

# Miss Sirach's Classroom

We are the best of the bunch!



Parent Information Packet  
Carterville Christian Preparatory Academy  
2014-2015

Dear Pre-K family,

Hello! My name is Miss Sirach and I want to welcome you to our wonderful classroom at Carterville Christian Preparatory Academy. I am very excited to be your teacher this year and I cannot wait to meet you. Our first day of school is August 20, 2014. On the first day of school, we will take time to get to know each other more. I would like to take this time to take this time to introduce myself so that you know a little more about me.

I received my degree from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in Elementary Education with a concentration in Language Arts and a Middle Level Endorsement. I student-taught in 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom in Carbondale, IL. In my spare time, I enjoy baking, reading, and spending time with my family and friends, and hiking with my puppy, Mister Jackson.

Since I have shared a few things about myself, I'd love to know something about you! If you could, draw a picture or write a story about you or something you did over the summer. We will share our drawings on the first day of school with our classmates. I look forward to meeting you!

Love,

Miss Sirach

# It's a GREAT day to be in Pre-K!

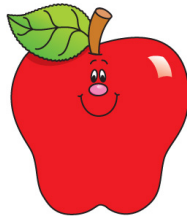
## All About Miss Sirach's Classroom

Your child will be engaged in a variety of fun and exciting activities this year! In our classroom, we focus on readiness and writing, language and literacy, and numbers and math. Additionally, your child will be engaged in a variety of gross and fine motor skills across the content areas. In our classroom, learning through play is important. Your child will be participating in various forms of play including functional/discovery play and symbolic play through the use of center time. In our classroom there are 3 primary centers: Read, Imagine, and Explore. In the reading center, students will be engaging in print concepts, alphabet knowledge, vocabulary, phonological awareness, and word concepts. In the Imagine center, students will be engaging in dramatic play. Within the Explore center, students will have the opportunity to learn through a sensory bin. Many skills can be learned and explored through sensory bin play including social and emotional communication, literacy, fine motor skills, and more! Students will be exploring through touch and feel. In addition to the sensory bin, students will participate in various science, math, and social studies activities. In addition to centers, students will be exposed to new vocabulary daily during our morning word time. Students will be participating in lessons that incorporate reading, writing, readiness, numbers, and science. Your student will be exploring the concepts listed and become mathematicians, writers, readers, scientists, and more.



I am so excited to learn with your child this year!

# Miss Sirach's Classroom Schedule



## Monday:

7:45-8:09 Student arrival  
8:10-8:15 Pledges in Commons  
8:15-9:00 Morning Meeting/Word Time  
9:00-11:20 Classroom Core Subjects  
11:20 Bathroom/Wash hands  
11:25-12:30 Lunch/Recess  
12:30-1:30 Rest Time  
1:30-1:50 Afternoon Recess  
1:30-1:45 Snack  
1:45-2:45 Classroom  
2:45 Pack up  
2:50-3:00 Dismissal

## Tuesday:

7:45-8:09 Student arrival  
8:10-8:15 Pledges in Commons  
8:15-9:00 – Morning Meeting/Word Time  
9:00-10:45 Classroom Core Subjects  
**10:45-11:20 Music**  
11:20 Bathroom/Wash Hands  
11:20-12:30 Lunch/Recess  
12:30-1:00 Rest Time  
**1:00-1:30 Spanish**  
1:30-1:45 Snack  
1:45-2:45 Classroom  
2:45 Pack up  
2:50-3:00 Dismissal

## Wednesday:

7:45-8:09 Student arrival  
8:10-8:15 Pledges in Commons  
8:15-9:00 Morning Meeting/Word Time  
9:00-11:20 Classroom Core Subjects  
11:20 Bathroom/Wash hands  
11:25-12:30 Lunch/Recess  
12:30-1:30 Rest Time  
1:30-1:50 Afternoon Recess  
1:30-1:45 Snack  
1:45-2:45 Classroom  
2:45 Pack up  
2:50-3:00 Dismissal

### Thursday:

7:45-8:09 Student arrival  
8:10-8:15 Pledges in Commons  
8:15-9:00 Morning Meeting/Word Time  
9:00-10:45 Classroom Core Subjects  
**10:45-11:20 Music**  
11:20 Bathroom/Wash Hands  
11:20-12:30 Lunch/Recess  
12:30-1:00 Rest Time  
**1:00-1:30 Spanish**  
1:30-1:45 Snack  
1:45-2:45 Classroom  
2:45 Pack up  
2:50-3:00 Dismissal

### Friday:

7:45-8:09 Student Arrival  
8:10-8:15 Pledges in Commons  
8:15-9:00 Morning Meeting/Word Time  
9:00-11:00 Classroom Core Subjects  
11:00-12:00 Lunch/Recess  
12:00-1:00 Rest Time/Snack  
1:00-2:00 Classroom  
**2:00-2:50 Art**  
2:50 Pack up  
2:50-3:00 Dismissal

# Classroom and School Rules



- Respect and listen to those in authority
- Follow directions
- Be kind and respect others
- Respect school property

