



Cherry Hill Public Schools

Joyce Kilmer Elementary School
"Rooted in Values... Growing in Knowledge"
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Dear Kilmer Community,

During the first few days of school, I have met many Kilmer parents and guardians out on our playground in the morning. Thank you for your warm welcome! I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children better. Last Friday, a number of our fifth graders shared their bio poems with me and a group of fourth graders discussed books they were reading and explained their Paw Prints. When I visited a Kindergarten classroom, they were eager to tell me the differences between good and bad choices! Our children's enthusiasm for learning and love of discovery is catching. Their willingness to share and to help each other (One second grader walked me to a water fountain!) is priceless.

As we begin the second week of school, I wanted to provide you with information about some changes to our students' arrival and dismissal procedures. Mirroring the morning practices implemented at a number of the district's elementary schools, our children are lining up outside on fair weather mornings. Instead of going inside to the All Purpose Room, they will have time to play in the fresh air, greet and socialize with their friends and avoid the congestion of sitting in the All Purpose Room. (On inclement weather mornings all children will enter our building and go to the All Purpose Room.)

Our educational assistants will be on the playground to supervise and assist our children beginning at 8:40 am. At 8:50 am, our teachers will greet their students and assist in lining up each class. Our teachers and students will begin to enter the building with our kindergarteners entering first at Door # 12 and our fifth graders at Door #11. By 8:55 am all classes will be inside our school and at 9:05 am school-wide announcements will be conducted by our fifth graders. If you arrive with your child after 8:55 am, please come to our front door to enter the school. (Please remember you will need to have your child's student ID number to be buzzed in.)

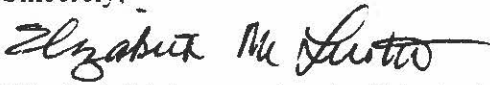
Walkers and children who are dropped off by car will walk to the back playground area. If your child has breakfast in the All Purpose Room, an educational assistant will guide the child into our school through the backdoor (Door #12). Bused students will proceed into the building through the side door (Door # 16) and walk to the back playground area. If your child has breakfast in the All Purpose Room and is bused, the child will proceed to the All Purpose Room.

At the end of the school day, we have eight buses. A number of our fifth graders will serve as buddies to our kindergarteners to assist them in walking to the buses. Thank you, fifth graders!! As our Safety Patrol gets implemented, our Safeties will take positions in our hallways to provide additional assistance.

Thank you for allowing me to become part of the Kilmer community and thank you for your support and understanding as we implement the new procedures.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (856) 667-3903 or emcleester@chclc.org.

Sincerely,


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