

Pittsburgh Carmalt PreK-8  
Academy of Science & Technology  
Kindergarten  
Open-House



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# Our Mission and Vision



## **Mission Statement:**

*We at Pittsburgh Carmalt PreK-8 Academy of Science & Technology are dedicated in providing a nurturing and transformative learning environment that empowers our diverse community of learners. We strive to foster a holistic educational experience that prepares students for academic excellence and lifelong success.*

*Our mission is to empower and encourage our students to cultivate intellectualism by taking ownership of their learning, opportunities and development. Our mission is to nurture a love of learning and critical thinking in our students by creating and engaging in a rigorous, academic curriculum that encourages exploration, inquiry, and problem solving. We empower our students to develop a deep understanding of social justice issues, equality, and cultural awareness. We encourage students to take ownership of their education and personal growth. We provide a supportive environment where students can explore their artistic talents, cultivate their imagination, and appreciate the beauty and richness of diverse forms of expression. We believe that fostering a joyful learning environment enhances motivation, builds positive relationships, and promotes overall student success.*

*We aspire to create a dynamic and inclusive learning community at Pittsburgh Carmalt where every child is empowered to reach their fullest potential, become responsible global citizens, and make a positive impact on the world.*

## **Vision Statement:**

*Our vision is to create a premier PreK-8 magnet school committed to the development of all students to become the best future-ready versions of themselves. We will pursue this by exercising our core values of mutual respect, cultural humility, high expectations and school pride.*

# Our Invitations

Work together  
for growth.

Share goals  
and share  
success.

Learn in  
partnership.

Family voice,  
but student  
focused.

# School Schedule

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**School Day:** 9:10 am – 3:55 pm

**Doors Open:** 9:10 am

**Breakfast:** 9:10-9:32 am

**Homeroom:** 10:20 am – 10:30 am

**Walker Dismissal:** 3:50 pm

**Bus Dismissal:** 4:00 pm

## **Two-Hour Delay**

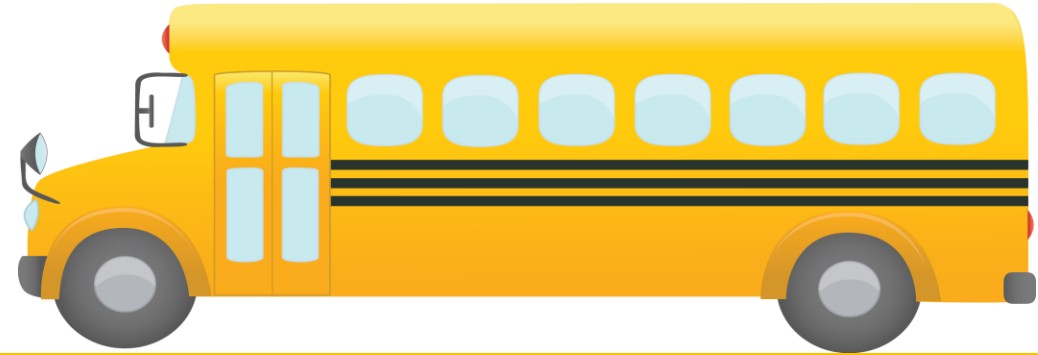
**Doors Open:** 11:10 am

**Homeroom:** 11:10 am – 11:35 am

**Two-Hour Early Dismissal:** 12:35 pm



# Transportation



- If your child rides a bus, you will receive bus information from the District Transportation Department. *(Please keep this bus information, which includes your child's bus number, stop, and bus company phone number, on hand during the year.)*
- Any questions or concerns about your child's transportation please call the Pittsburgh Public School's Transportation Department at 412-529-8125.
- Per the Pittsburgh Public School District Transportation Policy, *"Students are expected to be at the designated pick-up location 10 minutes prior to pick up time and to wait until at least 20 minutes after pick up time."* If a bus is late or does not show up, please contact the bus company located on your transportation mailer.
- The Board of Education policy states that *"the privilege of being transported shall be withdrawn in respect to any pupil who is unmanageable or who by his/her conduct endangers the property or safety of others."*

