

# Welcome to Birch Lower Elementary

## SCHEDULE

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
8:30-9:00	P.E	8:30-9:00	P.E	8:30-9:00	P.E	8:30-9:00	P.E	8:30-9:00	P.E
9:00-9:15	Group	9:00-9:15	Group	9:00-9:15	Group	9:00-9:15	Group	9:00-9:15	Group
9:15-11:45	Work Cycle	9:15-11:45	Work Cycle *Kitchen Class	9:15-11:45	Work Cycle *Kitchen Class	9:15-11:45	Work Cycle *Kitchen Class	9:15-11:45	Work Cycle *Kitchen Class
11:45-12:00	Read Aloud	11:45-12:00	Read Aloud	11:45-12:00	Read Aloud	11:45-12:00	Read Aloud	11:45-12:00	Read Aloud
12:00-1:15	Lunch / Recess	12:00-1:15	Lunch / Recess	12:00-1:15	Lunch / Recess	12:00-1:15	Lunch / Recess	12:00-1:15	Lunch / Recess
1:15-3:00	Silent reading / Work cycle	1:15-2:40	Art / Music	1:15-3:00	Silent reading / Work Cycle / Great Books	1:15-2:15	Silent reading / Work Cycle	1:15-3:00	Silent reading / Work Cycle / Great Books
3:00	Group	2:45-3:10	Spanish	3:00	Group	2:15-2:40	Spanish	3:00	Group
3:15	Carline	3:15	Carline	3:15	Carline	3:15	Carline	3:15	Carline

Our day begins promptly at 8:20. Students are marked tardy if they arrive after 8:30. A work cycle is an undisturbed block of time that takes place during the day. During this time, students attend lessons and are self-directed in choosing their work. We will have physical education and kitchen classroom in the mornings as well. The afternoon allows time for a shorter work cycle, care of the classroom and other areas of study with specialists such as art, music, spanish, della terra, \*An asterisk indicates that not all children attend these specials every time it appears on the schedule. If an appointment needs to be made during the day, please come into the classroom to pick up your child.

## TRIPS AND SWIMMING LESSONS

- Leelanau Outdoor Center: 9/13 and 5/28-5/30
- High Rollaway Observation Deck 9/27, 10/18, 2/21, 4/18
- Swimming: 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12
- Other trips (going out, extra field trips, etc.) We need drivers!

## SPELLING TESTS and MATH FACT TESTS

Every Tuesday, you will find math facts and spelling lists in your child's home folder. Please take time to practice spelling words and math facts with your child. Repetition is the best aid in working towards memorization. Each child will take one spelling and math fact test per week, which will be taken on Tuesday. Attached are some fun ways to practice!

## **SHARING**

Children are welcome to share items from home during group time. These objects should fall within the categories of items found in nature, photographs, something they have made, something from a different culture, or a memento from your child's travels.

## **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

We will celebrate with your child on their birthday or half-birthday during the school year. At home, your child may create a poster of photographs (please- no digital frames). There should be one picture from each year of life. We encourage your child to write captions to help them present their story. You are welcome to send in a birthday snack to share with the class on their celebration day. Please let me know if you plan to send something. An email will be sent home prior to your child's birthday

## **LUNCH/ALLERGIES/SNACK**

We eat lunch in the classroom or outdoors. We have students with peanut allergies. Please label peanut products in your child's lunches. The school provides a daily morning snack for all elementary children. Please keep any other snacks for home.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Children have a home folder that will be sent home daily and should return to school every day. This folder is used to send notes and work home and for you to send forms or notes back to school.

During the school day (8:20 - 3:40), the person at the front desk will forward your calls to my voicemail. If there is something I should know during the day, please leave a message at the front desk. Should the need arise, please reach out so we can schedule an in-person meeting. Email is an effective way to communicate: my address is [annieg@traversechildrenshouse.org](mailto:annieg@traversechildrenshouse.org).

## **ROOM PARENTS:**

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