June 2026



Dear 4th, 5th and 6th Graders,

Welcome to Home Community **2011** ! We (the teachers, 5th graders, and 6th graders) are excited to welcome new 4th graders and new to-the-school students! We look forward to getting to know you and building a community together. New students, we are a very kind and welcoming community and can't wait for you to be a part of it.

What is a "Home Community" anyway?

Your homeroom will be your home base for the next three years. This is where you'll start and end your day. This is where you'll keep all of your gear. You will sit with the students in this class at lunch and play with them at recess. (Although obviously you're also welcome to play with other students who have recess at the same time.)

We also have a couple of days each month where we stay together all day to catch up on work and play getting to know you activities, community building, and events. Ms. Tracie will be your Math and Science teacher and Mrs. Bowden will be your Language Arts and Social Studies teacher. We will organize field trips and other special events for our class.

Do I have any homework over the summer?

Yes, homework was sent home to all students on the last day of school. This included math and ELA work. We recommend that you do NOT wait until the last week or two before school starts to begin your summer hw. Please understand you have joined a community of readers. When you come back to school, we will want to know what you read over the summer and whether you would recommend we read the same books, comics, or magazines. We are also a group of writers. If you like to make up stories or record your dreams or keep a journal or draw comics or write down funny things people say, we'll want to know all about that!

What school supplies will I need and when should I bring them?

You are going to need some very important items to be successful. There is a supply list is found on the Sands website. Please try to have your personal supplies ready by the second day of school. You can bring your supplies anytime during the first three days of school. You will also want to bring in a healthy snack for our designated snack time. (We have a nut-free policy for all snacks in the classroom.)

How can I get in touch with you if I have questions?

If you have questions or concerns, Miss Tracie can be reached at rosstra@cpsboe.k12.oh.us and Mrs. Bowden at bowdenlcpsboe.k12.oh.us. We will check my school email the week before school starts. If you lose your school supply list it will be on the Sands website.

Speaking of summer, we hope you truly enjoy yours and I look forward to seeing you again in August!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tracie Ross (Community 2011) and Mrs Bowden (Community 2013)