



Welcome to
Kindergarten!
2025-2026
When we learn, we grow!



I am Haylee Cobbs, and this will be my 1st year teaching! I have been at Sam Houston for the past two and a half years at Extended School Day as the Lead Instructor. I graduated from the University of North Texas with two bachelors degrees.

Please ask questions. Phone: (940) 369-2900. My email address is hcobbs@dentonisd.org. Check my webpage for more information. Go to: Dentonisd.org, then click Schools, Houston, Staff, Cobbs.

Dress for Success: Please label everything. *Our school nurse has asked that each child has a complete change of clothes* in case of accidents that can be kept in their cubby or backpack.

Lunch: 10:50am-11:15am Your child may bring lunch each day or buy lunch in the cafeteria. You can find information on the Child Nutrition page on the district website.

Snacks: Please send an **individual** snack with your child each day. Have your child place his or her snack in a place other than his or her lunch box. Ideas: fruit, pretzels, granola bars, fruit roll-ups, goldfish, animal crackers, etc. Your child can bring a labeled reusable water bottle with them to have at snack time or after recess. We have a bathroom, sink and water fountain in the room. **Please send water only for snack time, because other drinks create a sticky mess if spilled.**

Medication: Please check the student handbook or contact our school nurse regarding the procedure to dispense medication.

Dismissal changes: IMPORTANT! You must notify the teacher in writing if you change your child's regular transportation arrangement. Do not send your child to school with a verbal message. Your child will not be released until we have confirmed the change. This delays the buses/daycare vans. Please call the office in case of last-minute changes.

School Attendance/Absences: Your child's regular and prompt attendance at school is crucial to a successful experience. Please, view school as a priority, and see to it that your child attends school every day except in cases of illness or emergency. Please call the office if your child will be absent. Upload absence information: [Submit Absence Notes](#)

Birthdays: Birthdays are special to everyone! Each month we will celebrate all the birthdays that month with a special treat that I will provide. Or you and your child can send a special snack. Please **do not** send cupcakes, unless they are the small ones.

Spirit Day: Spirit Day is each Friday. Children may show their spirit by wearing their Sam Houston t-shirts or something that is red or blue.

Read Each Night: Please listen to your child read at least 20 minutes each night. Read to your child. The public library is a great resource for books.

I am excited to begin this year's learning adventure with you and your child!

Sincerely,

Haylee Cobbs

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Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A" reads 20 minutes each day	Student "B" reads 5 minutes each day	Student "C" reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)