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### All About the Teacher 2024-2025

My name is Mrs. Caitlin Kornoely and I am so excited to be your teacher this year! I am looking forward to a year full of learning, fun, and adventures. I can not wait to learn all about you, but first I'll tell you a little about me and our classroom.

I am a 2012 graduate of Grand Valley State University. The 2024-2025 school year will be my twelfth year of teaching. I've taught seven years of fourth grade, four years of kindergarten, and one year in a fourth/fifth split classroom. I reside in Dorr, Michigan with my husband, Josh, five year old daughter Kelsey, and two year old daughter Natalie. I am an animal lover at heart and have a dog, Ziggy, and three cats, Spazzy, Penny and Coconut. When I am not in the classroom, I enjoy being outdoors, riding my bike, sewing, baking, and spending time with my family and friends. I am currently earning my Masters of Education in School Counseling and look forward to applying my newfound knowledge in the classroom this year.

Now that you know about me, here's what you need to know about our classroom. There is so much I am looking forward to teaching you this year! We will be taking a hands-on, real-life approach to learning our district approved curriculum in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. We will be focusing on the following priority standards throughout the year, as well as our other Common Core State Standards.

<u>English Language Arts</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>
Identify letter names.	Add and subtract within ten.
Identify letter sounds.	Make groups of ten.
Blending sounds (verbally, orally, and written).	Compose and decompose numbers 11-19.
Write a sentence correctly (capitals, spacing, end marks, etc.).	Name 2D and shapes.
Write to tell a story or teach something.	Count to 100

Parents are a vital part of any child's education. I realize that you know more about your child than anyone else, so I ask that you contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns for me. Feel free to call me at school ((269) 793-7286 ext: 4100) or email me anytime at [caitkorn@hpsvikings.org](mailto:caitkorn@hpsvikings.org). If I don't answer, please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. When trying to reach me at school, please keep in mind that I will be working with students and may not be able to answer the phone. Therefore, it will be best to reach me from between 7:00am--8:00am and between 3:00pm--4:00pm if you are contacting me by phone.

**You have your first homework assignment:**

Please email me the following information to [caitkorn@hpsvikings.org](mailto:caitkorn@hpsvikings.org)

Your child's name

Your name

Your preferred email address

Any name and email address you would like included in my weekly email updates (please include both parents emails if applicable)

Anything you would like me to know about your child prior to the school year starting.

**Please remember to send your student to school with the following items on the first day of school:**

- ★ Back to school packet from HES (emergency card, field trip release form, technology use form, parent/school compact, free/reduced meal application) **\*Please complete/return the free/reduced meal application even if you do not plan to use it as it helps with school funding and can only benefit your family\***
- ★ Backpack with your student's name written on it in permanent marker.
- ★ School supplies they feel they may need (see school supplies section for more information)
- ★ **Please label your students personal items** so that they do not get mixed up with other students' belongings.

Please review the following notes and procedures so that we can start this school year off right!



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### A Word About Homework

Students will not have weekly homework. If your student is behind academically, I will send home various items for you and your child to practice at home.

### Field Trips

There is always the possibility of field trips and I will keep you updated on all of these dates and times as soon as we have them. Remember all chaperones **must fill out and return a background check** if they wish to attend any of these field trips with us. All background checks need to be completed at [www.hpsvikings.org](http://www.hpsvikings.org) (select "family resources" in the top right of the toolbar and scroll down to "volunteer background check").

### Classroom Supplies

All classroom supplies brought in by families are used as "community" supplies (pencils, markers, glue sticks, etc.). If your student brings in an item that is specific to them and their needs, then please label it and it will be for their use only. Please see my wish list to see items our classroom utilizes frequently and is in need of.

### Classroom Communication/Class Dojo

Communication is key in your child's educational journey. My preferred methods of communication are via email, and Class Dojo (as they cause less interruptions if taking place during the day). To best communicate with you about our classroom and your child, I will send home weekly newsletters (hard copy, and digital copy), as well as weekly email updates on upcoming events.

I utilize Class Dojo regularly as a behavior management tool but also for communicating with families, sharing classroom happenings, and using it as a safe platform for sharing pictures with families about what we are learning. You can join our Class Dojo by going to [www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com), selecting "sign up" and "parent" to create an account. A paper invitation with a class code will also be sent home with your student on the first day of school.

### Snacks

Student **snacks are not provided** by the school. Students are responsible each day for bringing their own snacks from home. If you can not provide a snack for your student, please send a note or email to Mrs. Kornoely.

### Birthdays/Holidays

If you wish to send in a birthday treat with your student you may. Please ensure that you send in enough treats for each student to have one.

We will celebrate Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day with classroom parties. Please look for updates in the classroom newsletter/email/Class Dojo to stay up to date on classroom parties/events.

### Visitors/Volunteers in the Building

Just a friendly reminder that all non-HPS employees and visitors must enter the building through the front office. Upon entering the office you will be asked to sign in and will receive a visitor's badge indicating that you have signed in at the office. If you wish to volunteer in our classroom, please let me know the dates and times you are available. **We would love to have you in our classroom!**

### School Supplies

Please send in the following items with your student on the first day of school.

- ★ Gym Shoes—**these will stay at school.** Preferably slightly big so that they will last your student all year.
- ★ Backpack—please label with your student's name.
- ★ Lunchbox—only if your student is bringing a cold lunch (please label with your student's name)
- ★ One 2-pocket folder to use as a "Communication Folder" (I'd suggest a "Five Star" plastic folder for durability purposes)
- ★ One 12 count package of #2 pencils
- ★ One 6 count package of glue sticks
- ★ At least two dry erase markers

### Mrs. Kornoely's Wish List

As mentioned, in the beginning of the year HPS or myself provides students with the necessary items to have a successful school year. Oftentimes though, these items begin to run low or run out part way through the year. If you are able, please consider donating the following supplies to our classroom to help us stay stocked up.

- ★ #2 Pencils (preferably Ticonderoga...they sharpen best and last the longest)
- ★ Dry Erase Markers
- ★ Kleenex
- ★ Hand Sanitizer
- ★ Sanitizing Wipes
- ★ Sandwich Ziploc Bags
- ★ Gallon Ziploc Bags
- ★ Extra snacks--students forget them and it is nice to offer them to those in need
- ★ Misc. Items – special requests for donations will appear in the weekly newsletter/email as needed.

**\*\*\*\*\*THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED\*\*\*\*\***

