



# The Ethical Community Charter School – Jersey City



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## WELCOME TO FOURTH GRADE AT THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL!!

Dear Families,

Hello! Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at TECCS. We look forward to knowing you and your children better. This will be an exciting year for all of us. Together we will learn more about reading, writing, math, science, social studies, as well as maintaining the attitude of being responsible students who are ready to learn. Below are a few reminders for you to note.

To stay consistent, we are going to continue with the one subject transition between classes. Mrs. Some will be teaching science to the entire grade and Miss Barone will be teaching Social Studies. These will be the only subjects in which students will be transitioning between classes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us via email at

[juliana.some@teccsjc.org](mailto:juliana.some@teccsjc.org) and [tracy.barone@teccsjc.org](mailto:tracy.barone@teccsjc.org)

Thanks, in advance for your support!

Mrs. Some and Miss Barone

### School Hours

School hours are 8:30 to 3:15 every day. If your child is not going to before-care at 7:45, he or she can go to the classroom starting at 8:15. The day begins promptly at 8:30, so if your child arrives later than 8:30, she/he needs to go to the office for a late pass. If you ever need to pick your child up early from school, kindly go to the office to sign your child out. Please do not come into the classroom to drop off or pick up your child, as it is disruptive to all.

Town Hall Meeting is an important time for our school to meet as a community. At the end of each day at 3:00 town hall will be conducted, followed promptly by dismissal at 3:15 pm.

### Attendance

If your child will be absent, please call Mrs. Wilkins our school nurse (201) 984-4152. You can also send a note the following day to explain the absence. We expect children to attend school each day unless they are sick. If you need to take your child to the doctor or on vacation, PLEASE schedule these for days or times when we are not in school. Your child misses a lot of important instruction when he/she is not here every day.

### Being Ready to Learn

Children in fourth grade benefit from having a regular bedtime every night. Children who do not get enough sleep have a hard time paying attention in class and will not learn as much as they should. Please try to have your child get at least 10-11 hours of sleep a night.

## Home Learning

As per our “No homework policy” in K-4 at TECCS, students will have access to the following online resources which can be used at any time of the day at their own pace.

- Scoot pad.com
- Measuring up live.com
- ReadWorks.com digital

## Weekly Newsletter:

A newsletter will be posted at the beginning of every week (Monday) explaining all the topics that will be covered in all subject areas for that week.

## Snack

Kindly send in a small healthy snack and a water bottle each day. We will have a brief snack every morning. Suggested snacks include fruit (fresh or dried), vegetables, cheese sticks, hummus, yogurt, or pudding. Healthy snacks help children stay focused during the day, so please do NOT send candy, cookies, or potato chips.

## Backpacks/Folders

All children need to bring a backpack to school each day to carry their belongings and folders to and from school. Students are responsible for their belongings.

## Specials

All students will receive gym (1x week), art (1x week), music (1x week), world language-Spanish (1x week), technology (1x week), ethics (1x week), and health (1x week) instruction for 45 minutes. On days that we have gym, please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothes and sneakers to participate.

## Scholastic Book Clubs

We will send home order forms for books that you can order at great prices from Scholastic. You can order using the form or online. One can get free books for ordering online! Studies have shown that students read more when they choose their own books, so consider letting your child make decisions about which books to order.

## Birthdays

We know that birthdays are special days in a fourth grader’s life. The birthday celebrant will choose an activity/game that involves a whole class participation to played. **Do not** send in any goodie bags, food items or toys, as we will not distribute them in school due to extreme number of food allergies.

Your assistance with all of the above will help your child to be successful in fourth grade. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.