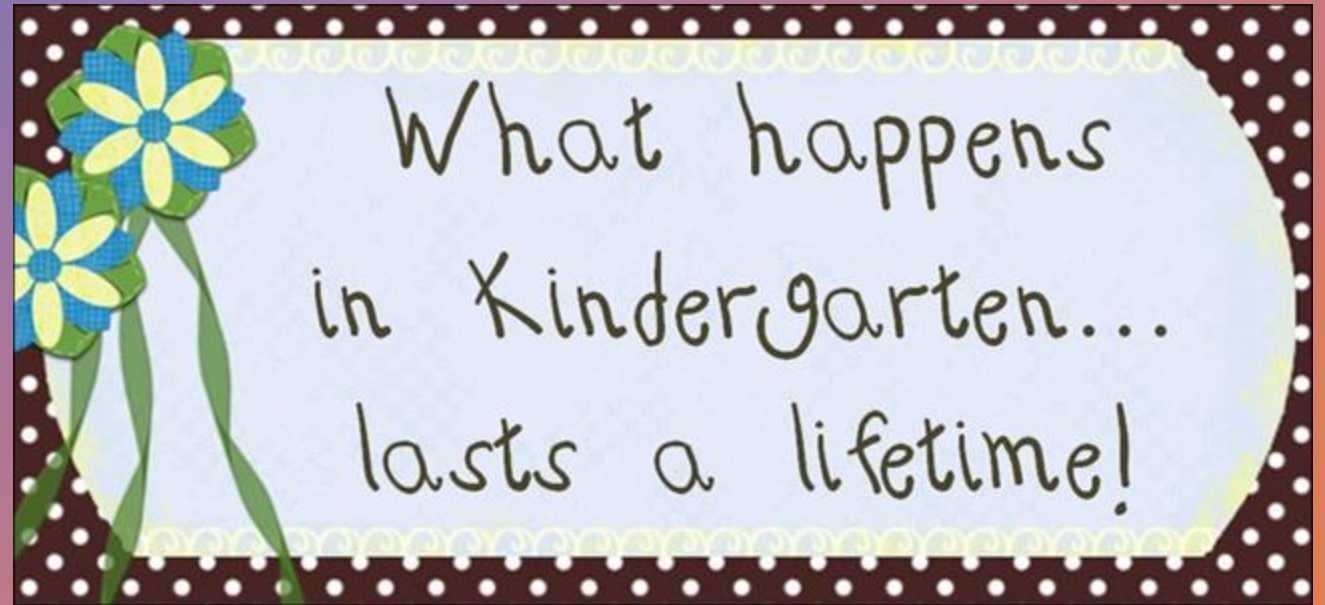


# Dress Code

- Collared Shirts: White, light blue, navy, black, yellow (light).
- Sweaters: White, light blue, navy, black, yellow (light). Sweatshirts: Only spirit wear sweatshirts without hoods and crew neck sweatshirts without print are permitted.
- Bottoms: Black, Navy, Khaki
- Jumpers and Dresses: Black, Navy, Khaki
- Socks, Tights, and Leggings: Must be solid. Black, Navy, Tan, White
- Footwear: Tennis and dress shoes that meet the criteria of acceptable styles, regardless of color. Boots are not permitted. During snowy or rainy weather please have your child bring an extra pair of shoes to school.

