

August 27th, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! The fall is always my favorite season as I prepare for a new school year. I am so excited for a new year and my third year at Bark River Harris schools. I would first like to introduce myself. My name is Mrs. Allison Rae. This is my eight year teaching; my experience includes both general and special education. I grew up in Escanaba and went to college downstate at Grand Valley State University. My husband Jeff, two children and I live in Escanaba.



I am thrilled to be spending this school year with your children here at BR-H schools. I love working in a Resource Room, and look forward to working with you to support your child this school year. While we have common goals in our classroom, the instruction and activities used for each of the students is based upon their Individual Education Plan. I will use a variety of activities and teaching styles to best meet each child's individual needs and learning styles. We will have a lot of fun and work very hard to achieve academic growth this school year!

### CLASSROOM RULES

In my class, we follow the **BRH rules - Be Safe, Be Respectful and Responsible, Be Honest**. Attached is a sheet with our basic class expectations and procedures for you to review with your child. Students can earn Class DOJO points for positive behaviors. At the end of each month, students will have the opportunity to "shop" at my store with points they accumulate throughout the month. Parents, a sheet with the Class DOJO information was in student's red Resource Room folder. Please go to the site and enter the provided code along with your name and email. This will allow you to view your child's report for Class DOJO. Please sign the bottom portion of that sheet and return it to school with your child.

### FRIDAY FOLDERS

Since I only spend a portion of each day with your child, I will be sending home a weekly folder to stay in contact with you. Your child will bring home a folder every Friday. This will contain graded work, along with any papers that need to be returned to Mrs. Rae. Please go through your child's folder, sign and return it each

week. Your child will get 5 class DOJO points for returning their folder. This is an important tool for me to keep in contact with you about what your child is working on in my classroom.

## HOMEWORK

There are some assignments that a student does not have time to complete in class or needs additional practice on. If your child brings something home, there will be a due date on the top of the assignment. Thank you for your support at home in helping your child complete and return homework on time. It makes all the difference in your child's success.

Here is a copy of the Bark River-Harris School's Grading Scale.

100% A+	99-94% A	93-90% A-
89-87% B+	86-84% B	83-80% B-
79-77% C+	76-74% C	73-70% C-
69-67% D+	66-64% D	63-60% D-
59-0% E		

I look forward to partnering closely with you to assure your child's success this year. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me. I have an open door policy and respond to emails daily. I look forward to getting to know you better and sharing in this exciting school year with your children!!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Allison Rae

Resource Room Teacher

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## OUR CLASS EXPECTATIONS

1. We raise our hands to speak and listen when others are talking.
2. We follow directions the first time they are given.
3. We show respect to ourselves, our peers and our teachers.
4. We keep hands, feet, and objects to ourselves.
5. We always do our best.

If I choose to follow the expectations, I can earn the following... smiles, praise, notes or calls home, DOJO points, rewards, etc...

If I choose to not follow the expectations, I will have the following consequences:

1st time – a verbal reminder or warning

2<sup>nd</sup> time – Loss of 1 DOJO point

3<sup>rd</sup> time – Teacher conference, loss of 2 DOJO points

4<sup>th</sup> time – Parent contact if needed. Loss of recess, plus 3 DOJO points

Parents,

Please review this with your child and sign it below. I would like this bottom portion returned to school. Thank you for your time.

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I agree to follow the class rules and do my best in school.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_