ELEMENTARY ADDENDUM

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Welcome to the APS Elementary School Student Handbook

At Austin Public Schools, our mission is Engage, Empower, and Inspire as we work to prepare our students to make a difference in the world.

This handbook provides specific information pertaining to our Elementary Schools that it is important for parents and students to review and understand.

Please refer to the APS Student Handbook, the Student Rights & Responsibilities document, and the School Board Policies for additional information.

Birthday Treats

Individual classrooms will observe birthdays with special activities planned by teachers, such as allowing children to wear a "Birthday Hat" or by singing to them. If students choose to share a treat with the class on their birthday, food must be an individually wrapped and purchased treat. Examples of such treats are fruit snacks, individual packages of cookies or crackers, etc. Parents should contact the teacher to make them aware that they are sending a treat for the class.

Attendance and Tardies

- Standardized communication - After 8:00 is marked tardy
- Students can be on the playground at 7:30 and there will be staff supervising at that time. Arrival Doors will open at 7:45 to allow students to enter, please do not arrive prior to this time.
- During inclement weather, students may be allowed in earlier.
- Tardiness - Students are expected to arrive at school on time at 8:00 a.m. Any students that arrive late will need to report to the office.

Lost and found

Lost and found articles may be found in the designated lost and found location. Items may be disposed of after thirty days.

Recess Guidelines

Please make sure your student comes to school with appropriate cold-weather gear each day (coat, hat, gloves, boots, etc.). Students will continue to go outside for recess unless:

- The temperature reaches **0°F**, or
- The wind chill drops to **-10°F**

If your family needs support securing winter clothing, please contact the school office—we're happy to help.

Homework

Elementary students will **not** be assigned homework/practice work outside of the school day. Homework/practice work will **not** be used to finish incomplete classwork.