



CATHERINE T. REED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Catherine T. Reed Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We are excited for a great school year and look forward to a continued commitment to student achievement. This year, we will focusing on Reading and Writing across all grade levels this year.

Our school theme this year is: Mission Possible!

We will host an orientation for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and an Open House for ALL new students on Monday, August 25 from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM. During this time, parents will have a brief introduction to Catherine T. Reed, our routines, curricular programs, and academic expectations. Also, we invite all new students to sneak a peek into their classrooms, drop off their supplies, and say hello to their new teachers. You are strongly encouraged to attend this as parents will not be allowed to walk students to their classes on the first day of school.

Please note that Back to School night will be in person on **Sept 25, 2025 @ 6:30pm**

The first day of school will be Tuesday, Aug 26.

School doors open at 9:15, students should not be dropped off earlier than 9:15 as there will be no adults on duty.

Catherine T. Reed's official school hours are from 9:30 AM to 3:40 PM. Students can enter the building starting at 9:15 AM. Instruction will begin at 9:30.

Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st and (2nd grade students first week only) will meet their teacher in the cafeteria daily. The 3rd- 5th grade students will have their class assignments posted on the wall and will be directed to their classrooms by a staff member. Students who are part of our CRI and Autism Extension program will enter through the back loop closest to their classrooms. Teachers will meet the parents and students at that door.

Normally, our car riders will be called at 3:25 and buses will be called for dismissal at 3:35. As usual we will begin calling car riders earlier for the first week of school at 3:15. Please expect bus delays. We will post a classdojo message when each bus has been released. If an adult is not at the bus stop to receive students in Pre-K - 2nd grade those students will be returned to school to await parent pick up.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST: Can be found on the School Website, and a copy can be picked up from the main office.

MEDICAL NEEDS: Here is a link to medical forms that must to be submitted to the school nurse should medication need to be dispensed to your child during the school day. Hard copies can be obtained from the school as well upon request.

<https://www.pgcps.org/offices/school-health/health-forms-for-parents-and-prescribers>

Students are not allowed to keep any medication on their person at anytime. Should you have questions, please contact one of our school nurses: Nurse Cynthia or Nurse Helen @ 301-918-8716.

Please note the uniform policy: .

Allowed	Not Allowed
<p>Tops <i>Blue polo shirts</i></p> <p>Bottoms <i>Khaki pants, shorts, dresses, skorts or skirts</i></p> <p>Shoes <i>Tennis shoes or dress shoes</i></p> <p>Socks or Tights <i>Blue, black, skin toned or white</i></p> <p>Sweaters <i>Blue or white only no hoods</i></p>	<p><i>No boots - If used for (snow/ rain) school shoes should be brought to change into.</i></p> <p><i>No slides should be worn</i></p> <p><i>No crocs should be worn</i></p> <p><i>No hoodies or colored sweatshirts</i></p> <p><i>No hats or bandanas</i></p> <p><i>No colorful patterned tights or leggings should be worn</i></p> <p><i>*Shoes must be safe and enclose the entire foot. Shoes may not expose students to safety hazards or impede a student from moving quickly during an evacuation of the building.</i></p>

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☰ HANDBOOK: Catherine T. Reed - Student/ Parent Handbook 2025-2026

Respectfully,
Tamika Parran, Principal