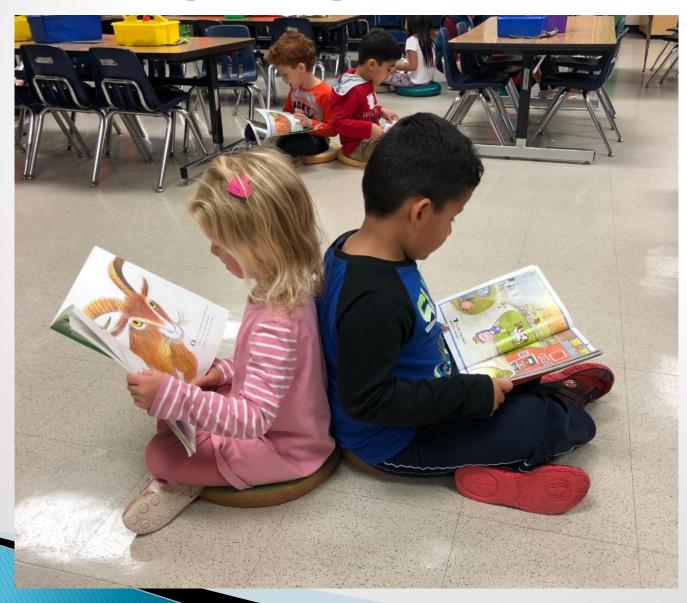
### Daily Schedule



## Language Arts

- Key points
  - Uninterrupted <u>1.5 hours a day with an extra</u> <u>30 minutes</u> at some other point in time during the day
  - Students participate in <u>reading and writing</u> <u>workshop</u> where they spend time participating in literacy activities in whole group, small group and individual settings

## Language Arts



#### **Mathematics**

- Key points
  - 1 hour every day (at least)
  - Students participate in a <u>math workshop</u> where they spend time participating in activities in whole group, small group and independent practice
  - Math choice time is designed for students to learn through <u>hands-on experiences</u>
  - The students use a variety of <u>manipulatives</u> to support their learning and mathematical thinking

## Mathematics



### **Mathematics**



### Science/Social Studies

- Key points
  - Student exploring our world they learn about concepts such as colors/shapes, plants, 5 senses, seasons, magnets and sink/float
  - Social Studies encourages an understanding of self, community, and world
  - Focus on famous Americans and holidays

#### Lunch & Recess

- Lunch is 30 minutes
  - Instructional Assistants stay with the students
  - Pack or buy
  - Lunch accounts money can be added
- Recess is 20 minutes, twice a day



## Special Subjects

- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Library
- Guidance
- CCT lessons/School Garden

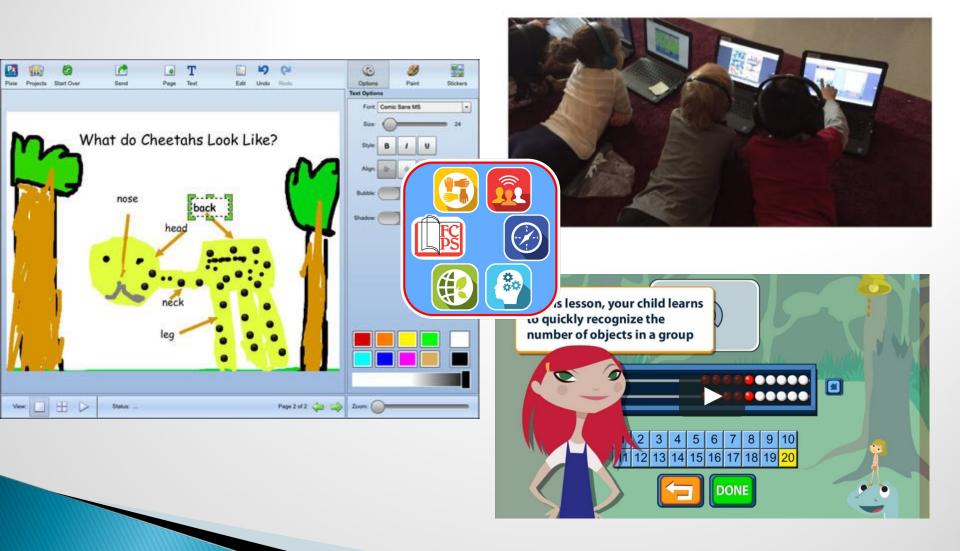




Excited to plant in the garden today with @ffmisch and @MrsWeiseABC \*\*\*
#FHHighlights #Room101isSuperFun



### **Digital Tools**



## **Special Events**



## Special Events



Following

A wonderful Thursday at Cox Farms! So happy to spend so many special times with my students and for them to have fun! We tested our limits of bravery on the big slides and rope swing, picked the perfect pumpkins, and laughed A LOT! #FHHighights



## **Special Events**



#### **Dismissal**

- Students are dismissed in groups by bus. Our 5th and 6th grade safety patrols walk students to their bus safely. Dismissal is at 4:05.
- Students receive kiss and ride number (one for bookbag, one for parent/guardian). Need a number? Ask!
- No unauthorized pickup in the lobby or anywhere except kiss and ride with number, SACC door with number, or front office
- Plans change? Must inform front office by 3:00 or will not be granted.

#### Freedom Hill ES Overview



## School Profile Link



## More about FHES

- Region 2, Marshall Pyramid
- Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 600 students
- Advanced Academics Services
- Level IV School Based Advanced Academics for students in grades 3-6
- Young Scholars Services

- Special Education Services
- Pre-School Special Education Services
- ESOL Services –
   Services provided for
   English Language
   Learners
- SACC Before and after school services
- Before / After School Programs

## More about FHES

- Class placement
  - Requests for specific teachers not considered
  - Instead, provide insight into how your child best learns and develops socially and emotionally
  - Letters mailed home prior to Open House
- Open House Friday, August 23rd @ 10:00
- Back to School Night Thursday, September 5th @ 6:00

# FCPS Kindergarten Program

- Year at a glance curriculum overviews
- > 12 minute overview

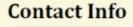
Thank you, Ms. Hill, for helping us soar! Happy National Counselors Week! #FHHighlights



KINDERGARTEN PLAYDATES! Join us this summer on the Freedom Hill Elementary School playground for a chance to meet other new Kindergartners and their parents.

#### Playdate dates & times

- 1. Tuesday, June 18th, 6 PM
- 2. Saturday, July 20th, 10 AM
- 3. Sunday, August 11th, 10 AM



#### Freedom Hill:

Main Office: (703) 506-7800

http://www.fcps.edu/FreedomHillES/

#### PTA Contact:

(703)984-9544

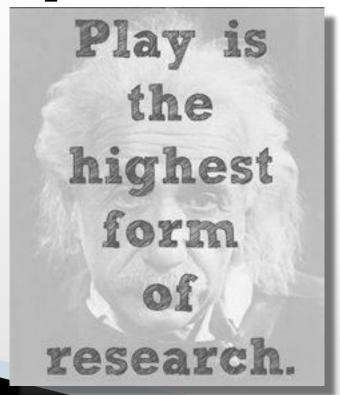
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## Parents and teachers play an active role in children's education.

#### **Together**

we help them reach their fullest potential.





If time expires, please email me @ <a href="mailto:sebloom@fcps.edu">sebloom@fcps.edu</a> and I will get back to you!

#### Book Fair is open until 10:45!

