

August 16, 2018

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 2017-2018 school year. I have sixteen 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. I have been working at Beard for the past six years.

Alex Violette, Shawn Cox and Esme Memmos 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. If your child has special dietary needs, please include a small snack in their backpack and/or a list of approved snacks your child may eat/drink. Please let me know of any allergies.

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

2017-2018

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

If you have any of these items at home or are able to purchase them it would be greatly appreciated!