

## Message from the Principal



*Pictured above: Mrs. Potter, School Principal, with Kirkpatrick students*

Hello and Welcome KIPP Kirkpatrick Families!

As we enter into year 6 as a KIPP school, I am thrilled to name that we are a Reward school and will continue growing and exceeding expectations year after year. We are entering the 20-21 school year with the motto "We can, We will, NOW." I want to name that we are a school that can and will do great things. We will continue to push the needle. We can and will continue operating with the spirit of love, joy, high expectations, and urgency. We can and will close the achievement gaps that plague our communities. We encourage you to be a part of your student's education starting in Kindergarten. Also, we want you to be a part of all our school has to offer.

I look forward to working with you along with your child on their educational journey with KIPP. I am so excited that you chose to continue your child's education with us at KIPP Kirkpatrick.

Please reach out with any questions that you may have concerning curricular, volunteer opportunities, summer homework, our team and family. See my contact information below.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Potter, Principal

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## 2020-2021 School Supply List

**Box of 24 Crayons (2 boxes)**



**1 pack of markers**



**12 "Fat / Beginner Size"  
Pencils with erasers**



**Kid (small) Scissors**



**4 Glue Sticks**



**3 large box of tissues**



1 large box of baby wipes



2 bottles of Hand sanitizer



1 pack of dry erase markers



2 large erasers



2 containers of Clorox/Lysol Wipes



2 packs of index cards





## Homework

We believe in homework at KIPP Kirkpatrick. Effective homework is work that advances a child's understanding and knowledge of core curricular. Homework is NOT busy work or simplistic worksheets. It is critical to build habits around doing homework daily for different reasons at different ages. Fostering a love of reading should be the primary purpose of homework in elementary school. It is also a time to practice essential skills like sight words or quick math facts.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your child completes all homework assignments on time. It is also your responsibility that your KIPPsters folder is seen daily and signed. Written assignments in the homework packet may include a mix of math facts, vocabulary, spelling practice, reading passages, and writing opportunities.

## Reading

We count on you to help foster your scholars' love of reading by reading to your child daily. We recommend 20 minutes of reading/night. Studies show that if students read for at least 20 minutes/night will be exposed to over 1,000,000 words and score in the 90th percentile on standardized testing. Reading aloud will help your child develop listening comprehension skills, critical-thinking abilities, and vocabulary, while independent reading at home will improve your scholar's concentration and stamina.

Your KIPPster will come home books to read at home, so make sure you set aside reading time and use your scholar's book baggie as an exciting resource.

You and your KIPPster are responsible for tracking the number of minutes that you and your child read nightly on a reading log, which you can find in your child's homework packet.

We expect 100% completion of reading logs every week.

## Uniform

Our dress code requires that all KIPPsters wear uniforms – no exceptions. Uniforms help maintain a school culture of unity and academic excellence. We require KIPPsters to wear uniforms to eliminate the inevitable distractions and status distinctions caused by clothing to ensure that our KIPPsters are focused on learning. All KIPPsters must adhere to the dress code guidelines just as members of a sports team are required to wear a uniform to show their strength in unity, so too are KIPPsters of the KIPP Kirkpatrick School team. When you look at a group of students in the KIPP Kirkpatrick uniform, it is a powerful visual statement of our community. Students make a commitment that when they put on the KIPP Kirkpatrick uniform; they are agreeing to live up to the school's high expectations. Uniforms look professional. Students look neat when they arrive at school with shirts tucked into their khaki pants. The students come mentally prepared for school and "dressed for work."

- **Mon-Thurs Uniform basic guidelines:** khaki pants, belt, blue KIPP shirt or polo, navy or gray KIPP sweatshirt, closed toed shoes
- **Fri Uniform basic guidelines:** khaki pants, any KIPP shirt, any kipp sweatshirt, close toed shoes
- *\*Note: if uniform guidelines change for specific days throughout the year, we will communicate directly to families*



## Behavior Expectations

Our first priority is to ensure the safety of our KIPPsters and staff, and we believe that creating safe, structured schools allow KIPPsters to participate as productively as possible in the classroom. We cannot allow disruptive behaviors to interrupt the learning environment for all. To establish and maintain a school culture that promotes learning and respect for others, we have created a behavior communication system that we expect the entire KIPP Kirkpatrick community to uphold, both inside and outside of school.

To help provide your KIPPster with a world-class education, we use a behavior communication system to allow KIPPsters to be set up for a successful day by following directions, actively listen during instruction, and being respectful to adults and KIPPsters alike. We start the year by explaining to our KIPPsters not only what it is but also why it is important to our school community, since we want KIPPsters to develop ownership over their learning and behavior.