

August 27, 2019

Dear Beard Families,

Welcome to Room 117!

My name is Jennifer Hardison and I would like to welcome your family to Room 117! I will be your child's teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. I have eighteen professional years of experience working with students with special needs. I received my Bachelor's Degree from Southern Illinois University, and my Masters in Special Education from Northeastern Illinois University. I also have my English Language Learner (ELL) certification. This will be my eighth year working at Beard.

Alex Violette, Shawn Cox and Mabel Diaz will be the paraprofessionals working in the classroom. They are all amazing. They love what they do and they truly care about the students. The students will receive whole group, small group, and independent instruction. Throughout the day the students will rotate through centers, working on various academic skills and tasks with each of us. The students will also be provided with frequent sensory breaks throughout the day. They will follow a work/break schedule.

Our lunch and recess period will be from 11:30 am – 12:15 pm daily and we will have a snack time throughout the day. We do have allergies in the classroom so please make sure you send lunches and snacks that are school friendly. **Please avoid sending foods with the following ingredients – peanuts, tree nuts, eggs, lentils, shellfish, sesame seeds, chickpeas, green peas, legumes.** Thank you for helping us keep the students safe.

Beard School has a parent/teacher communication binder. This binder will be used daily to communicate with you regarding your child's day at school. Please remember to sign your child's binder daily. The binder should travel to school daily with your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at jjhardison@cps.edu or by writing in your child's binder.

I am looking forward to a fun and exciting school year!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hardison

Room 117 School Supply List

2019-2020

Student Supplies:

- 4 glue sticks
- 1 Elmers school glue
- 1 set markers (thick)
- Diapers / Pull-ups / Baby Wipes (if needed)
- 2 extra sets of clothing for your child to keep at school.
 - Please label **ALL** clothing items
 - Please include shirts, pants, underwear, and socks

Classroom Supplies:

- Kleenex
- Paper towels
- Hand soap
- Antibacterial wipes
- Clorox wipes

****Please make sure to send a snack to school with your child each day. Please make sure you are sending school safe foods. Please refrain from sending foods with the following ingredients – peanuts, tree nuts, eggs, lentils, shellfish, sesame seeds, chickpeas, green peas, legumes.**