



The School District of Philadelphia
ELIZA B. KIRKBRIDE SCHOOL 2023-2024

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Middle Years Team is looking forward to working with you and your scholar(s) during the 2023-2024 school year.

This year 'Kirkbride Middle School' consists of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Each middle school student will have four major subject teachers (Math, ELA, Social Studies, and Science), as well as expressive arts teachers.

The eighth grade students will go through the high school selection process and the sixth and seventh grade students will need to adjust to four different teachers and a full workload. We are confident that with your support and encouragement, your children will be successful this year and be prepared for a great future.

We will use Google Classroom as a way of sharing assignments and projects, as well as a way for students to communicate with us when they have questions or concerns about assignments. **Parents must sign up for ClassDojo by September 15th.** Parents will receive a ClassDojo join code the first day of school.

Please talk with your scholar about the importance of checking Google Classroom daily to access classwork, projects, and assignments. Independent research projects are given throughout the school year. We are here to support your scholar with the completion of assigned projects. Please reach out to us and we will do everything possible to make these projects fun and worthwhile for all students. Information on these projects will be sent home well before the due date.

We are excited to work with you and your scholar(s) this year. We are confident that if we all work together, this will be a great school year! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

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Materials Needed:

Homeroom:

- Wire Headphones (**NO EARBUDS**)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Small Whiteboard
- Hand Sanitizer
- Tissue Box
- Paper Towels
- Color Pencils, Markers, or Crayons
- Clorox Wipes
- 1 Ream of Copy paper
- 1 pack of loose leaf paper
- Scissors
- Pencil case (large enough to hold supplies)
- Glue sticks (2)
- 1 pack of construction paper
- (Optional: expanding file folder with 5 pockets)

For Math:

- 2 plastic folders
- 2 notebooks
- TI-34 calculator
- Mini stapler

For Science:

- Composition Notebook (3)
- Plastic Folder (1)
- **Mini stapler and staples**
- Pack of colored pencils
- Blue or red ballpoint pens
- Pencils

For ELA:

- Plastic Folder (2)
- Spiral Notebook (1)
- Black and white composition notebook (2)
- Pens (black or blue)
- Pencils

For Social Studies:

- Black and white composition notebook (1)
- Plastic folder (1)

SUMMER WORK

Below are some suggested activities and readings to help prepare you for our upcoming school year:

Prodigy - 10 minutes (ELA)

6th Grade - The Ear, The Eye, and the Arm by Nancy Farmer

7th Grade - Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

8th Grade - The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo