

Welcome to our class!

Our Staff:

Ms. Kris = classroom teacher

Miss Brittany = Speech & Language Pathologist

Mrs. Amy = classroom assistant

Ms. Dawn = extra assistant in the afternoon only

Mrs. Colleen = occupational therapist

Mrs. Kelly = social worker

Mrs. Eileen = school nurse

Mr. L = PE teacher

Miss Sam = Art/music teacher

About me: I'm your child's teacher, Kris Corp. The children call me "Ms. Kris". I have 3 children. My oldest son, Jordan, is working this year with a non-profit agency in Baton Rouge schools. My middle son, Justin, is 17 and loves band and anything music. My 15 year-old daughter, Lexi loves band and soccer too. So I spend most of my "spare time" at football games, band contests, concerts, parades, and soccer games.

About my education: I received my Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Special Education from Elmhurst College, and my Master's Degree in Special Education at Lewis University. I am certified to teach students from zero thru age 21. But I love Early Childhood!

About my professional experience: I have taught Early Childhood Special Education (with a few sessions of Project BEGIN mixed in there) for 18 years. I was a resource teacher in 1st-3rd grade for one year, but my heart brought me back to early childhood. 😊

Our Day:

During a typical day at school, we infuse language concepts throughout every activity. Also, through arrival routines, snack time, departure routines, etc., we also strongly encourage and build independence skills. Another main classroom goal is to help our students develop school skills, such as attending, following directions, getting along with peers, and staying on task. Finally, as the icing on the cake, we top off all of this with a healthy portion of fine motor skills and readiness concepts. It's a lot to squeeze into 2 ½ hours, so don't be surprised if your child comes home tired!

Our tentative daily schedule follows. Please note, however, that this schedule may change a bit, depending upon the needs of the students. Also, please note that we have Library on Tuesdays and PE on Thursdays, and we also have Music/Art once a week. We will also have OT in the classroom one day each week, but that day is not known yet. The schedule will look a little different on those days, in order to accommodate those special classes/services.

AM		PM
8:30	Come to school	12:30
8:30-8:50	Table Time	12:30-12:50
8:50-9:05	Circle Time	12:50-1:10
9:05-9:25	Playground	1:10-1:35
9:25-9:30	Music	1:35-1:40
9:30-9:50	Small Groups	1:40-2:00
9:50-10:20	Play at Centers	2:00-2:25
10:20-10:45	Bathroom/wash hands/snack	2:25-2:40
10:45-10:55	Story	2:40-2:55
10:55-11:00	Backpacks/dismissal	2:55-3:00

Some classroom policies you should know:

Snacks: We do break for snack each day. This allows us time not only to refuel, but also to practice independence skills and social skills. **PLEASE send snacks that are relatively nutritious, such as fruit, pretzels, popcorn, etc. PLEASE do NOT send cookies, cupcakes or other sugary items.** We need some brain food here to keep us on our toes! 😊 Also, remember if your child brings Oreos, think of what the child next to him will be feeling. 😞 Thanks so much for your help in this matter!

Birthdays: We LOVE Birthdays in early childhood! However, due to allergies and food restrictions, we ask for NO birthday treats to be sent to school. *If you would like*, you may send an inexpensive toy or trinket for each student in the class to take home. We will sing to the birthday boy/girl before we have our regular healthy individual snacks from home. Thank you for your understanding!

Playground: We will go to the playground whenever we can. Our kids need to move and stretch their muscles during the day. We will often go out even as it cools off, but not if it is extremely cold. If there is snow on the ground, we will not go to the playground. Boots are your option on snowy days – the sidewalks are usually very well cleared here. The children do not need to walk through the snow to get into school, so regular shoes are fine. If you do choose to send your child in boots, PLEASE remember to send a pair of gym shoes to change into. Thanks!

Bathroom: Our general rule is that everyone goes to the bathroom at some point during the day, whether that is to get changed and “try” or to actually use the toilet. If your child is proficient at going to the bathroom on his/her own initiative and doesn’t need to be told to go, please let me know and I won’t require this daily stop. It’s always hard for me to know if they’ll make it home dry if they haven’t gone at school. Open communication is especially important here!

Communication with families is very important to me! The only caution I have though, is that it cannot interfere with instructional time. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to call or write me a note! The best times to call are 7:40-8:20, 11:05-12:20, or 3:05-3:20 (815-462-7831). Email is another convenient way to communicate. My school email address is kcorp@nlsd122.org.

Our class newsletter will come home on Thursdays, either in your child’s backpack, or through email. You can ALWAYS write us a note, call, or send an email to let us know ANYTHING that’s going on at home, or ANY questions you have!!!

I’m looking forward to a fantastic year with you and your child!

We’ll talk soon!

Ms. Kris