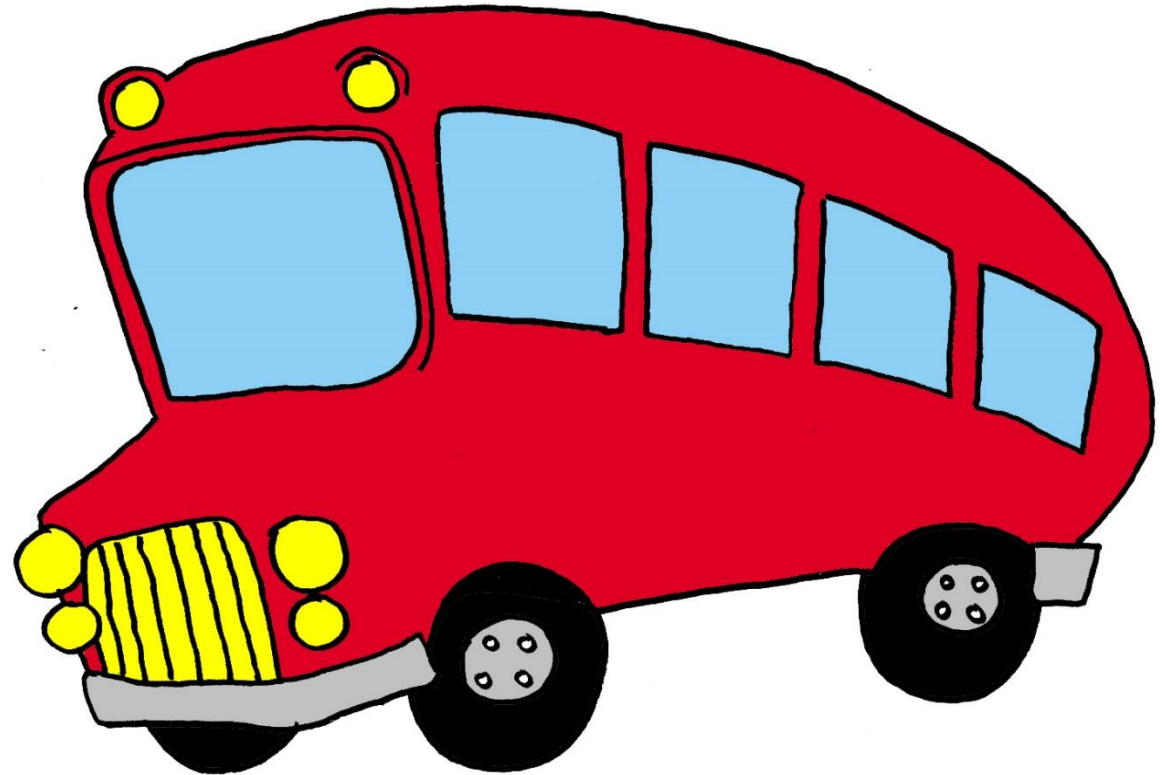


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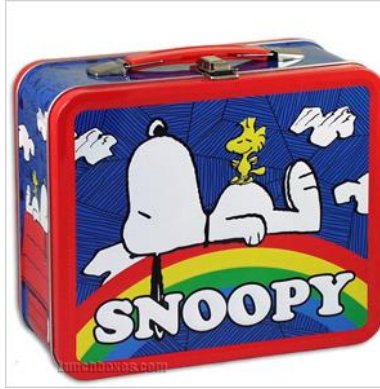
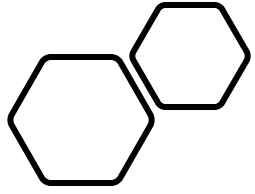


# Arrival/Dismissal

- All children enter through the cafeteria doors at 9:10 AM. After 9:30 that you will need to check your child in at the office.
- Dismissal for students being picked up is at 3:50 PM. Please be at the back of the building in the patio area by 3:55 PM. You will not be able to park in the back, so please park on the neighborhood streets.
- Please walk down the sidewalk to pick your child up. Children will not be allowed to play on the grass on the hill as buses come down the drive quickly.







## Breakfast/Lunch

- Every child will have the opportunity to eat a free breakfast and lunch.
- Time is limited so they will have to eat quickly.
- Please check the district website for menus. If your child doesn't like what is being served, please pack them a lunch.





