

Important Things to Know!

Arrival

Every morning, students will meet me on the primary playground at the lunch tables. However, on the first day of school, they will meet me at the classroom, Room 5! If you still aren't sure where to line up, we will have staff at the front gate helping parents find their way!

School begins at 7:45am! Gates are open from 7:30am-7:45am. The first bell will ring at 7:40am and the tardy bell rings at 7:45am.

For the first three days of school, grown-ups are welcome to bring their child on campus to their meeting place. If you choose to bring your child to the lunch tables, please say goodbye and walk back outside the gate as soon as they are standing in line with their new friends. This makes the transition to school time much easier!

As of Monday, August 28th, the school district policy is that families must say goodbye outside of the front gate and students walk to their meeting area by themselves or with a classmate. I highly recommend saying goodbye to them at the gate the first three days because it helps solidify the routine for the rest of the school year and gives them the opportunity to be comfortable walking on their own or with a friend.

Dismissal

Dismissal is at 1:35PM for grades K-3! Kindergarten classes come out at 1:20PM the first few weeks of school to practice the dismissal routine. I will walk the class out thru the front gate and wait near the gate by the Kindergarten area. I will have the students standing in their two lines with me. They must raise their hand when they see their grownup, and then wait for me to dismiss them. I will dismiss them and tell them to go, after I have seen their adult. Please make sure the adult picking up your child is on file with the office as a designated pick-up person. Also, do not wave or tell your child to come to you until I have said they can go. Please have patience the first few weeks as the routine will move slowly, but the pace will pick up as the children get used to the procedure and I get to know the adults designated to pick up your child. **Kindergarten families must park and walk to your child to pick them up. Please do not leave your car in the pickup line!**

If your child is a bus rider or goes to ELP, they will have designated drop off places that I will teach them the first day of school.

Thank you for your help and support with making drop off and pick-ups run smoothly! ☺

Snack/Lunch

Students will have a snack and lunch break! Both snack and lunch are offered at the cafeteria for free this year. If you decide to send your child with a snack and lunch from home, I recommend having a separate spot in their backpack for snack, so they know which is their snack and which is their lunch. Snack can be a small amount of food to keep their bellies full until our lunchtime. Please talk with your child about whether they are to eat snack/lunch from home or if they will be getting it from the cart/cafeteria. Some kids get confused about whether they are supposed to eat from the cafeteria or eat food from home the first few weeks! The first few weeks, I, and the amazing lunch aides will be help students through the cafeteria if they are getting school snack/lunch. You can help them learn their lunch number at home. ☺

Where to Find Important Info

I use email to communicate updates and important information. Lots of information will be coming your way the first few weeks of school! Please be sure to be checking your email.

The school website (<https://cfh.santeesd.net/>) offers lots of information from our Principal, Mr. Ted Hooks! He creates a Chet Newsletter called the Cheetah Chatter. This includes important information throughout the year! Make sure your email is up to date in the office so you can receive those important updates and messages.

I also have a teacher website that is linked under staff websites on our school website. Feel free to check it out if you have the chance!

Also, there is no such thing as too many questions! Please feel free to email me with any questions and I will get back to you as soon as I can!

Mrs. Weiss