Important Fieldtrip/Outdoor Learning Guidelines

1. Mark fieldtrips on your calendar or post them on your refrigerator as soon as you get the fieldtrip notice trip. This will help you and your child remember when a waste-free lunch is required. Pay special attention to times as we often leave early or return late.

2. Expect your child to be outside every day. Recesses can be up to 25 minutes long. Please help your child to dress appropriately since recesses, fieldtrips and outdoor learning are rarely canceled due to weather. Your child MUST have hats, mittens, boots, snow pants, etc. EVERY DAY!

3. Please return fieldtrip permission slips as soon as possible or by the day prior to the field trip. If your child has not returned the fieldtrip permission slip by the morning of the fieldtrip they may need to stay back and will do work at school.

4. Your child’s effort, attitude, participation and behavior on fieldtrips and during outdoor learning will be graded.

5. Please be flexible. Sometimes really amazing field opportunities pop up at the last minute and since we are a charter school we pride ourselves on being able to take advantage of these situations to the learning benefit of your child.

6. If you would like to be a chaperone, and we very much encourage you to do so, please fill out and return a Criminal Background Check Form (required by the district and must be renewed every 5 years). These forms are available in the Jefferson office.

7. Due to severe space limitations chaperones are unable to ride the bus on fieldtrips and must drive separately (although we encourage you to carpool with other chaperones). In the event that 2 buses are ordered for the trip then chaperones may ride on the bus.

8. Unless your child is ill and must stay home fieldtrips are required. If for some reason other than illness your child cannot attend a fieldtrip they must still report to school and work on teacher-prepared independent work under the supervision of Jefferson staff. Students are responsible for all materials covered during field experiences.

9. All students must ride on the bus to and from all fieldtrips even if their parent is chaperoning. Exceptions include medical emergencies and severe extenuating circumstances that are pre-approved by both your child’s teacher and the principal.