

Jefferson School

Laura Damato, Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Jefferson School. In September, your child will be joining other public school fifth graders from across the district for a unique educational experience. The staff and I are committed to making the 2018-2019 school year both a productive and an enjoyable one.

Please review the following information and feel free to call Jefferson School if you have any questions.

HOMEROOM ASSIGNMENT: Your child's fifth grade homeroom assignment will not be mailed home this year. In keeping with the district's new "paperless" initiative you will find your child's homeroom assignment on Genesis. If you do not have a Genesis account please go to our website and follow the directions for obtaining a Genesis login.

INSTRUCTION: Jefferson provides a learning environment that fosters academic and personal growth, social competence and a positive self-image in our students. Students will be grouped in team units with two teachers providing instruction in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. All students will receive instruction in the areas of health, physical education, art, computer, and vocal music. Band, orchestra and chorus are available for interested students. The Academic Achievement Program and Gifted and Talented Program will be provided to students who meet the district's eligibility criteria.

SUPPLIES: Because your child's teachers may each have different requirements, we suggest that you visit your child's website for a complete list of required supplies. Otherwise we suggest you send your child back to school in September with a couple of pencils, a blue or black ink pen, and a single subject notebook. Once school has started, your child's teacher will make recommendations for supplies.

TIME: The first day of school is Thursday, September 6th, 2018. School begins at 8:10 A.M. Late bell is 8:15 AM. Dismissal is at 2:20 P.M. for bus students and 2:30 P.M. for all others.

BUS PASSES: Students who live 1 ½ miles or farther from Jefferson are eligible for bus transportation. If you have not received your child's bus pass and bus stop location by Friday, August 31st, please contact the Transportation Department at (908) 851-6447.

LUNCH: Jefferson School participates in the National School Lunch Program. The cost of lunch for the 2018-2019 school year was \$2.65. It is possible that the cost may increase slightly in September. Milk may be purchased by students that bring their lunch. Students who received free or reduced price meals in June will continue to receive free or reduced price meals in September. An application for free and reduced price meals will be available on-line in September.

SUMMER: Please see the district website for the required reading/math assignments.

WEBSITE: Our website: jefferson.twpunionschools.org is a resource for school information. Don't forget to check this site for the latest school news.

My best wishes to you and your family for a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,



Laura Damato
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