# Classroom Expectations



- Start the day with a smile
- Use kind words only
- Follow directions quickly
- Make smart choices

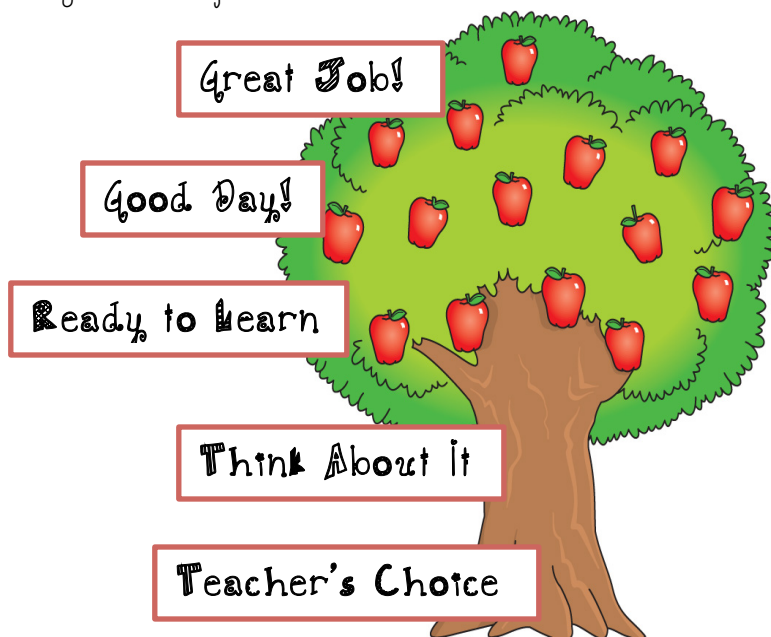


# Miss Sirach's Classroom Management Plan

It is my goal to ensure that your child has a warm, positive, and safe classroom community. I believe it is so important for every student feels safe, comfortable, happy, and feels cared for. I want each student to succeed to his or her highest potential and I will do everything I can to make this happen. In order for this to happen, it is important to have a well-managed classroom. One management system I use for my class is "Awesome Apples!" Each student will have their own apple and it should be their goal to keep it in the apple tree. If your child does what is expected of them each day in class, their apple will remain in the tree. Students will begin at "Ready to Learn." If a student exceeds expectations, they have the opportunity to move their apple up the tree. If a student keeps his or her apple at "Great Job!" for the entire week, on Friday they will get to pick out a prize to celebrate their wonderful work and behavior.

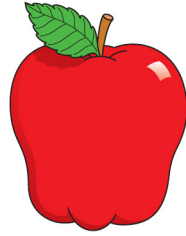
Sometimes, we don't have our best days. If a student does not do what is expected, I will give them a verbal warning. If the behavior continues, they will have to move their apple down the tree. If a student moves to "teacher choice," depending on the behavior may result in a visit to Mrs. Alligaier's office.

However, I always believe in giving students another chance. We all have our off days! Therefore, I always give opportunities for students to move their apple up. Each day is a new day and we will start over with all apples in the tree. We will also be working hard to earn classroom parties throughout the year to celebrate our classroom successes!





# Communication Folder



Your child will have a two-pocket folder that will be returned home with them daily. This folder is very special and important and needs to be taken good care of because your child will be bringing home papers that they completed in class and I will also be sending papers home throughout the school year to communicate with you. One side of the folder is labeled "Keep at Home" and the other side, "Return to School." Anytime your child has papers on the "Keep at Home" side, please look over those papers with your child and take those papers out of their folder because those can stay at home. Anytime your child brings home papers on the "Return to School" side, please look over them and those papers in case you need to fill anything out. It is important that your child bring this folder to school EVERYDAY. Be sure to check over your child's folder each day. They will love showing you all of their hard work! Thank you for all of your help!

## Miss Sirach's Contact Information

Email: [ksirach@ccpaeagles.com](mailto:ksirach@ccpaeagles.com)

School Phone: 618-751-1350

Visit our classroom website!

<http://misssirachclassroom.weebly.com>

# Snack Time

We have a snack time each day in our classroom. Snack is important to keep our bodies and our brains fueled and ready to learn! Please sign up at orientation night or contact me if you would like to donate a snack. Here are some healthy snack suggestions:

- Fresh fruit
- Dried fruit
- Veggies
- Dry Cereal
- Animal Crackers
- Graham Crackers
- Pretzels

Thank you for your help during this important time of our day!

Cartersville Christian Preparatory Academy  
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K-3/K-4 Supply List

Backpack

- 2 plastic pocket folders
- 1 large box Kleenex
- 1 Pkg. Baby Wipes
- 2 Large Containers Clorox Wipes
- 1 Box Gallon size Ziploc Bags
- 1 Box Quart size Ziploc Bags
- 1 Pkg. #2 Pencils – Yellow only
- 1 Pkg. White Cardstock
- 3 Large Glue Sticks
- 3 Boxes 8 Count Crayons
- 1 pair kid blunt tip scissors
- 1 pkg. multi colored construction paper
- Kindermat (labeled with name)
- Change of clothes labeled in gallon size Ziploc Bag