

# Welcome to the Bridge Classroom!

## ~Mrs.Hango's Classroom~

*Here are a few helpful hints and insights into how things work here in the nestling classroom!*

*Please feel free to contact me with any questions!*



**Teacher Information:** My name is Mrs. Sandy Hango, this is my fourth year teaching at Christ the King School! With three fun and exciting years under my belt I'm happy and overjoyed to dive into year four. I know this year is going to be very different, but we are going to give it our all!

I have a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Vermont with a minor in Human Development and Family Studies. I have 7 years of teaching experience, prior to my now fourth year teaching at Christ the King. Preschool and Pre-K is my absolute favorite grade to teach! I have a lot of fun ideas planned for the upcoming school year. Other than being a teacher, I am also an active soccer and snowboard coach. Outside of teaching, I enjoy kayaking, playing soccer, biking, golfing, and snuggling my two kitties. (Kiki and Lucky)

**School Hours/Morning Routine:** Drop-off will be VERY different this year. A video is being made to help show new students and parents what drop off will look like. All drop offs will be in our classroom this year. One parent is allowed to walk into the building with their child. Parents will not be allowed in classrooms this year, so all goodbyes will take place in the hallway. (Please note- Drop offs will have to be as quick as possible to insure a scheduled drop off for all families. This way we can all remain socially distant as well)

\*Lunch Orders will need to be given to the teacher at the door during drop off.

Once your child enters the Early Ed hallway they will find their cubby and place their lunch box in the lunch box bin. (New this year! We will move all lunch boxes to the refrigerator in the kitchen) After that they will pick a morning greeting, find their table for the week, and what center they will start at. Once they enter the classroom they will (use the bathroom if needed) wash their hands, find their chair and start their morning work binder. After they finish their morning work binder they will move to their first center of the day.

\*\*I made a video of a child doing this and will post it on my website and in SeeSaw. I will also post our morning greeting choices and what is in the morning work binder.



There will be 4 centers that students will rotate through after finishing morning work. Students will stay in this center until switch time. I will ring a bell and tell students when to switch centers. Students will use hand sanitizer or wash hands before changing centers.

We strongly encourage you to have your child here during your drop off time to help with the staggered drop off procedures. If your child is not going to be in school for some reason please call the front office or send an email beforehand.

**Communication:** I work very hard to keep you updated on your children! There are many ways I try to keep the lines of communication open.

- This year because of our new drop off policy we will not be able to have check ins during pick up and drop off. If you'd like to have a check in about something please set up an appointment with you! (Happy to chat via phone or zoom)
  - In years prior we used some different apps for parent communication. We tried Bloomz and The Classtag app. This year we are going to try something new called **Seesaw**. Please download the app! Once I get it set up for my new class I will share the information with you. (This app will also help in the event that we have to transition to distant learning)
    - I have a website! Here is the link- <https://sandyhango.weebly.com/> I'll include any important reminders and classroom information on the website. It will be the most up-to-date place to find information about the going on in our class.
    - There will occasionally be information posted up on our Parent Connection Board, located in the hallway. Our classroom wish list will also be posted there.
    - Formal conferences will be scheduled in November.
- I check my email often! [shango@cksvt.org](mailto:shango@cksvt.org) is usually the best way to reach me! If you are going to be late or out, please try to let me know via email! This goes for school lunch as well! Our count needs to be in by 8:30 so if you are running late please email me that your child will be having school lunch.



**Curriculum:** The Early Education team has created a Common Core aligned curriculum. It aligns with the expectations of the Common Core that begins in Kindergarten. Attached please find a breakdown of many of the standards we will be focusing on. In addition to the academic piece, the Bridge class also places an emphasis on independence and self-help skills.

**School Uniforms:** We wear the CKS uniform in the Bridge class! This is the CKS polo shirt, sweater or sweatshirt with khaki pants, skirts or shorts or the jumper option for girls.