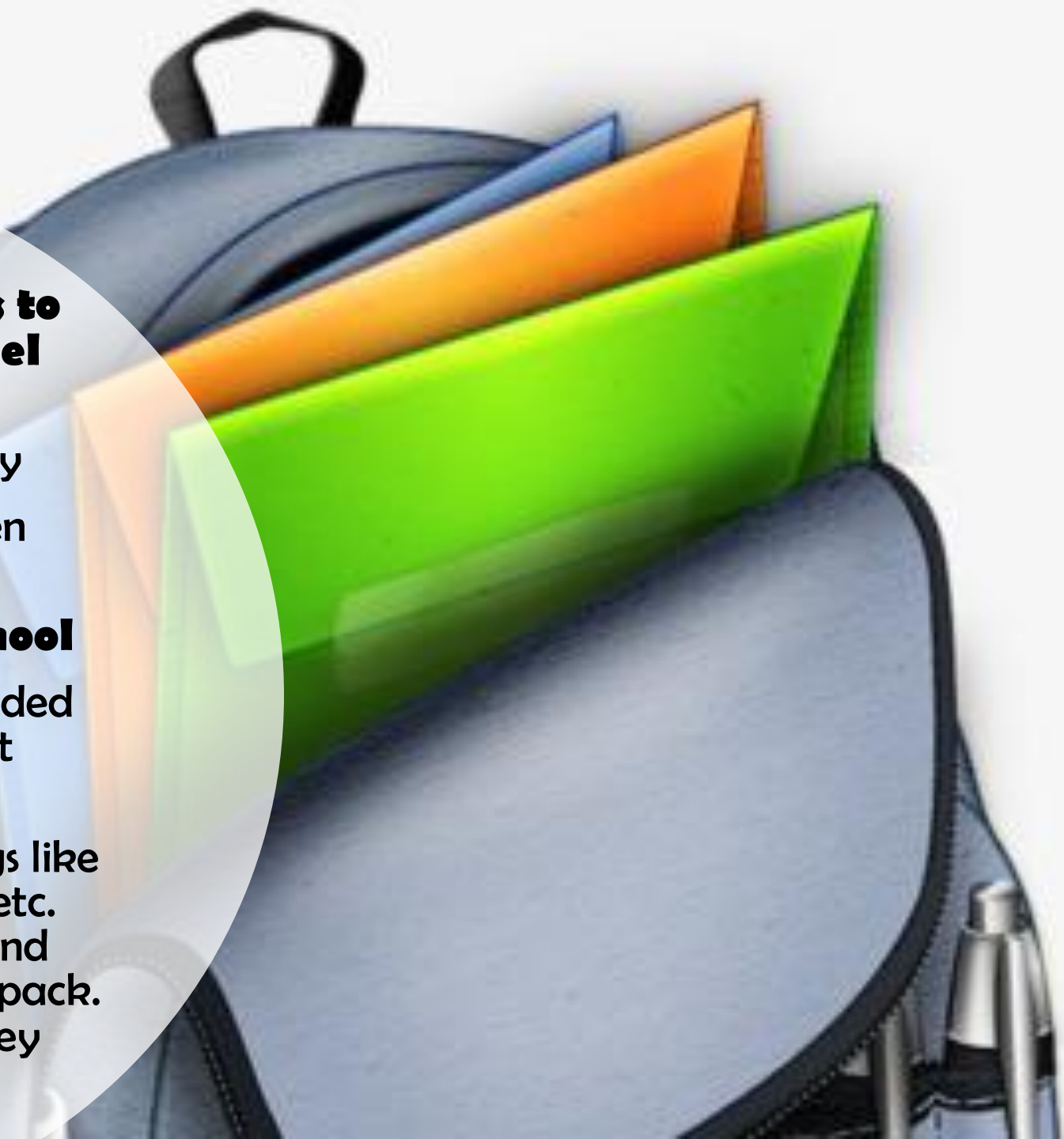
# Technology

- We are a one-to-one district so every student will be assigned an iPad.
- An Acceptable Use Policy must be signed BEFORE students are assigned an iPad. You will receive this document at the beginning of the school year.
- Every child will need a set of headphones or ear buds (No Bluetooth)



# Students will need

- **An extra change of clothes to keep in school. Please label your student's clothes.**
- Backpack/book bag every day
- Their own folder to go between school and home
- **Headphones to keep in school**
- School supplies (a copy is included today and another will be sent home in August)
- Please do not send extra things like crayons, pencils, pencil boxes, etc. These things are not needed and only add weight to their backpack. It will get very heavy when they start carrying an iPad.





