

Dear parents,

My name is Mrs. Alba Lopez. I am a Spanish and Art teacher and I will be working at the Bethesda Child Development Center in the before and after school program children. Our goal for your child, while they are attending the before or after school programs at Townsend Elementary School, is a positive and friendly environment. Your child will be introduced to a new set of rules and expectations to learn and follow while under our care.

In our program, we have set expectations for your child including being a good friend, following rules, and listening to the teachers; which we will teach and talk about in the beginning of the school year. If your child doesn't comply with these expectations, they will be asked to "sit and watch" away from the activities where they can think about a better choice they could have made and then talk about it with the teacher. If your child's offense is reoccurring, the next step is a behavior journal. Your child will be asked to write about the situation and how they should handle the same situation is it happens again. The third and final step, if your child's offense happens again, will be an office referral. For further understanding of our Positive Behavior Management plan please refer to your Parent Handbook.

When your child is caught being a SUPER friend or has a SUPER day with us, we will let them choose a prize from our prize box. When your child is caught doing something SUPER-DUPER, we will give them a pom-pom to add to our "pom-pom jar". Once the jar is filled we will get to have a party!!! Our goal is to have at least one party this year in both the before and after school programs!

We have also incorporated the Acres of Adventure curriculum and STEM activities to enhance the children's program time. We will be expanding on these teacher directed activities to create an exciting, creative and educational opportunity for your child.

We are looking forward to another great year with your child!

Señora Lopez

