

August 2018

Dear Kipps Families,

The Kipps Elementary faculty and staff welcome your family into our Kipps family of learners for the 2018-2019 school year. We are pleased to do our part to help you teach your children the skills they will need to become independent and contributing members of a community. Those skills include how to **Respect Self, Respect Others, and Respect Property**. We would like to share with you the Kipps approach to a positive school climate. We will continue to focus on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (P.B.I.S.) and cultivating respect by implementing Kipps expectations of those "3R's." With this focus, we will introduce school wide expectations throughout the school day and across all areas: hallways, cafeteria, playgrounds, computer labs, bathrooms, buses, assembly areas and classrooms. Each area will have signs to remind the children what the expectations are for each of the "3R's" in that particular area. Of course teachers will continually model and teach these behaviors. Since all students in all grade levels will be using the same language and practicing these same behaviors, our expectations will be consistent for all the children in your family. Grade level teachers, however, have tailored the plan to be appropriate for the particular ages of the children in their own classrooms. Your child's teacher will start the school year explaining the classroom and school wide expectations for the 3R's. This plan provides a consistent approach to behavior expectations for both students and adults in common areas of the school.

Your child will probably be excited to tell you about the opportunities that can be obtained with Buck-a-Roos they can earn for following the school expectations. Because we emphasize relationships and service to others, these opportunities will be time spent helping other children or staff or being allowed a special privilege for the day rather than toy prizes. Children will be taught how to manage their own Buck-a-Roos. Children who do not consistently follow the expectations will see the natural consequence of having fewer Buck-a-Roos and therefore fewer opportunities; they will also need to communicate, with their teacher's guidance, to their parents what respectful behaviors they have not been practicing and how they plan to behave differently the next time.

Before children can cash in Buck-a-Roos for opportunities, they need to return the attached Teacher - Parent - Student Contract. This is the agreement that says all parties will participate in our school expectations plan. Thank you for your support of our efforts. We believe your children will **Respect Self, Respect Others, and Respect Property** as they learn what is expected and experience the rewards for behaving appropriately.

The expectations chart on the back of this letter will be discussed with your child. As a community we will continue to use this language to encourage Respectful Roos throughout the year. We appreciate your support from home and welcome any questions or concerns that you may have.

Respectfully,
Carey Stewart, Principal
Kipps Elementary Teachers and Staff

Return this paper to your child's teacher when you and your child have signed in the appropriate areas. Thank you!

Teacher - Parent - Student Contract for 2018-2019

Respect Self Respect Others Respect Property

Teacher/School Responsibilities:

I agree:

- *that discipline is an opportunity to teach, not to punish.
- *to support the students who follow the 3 Rs by rewarding them with Buck-a-Roos.
- *to issue appropriate consequences to the students who choose not to follow the 3 Rs.
- *that Buck-a-Roos, once earned, cannot be taken away.

Teacher signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:

I agree:

- *to support my child's teacher.
- *to help my child understand his/her responsibility to follow the 3 Rs.
- *to communicate with my child about what opportunities they would like to earn and how many Buck-a-Roos they have accumulated.
- *to assist Kipps staff should my child choose not to follow the 3 Rs.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Responsibilities:

I agree:

- *to follow the 3 Rs.
- *to keep track of my Buck-a-Roos by putting them in my pouch and keeping my pouch at school.
- *that I will not ask for Buck-a-Roos.
- *to use only Buck-a-Roos I have earned on my own.
- *that lost Buck-a-Roos will not be replaced.

Student Signature: _____



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Kipps Elementary School is dedicated to inspiring students to become passionate learners who contribute to a global community.



Respectful Roos



	Respect Self	Respect Others	Respect Property
Hallways		Follow teacher's directions Face forward Walk quietly and slowly on the right side Safe hands AND feet	
Cafeteria		Use inside voices Safe hands AND feet Listen to adults Keep your area clean Ask permission before leaving your seat	
Playground		Safe hands AND feet Take turns with others Put away equipment Report problems to an adult	
Bathrooms		Respect others' privacy Flush toilet and leave area clean Wash hands using soap and water Report problems to an adult	
Buses		Safe hands AND feet Stay seated Use inside voices Stay packed	
Computer Labs		Headphones stay plugged in Sign out of the computer when you are finished Hang headphones up Push in your chair	
Assemblies		Listen quietly Safe hands AND feet Stay Seated	