August 18, 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. I hope all of you enjoyed your summer vacation and found some time to include physical activity into your summer fun. My name is Mr. Clay Bassingthwaite and I will be your child’s Physical Education teacher. PE will be an important part of your child’s school day.

My goal in this class is for each of my students to make healthy choices and feel successful when participating in a wide variety of activities. Many of the activities taught in my classroom will be activities that can be enjoyed and be beneficial to your child’s health for the rest of his/her life.

During the PE class, the students will be expected to follow directions, participate to the best of their ability, and show good sportsmanship. He/She will also be expected to show respect to all of the other students as well as the staff. There will be a grade given for this class on the report card. Grades will depend on student participation and student behavior.

Please discuss with me ahead of time if your child has any health concerns or disabilities. I want PE to be successful for all of my students. I will want to monitor any concerns because safety is very important.

All students will be expected to be dressed comfortable and have tennis shoes. Inappropriate dress will not be a reason for missing this class. His/her Grade will be affected if your child does not bring the appropriate clothing.

Please read the school handbook for procedures on rules and consequences. I will be discussing rules with all of the students during the first week of school. I will also get input from the students in making the rules specific to the gym. I plan to send a letter home to parents each month to let you know what skills we have learned and some ideas for physical activities to do at home. I will share some ideas about eating healthy foods.

I would encourage you to schedule a time to come and observe your child’s Physical Education class. I am sure you will see children participating in age appropriate, fun activities. I look forward to meeting you at the conferences in November. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress in my classroom, please call me between 8:00-8:30 or from 3:00-4:00. My office phone number is (000)000-0000.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Bassingthwaite