Appropriate footwear includes sneakers or dress shoes –

- Crocs, flip-flops and any other open backed shoes are not a part of the dress code.
- Also, in the Bridge Class we ask that your child wear shoes he or she can put on themselves. **No tie shoes please!** The school policy also states that nail polish is prohibited. Belts are not required at this age level.
- **\*\*Please note when we have P.E. your child MUST be wearing (or brings) their sneakers!**

**NEW THIS YEAR!!!!** \*We have P.E. on Mondays and Thursdays. **\*\*TOTALLY** optional for students who would like to order a gym uniform and wear it on those days.

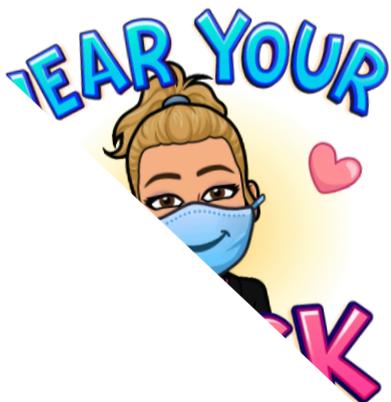
### **PE Uniform**

**Shirt:** The PE shirt is a grey moisture-wick T-shirt with red stripes on the shoulders and the cardinal logo on the front.

**Shorts/Sweats:** Students may wear any black shorts, sweats, or track pants they choose. Leggings and yoga pants are not permitted. Red or white striping is acceptable, but patterns or other decorations are not. Shorts and sweats with logos are available through Donnelly's but are not mandatory. All clothes must fit appropriately and be neither too long (extending more than approximately one inch below the knee), nor too short (shorter than the student's longest finger when arms are straight at their sides).

**Shoes:** Athletic shoes and socks **MUST** be worn on gym days in order to participate.

\*Students may come to school in their PE uniforms on days they have gym class.



**Extra Clothes and MASKS:** Each student should have a bag in the bottom of their cubby containing an extra set of clothing for school. This should include a pair of pants, socks and underpants.

**\*\*New this year, 3 extra masks to be kept at school.**

It certainly helps these things return home if they are labeled! At this age, we do tend to use the spares fairly often so occasionally check to be sure your bag remains full throughout the year and replace items when needed!

**Food From Home-** As per government regulations, all perishable food needs to be kept in a refrigerator. This year we will keep ALL lunch boxes in the refrigerator in the kitchen. Please make sure your child's lunch box is labeled! Students (parents and guardians) are responsible for putting the lunch box in the lunch box bin EACH morning. A staff member will move all lunch boxes to the kitchen and bring them back to the classroom for snack and lunch time. At the end of day a staff member will make sure lunch boxes are back in cubbies before dismissal.

**Snack:** Each student should bring their own nutritious snack (ie. fruit, veggies, yogurt, crackers and cheese) in a lunch box each day. More options are better, especially if children are going to after care. Please put lunch boxes in the blue bin in the hallway each morning. Please do not send in candy!

**Lunch:** Is at 12:00. Anyone leaving at 12:00 will not need lunch. School lunch will cost \$3.50 and this year we will not be doing HOT lunch, we are only serving a brown bag lunch option this year. Check the CKS website ([cksvt.org](http://cksvt.org)) under the lunch tab to set up your account, add money to it and to see the lunch menu. If your child is getting school lunch please let us know at drop off. You can also order milk for \$0.50.



**Rest Time:** Rest time occurs in the afternoon after recess and lunch. The children take turns using the restroom and will set up their own bed rolls. If they finish before all their friends have used the restroom they may sit on their mat with a book. Each child is allowed one small stuffed animal from home. No toys please!!

**Intake Conferences:** Will be held at the start of the school year! This year we will be doing ZOOM conferences, September 8th-10th. These are half days for our early ed students. Zoom meetings will be held from 12:30 – 2:30 in 15 minutes increments. These conferences are an opportunity for you to tell me about your child and I can answer any questions you may have! Again, the more formal, assessment based conferences will occur in November after I have had a chance to observe your children.

*Most importantly, please know that my door is open. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have as time rolls on. I look forward to a fabulous year with you and your children!*