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Hello families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!

I am happy to welcome my new students to Room 12!

****NOTE: I will be hosting a MEET AND GREET for new students and their parents to visit the classroom on Tuesday August 30th from 11 am to 1 pm. Please wear a mask when coming onto campus. The office will direct you to Room 12. I send a welcome postcard to all of my students before school starts so please look for that in your SNAIL MAIL.**

My name is Mrs. Kennedy and I am the intermediate Special Day Class teacher here at Hollywood park. This is my eighth year here at HPE and I teach 4th to 6th grade special education students. I have one classroom aide whom the students call Ms. H. She and I work together to keep the academic rigor high while creating a safe classroom where the students feel supported and comfortable to try new things as they work to meet their IEP goals.

School starts on Thursday September 1st at 9 am. If your student is being dropped off, HPE requires that you drive through/drop off in front of the school. If your child will ride the bus, transportation will contact you with the information and I will meet them at the back of the school where the bus drop off is located. Breakfast is offered to students before we head to class.

The first couple of weeks will focus on getting to know each other, learning the class schedule and procedures as well as review of academics. Beginning of the year assessments will be conducted to create a base line so small groups for math and ELA can formed. Homework is a combination of weekly packets sent home and online assignments found in my Google Classroom. I will elaborate on that when we start near the end of the month.

It is important to me that students feel safe, believe in themselves and their abilities, and celebrate all of their successes. Along with the Social and Emotional curriculum at HPE, the

class practices daily mindfulness and uses Zones of Regulation to help students understand their emotions and learn skills on how to manage them.

We hope to start our parent/teacher organization (PTO) again this year so consider being a parent volunteer for school events or class field trips and fill out the volunteer packet available in the office so you can participate.

I will be adding parent(s) phone numbers to REMIND app and you will receive a notice to accept. The app allows me to communicate directly with parents one-on-one or all parents about upcoming events and issues while keeping all of our numbers private. It is also a great way to inform me about issues concerning your child.

IMPORTANT: Hollywood Park Elementary is a Parent/Teacher Home Visit site where teachers Zoom or come into your home for a short visit(s) to build a strong relationship with the teacher and student and their family. Research shows that it improves teaching and learning.

I would like to visit all of my new families on Zoom in August before school starts to get to know you, and learn your hopes and dreams for your child as well as answer any questions (this is not an IEP meeting) so let me know which days or times work best for you. Meetings are usually 20 to 40 minutes.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Warmly,

Mrs. Kennedy

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