# Behavior Expectations



Carmalt Dragons are on  
In the Classroom

# FIRE



# F

Friendly

- 🔥 Use a 0-2 voice level
- 🔥 Treat and speak to others with kindness
- 🔥 Respect personal space and belongings
- 🔥 Keep hands, feet, and unkind words to yourself
- 🔥 **Accept praise and consequences**

# I

Integrity

- 🔥 Follow adult directions
- 🔥 Listen to others' thoughts, ideas, and opinions
- 🔥 Accept responsibility for actions
- 🔥 **If you hear or see something, say something**
- 🔥 **Express feelings using "I" statements**

# R

Responsibility

- 🔥 Follow classroom routines
- 🔥 Attend class with all materials required
- 🔥 Stay in assigned work area
- 🔥 Use all materials respectfully
- 🔥 Follow the dress code
- 🔥 **Ask for a break, use community healing spaces, ask to speak to a trusted adult when needed**

# E

Engagement

- 🔥 Actively listen when others are speaking
- 🔥 Actively participate in learning activities and give your best effort
- 🔥 **Use SEL check-in in PBIS rewards**
- 🔥 **Ask for help when you need it**

Voice Levels: 0 = silence 1 = whisper, between 2 people

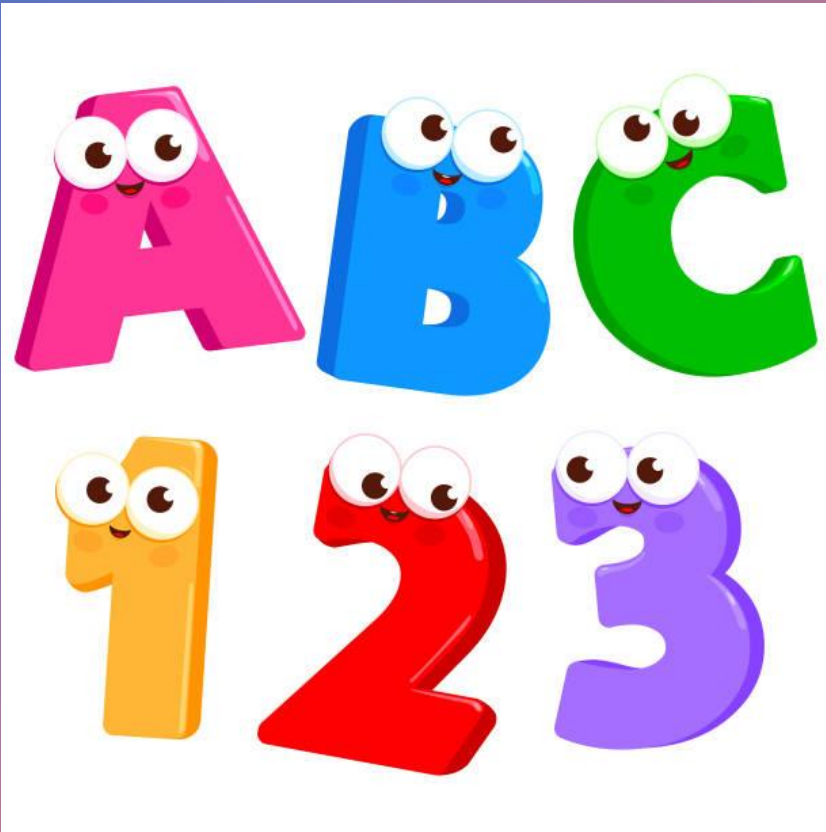




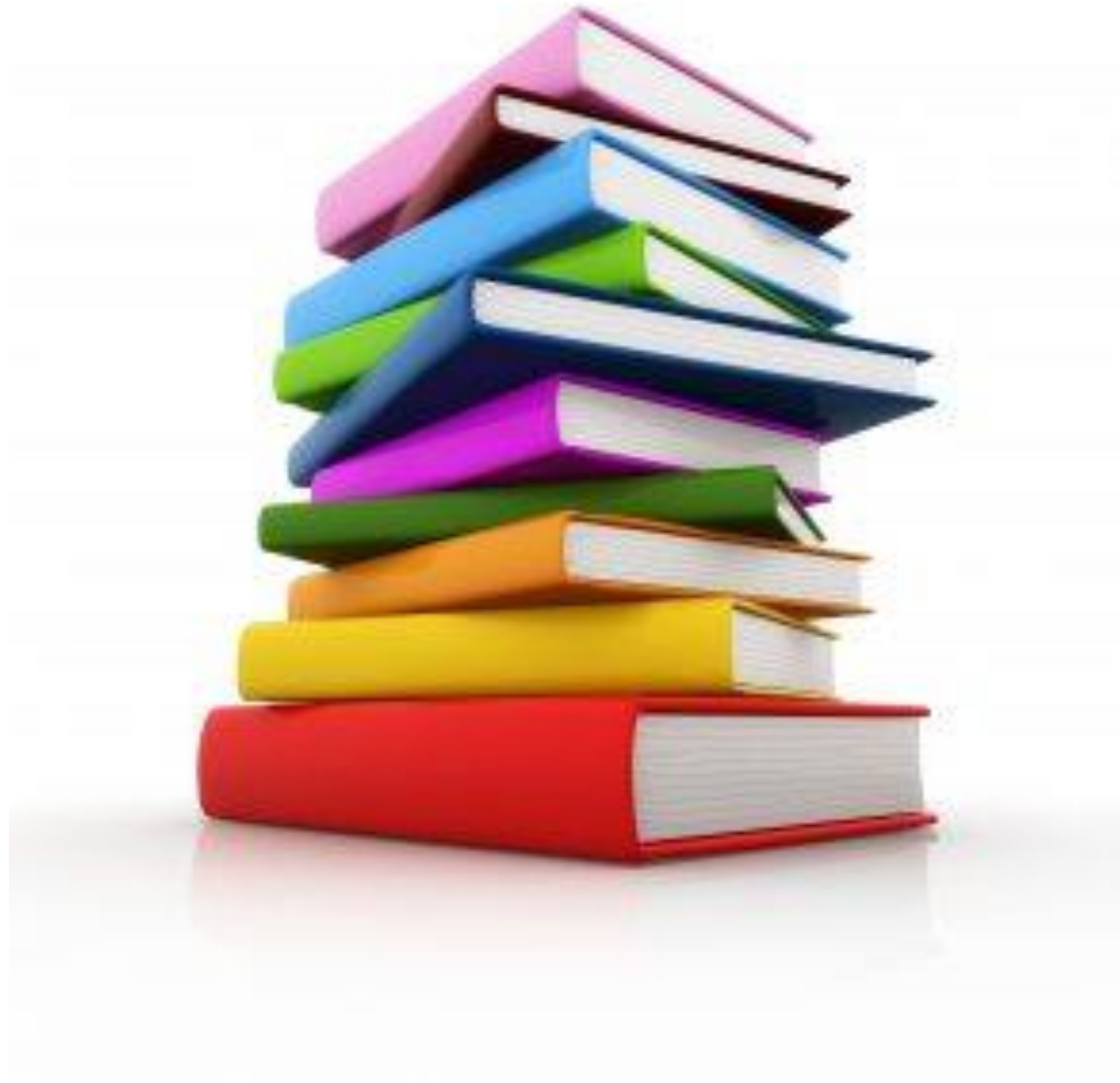
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- Carmalt uses a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports system referred to as being on FIRE!
- Students earn points each period for showing Friendliness, Integrity, Responsibility and Engagement
- Students can trade in their earned PBIS points for rewards
- This creates a positive and safe school environment so students can thrive academically and socially.

## Expectations for Coming into Kindergarten



- Print their name on a line
- Be able to sing the “ABC” song
- Identify the letters in their name
- Know their phone number and address
- Identify the basic colors and shapes
- Count to 20
- Cut on a line with scissors
- Sit and listen to a story
- Grasp a pencil correctly
- Be able to dress and undress themselves and zip and button coat
- Use the restroom on their own (boys-urinal)
- Start learning to tie their shoes
- Be able to clean up after themselves, particularly breakfast and lunch
- Follow two step directions



# **Academic Expectations**

## **Leaving Kindergarten**

- Count and write numbers to 100
- Add and subtract basic facts to 10
- Recognize 2 and 3-D shapes
- Recognize and know all letter sounds, and write them
- Read and spell 50 sight words
- Read, spell, and write basic CVC words
- Recall the main idea and details from a story
- Write a sentence independently
- Read a simple book independently

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