

Be in the Know!

COMMUNICATION

We will communicate weekly using ClassDojo about:

- ★ what we're learning
- ★ progress
- ★ homework
- ★ important dates & events
- ★ behavior
- ★ transportation changes, etc.

I will be available on ClassDojo from 8:00-4:30. Other ways to reach me are by email: kellyka@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us or by calling the front office at 706-796-4658. But, **ClassDojo is the best way!**

CONFERENCING

Please be respectful of instructional time (8:15-3:15). Instruction will not stop to have an impromptu conference. Please reach out and we will schedule an appointment. I will respond to ClassDojo messages when it is appropriate for me to do so (e.g., during my planning, lunch, before/after school). If it is not an emergency, I will reply within 24 hours. I will always respond before dismissal if it pertains to transportation changes.

BEHAVIOR

Your child's behavior impacts their learning. Positive behavior allows your child and their peers to learn. Positive behavior will

be celebrated! Negative behavior takes away from learning. Negative behavior will have consequences.

TRE practices **STARS** behavior:

- ★ **S**afety
- ★ **T**eam Players
- ★ **A**ttitude Matters
- ★ **R**espect Self & Others
- ★ **S**trive for Excellence

BULLYING

The Centers for Disease Control and the Department of Education released the first federal definition of bullying. It includes three core elements:

- unwanted aggressive behavior
- observed or perceived power imbalance
- repetition or high likelihood of repetition of bullying behaviors

(stopbullying.gov)

Bullying will NOT be tolerated. One of my responsibilities is to keep students safe. I will teach students to inform me right away when they feel they are being bullied. Our social-emotional curriculum will help prevent and respond to bullying in a healthy way. Please come to me first if you feel your child is being bullied. We will **work together**, along with the school counselor, to mediate between students.

LAUNCHPAD

Launchpad is a platform where students' learning websites can be accessed from one place. Students will be given a log-in card to keep at home so they can continue their learning at home. Log-in information for other learning websites will be provided as well.

STANDARDS-BASED GRADING

Students' learning will be measured using a four-point scale that represents their level of proficiency for each standard. Standards are the learning goals for what students should know and be able to do.

Standards-Based Grading	
4	Distinguished learner; exceeds the standard
3	Proficient learner; consistently demonstrates mastery of standard
2	Developing learner; beginning to meet standard; needs some support
1	Beginning learner; not yet meeting the standard; needs a lot of support
ND	Not demonstrated; refuses to attempt learning task
NA	Not applicable; the standard has not been taught yet

MONEY

If you need to send money to school for any reason, please send it in the **exact amount** in a sealed envelope or baggie **clearly labeled** with your child's **name** and its **purpose**.

This was a lot of information. Thank you for taking the time to read through it all. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me. I am happy to help you!

Shine bright,

Mrs. Kelly

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**The mission of TRE is to
educate students to become
lifelong learners and
productive citizens.**