



James I. Gibson Elementary School

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Gibson Goldminers,

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year at James Gibson Elementary School. Our staff is excited to be returning to school with great expectations for student growth and achievement. It is our desire to work closely with you to recognize the talents, skills, and gifts of your child. We know that to do that effectively, we must have a strong relationship with both you and your child.

We welcome your dialogue, perspectives, and knowledge of your child and his or her needs, both academically and socially; please help your child's teacher by maintaining regular communication. Celebrate successes that your child will have this year as we work together to provide an enriching and satisfying educational experience that will meet his or her individual goals.

Speaking of goals, we are excited to continue our World Series of Reading program this year. This program is designed to instill good reading habits by exposing children to popular reading series where familiar characters and settings *hook* our students, making them want to read more and more and MORE. Students will be awarded points for reading each night and have the opportunity to "build a line up" through our incentive program. Gibson's only homework is thirty minutes of nightly reading because independent reading is the ONLY homework assignment that increases student achievement in all content areas for elementary students. It is vital that your child reads every day.

Your child may arrive as early as 7:40 a.m. through any gate for a free breakfast OR for morning recess. At 7:53 a whistle will indicate it is time to line up and head into school for the day. Families are not permitted to be on campus at this time, so please be prepared to leave your child at the gates. Staff will be on hand to assist your child to the classroom. The gates will be locked at 7:53 at which time your child will need to enter the school through the front office. If your child arrives after the tardy bell, you will have to escort your child into the office to fill out tardy paperwork.

Again this year, our students are being afforded free lunch. Students may choose to eat the free lunch provided by the school or bring their own lunch. Students will have 20 minutes to eat and 15 minutes of outdoor time.



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After lunch and break time, children will return to their classrooms for the remainder of the day and will be dismissed after 2:11 p.m. throughout various exits of the school. Be sure to designate a pick up spot where you will meet your child(ren) at the end of the school day. Please be patient the first few weeks of school as dismissal may be delayed due to our staff getting used to identifying you from a distance and ensuring that every child is safely dismissed.

As you prepare your child to return to school, the following is important to keep in mind:

- All families need to complete a quick health screening each morning to check for any symptoms of Covid 19 (cough, chills, sore throat, muscle pain, fever of 100 or higher, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, congestion, fatigue, headache, runny nose, nausea or vomiting or diarrhea). Children with any of these symptoms should be kept at home.
- Your child will receive a CCSD issued Chromebook. 4th and 5th graders will transport Chromebooks from school to home and back to school. Chromebooks must be charged every evening and brought to and from school each day. We recommend all students use a backpack to transport materials to and from school.

Important information will continue to be sent electronically this year, so it is imperative that you keep your contact information on the Infinite Campus system updated and that you read emails. As always, communication between teachers and families is a priority. You will also find information and community opportunities on our school website www.jamesgibsones.com but please be sure to reach out to your teacher with any questions you may have.

Best Regards,

Jill Keith