

May 2024

Hello and welcome!

My name is Mrs. Rachel Johnson and I am very, very excited to be your child's teacher! My wonderful assistant is Mrs. Laura Lee. We are dedicated to working with you and your child to make school a successful, happy learning experience. I am devoted to using the Montessori philosophy and my experience with the best teaching practices to help your child develop academic, social, and creative talents. We are thrilled to work at such an outstanding and unique school and together in partnership with you, we will help your child reach their full potential!

I was born and raised in Columbia. I attended Richland County School District One schools from elementary to high school. I received my Bachelors of Science from College of Charleston and my masters from Lander University. I have been National Board Certified for 15 years. Last year I began to work as an adjunct professor for Lander University supervising Montessori teachers as they teach and complete field work. I became a part of the Brockman family in the fall of 2008 and have enjoyed being part of this special school ever since! I am married (Dan) and we have our own Brockman Bear (Raven) who will also begin lower elementary in the fall. My hobbies include traveling, lifting weights, learning Spanish, playing piano, and reading—I love reading! Two of my favorite things are coffee and curling up with a great book! We are animal people and have two cats.

Mrs. Laura Lee was born and raised in Miami, Florida and has resided in Columbia for the past 32 years. She is married (Ricky) and together they have one son (Chase) who is graduating from College of Charleston and will begin his MBA in the fall at the Darla Moore School of Business. She has a bachelors in Elementary Education from Old Dominion University. She was the lead teacher at Shandon Weekday School for 24 years and an assistant at Meadowfield Elementary for 5 years prior to coming to Brockman. Mrs. Lee loves animals and has one cat named Hank. Mrs. Lee is starting her third year at Brockman Elementary School in the fall! Her hobbies include traveling, reading, and dinner parties with her friends and family.

Please contact me via email and say hello! I would love it if you would tell me about your child and your family. Please include in your first email any parent/guardian email addresses that would benefit from receiving emailed communication from me during the school year. I am easily reached at rachel.johnson@richlandone.org please add my email address to your contact list so you will receive updates and notes from me. You will also be invited to join us on Class Dojo an app where you will receive pictures, messages, and updates from us throughout the year.

We look forward to meeting all of our new Bears and seeing our returning Bears! Have a great summer!

Thank you,

Rachel Johnson & Laura Lee

Supply list for Mrs. Johnson's Class 2024 - 2025

Brockman Elementary School

NOTE: Please **DO NOT** label with a name unless specified! Thanks!!!



ALL STUDENTS:

- 1 pencil box with **regular** and/or **mechanical** pencils to bring to and from school daily:
 - Child is responsible for sharpening and/or replacing lead at home prior to class.
 - Regular pencils are recommended for all **1st level students**.
 - ALL** pencils must be labeled with the student's name & last initial.
 - Students should have 3-5 pencils prepared for daily use.
 - 1 small personal pencil sharpener (if using pencils that need to be sharpened)
 - 1 pack of colored pencils (Twistables are recommended but not required)
 - 1 pair of scissors (labeled with your child's name in permanent marker)
 - 2 glue sticks (labeled with your child's name in permanent marker)
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 2 cans of disinfecting wipes
- 1 medium sized framed family photo (will be returned at the end of the school year)
- headphones (wired)
- Book bag: **Fill your book bag with all the above listed items (pencils, Twistables, scissors, sharpener, headphones, glue sticks, etc! Do not drop off your book bag or pencil box on supplies drop off day! Those essential items stay in your book bag, in your pencil box labeled with your first name and last initial until school begins, thanks! Please drop off Kleenex, disinfecting wipes, paper towels, and family photo at Back to School Rally with the items by level below...**

At Back-To-School Rally please bring the following according to your child's grade level:

First Level

- 1 blue plastic pocket folder with 3 fasteners (post it inside w/name)
- 2 boxes of Band-Aids

Second Level

- 1 yellow plastic pocket folder with 3 fasteners (post it inside w/name)
- 2 rolls of paper towels (select-a-size)

Third Level

- 1 red plastic pocket folder with 3 fasteners (post it inside w/name)
- 1 box of gallon sized bags

Parents

- 1 email to rachel.johnson@richlandone.org telling me about your student and your family. Within the body of the email, please provide:
 - all necessary parent/guardian email contacts so I can update my listserv.
 - information regarding your child's exact dismissal procedures
 - car, bus (with number), day care(the name), walker, etc.
- Please join ClassDojo when you receive email notification.
- Update any changes to your address, phone numbers, or emails with Mrs. Huf in the front office.

Wish list on Amazon

- Please scan the QR code to our Amazon Wish List to shop for any items you wish to donate:

