

## Sherwood Elementary School - Smart Lab

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The smartlab is a classroom with its own unique identity. Advanced technology, hands on projects, and collaboration with others are just a few of the things you will enjoy. In the smartlab, you will have lots of learning opportunities to choose from. You will be able to explore projects that are interesting and challenging for you. **Remember with every privilege comes a big responsibility.**

In the smart lab we learn by doing hands on projects. In each smartlab project you will use technology and other tools to achieve an objective. Most Smartlab projects are guided by learning launchers. In the smart lab we have two different types of challenges; they are called Express and Lift off challenges. Some challenges will be completed as a whole class, while others will be completed with a partner.

### **Facilitator:**

In the smartlab you are responsible for you own learning. Your teacher is called a facilitator. That is because they facilitate or help you learn - not teach you everything you need to know.

### **Three before me:**

In many classes, when you have a question you raise your hand, and ask your teacher for help. In our smartlab we will use a practice called **Three Before Me**, this means you should try to solve the problem three different ways before you ask the facilitator for help. This may be done through using the Internet for help or asking a partner.

### **Working in Pairs:**

You will work in pairs for most of your Smartlab projects. Working in pairs means you can use the ideas and skills of both team members. It also comes with the responsibility to collaborate.

## Student Expectations:

Rather than using rules in the smartlab we practice behaviors and actions that make us successful. Four important behaviors to follow in the smartlab are:

### Show Respect:

- Always show RESPECT for yourself, your partner, classmates, and every part of your school
- Keep yourself and your work organized and as neat as possible
- Take good care of all school equipment and property

### Teamwork:

- Consider all team members ideas
- Use group work voices (a loud whisper)
- Manage your time wisely
- Help others who may seem off track reach their end goal

### Focus on the Task:

- Always do your BEST work
- DO NOT give up
- Utilize all of your resources (e.g. digital & print media, technology, & people)
- Remember that you have deadlines

### Be a Lifelong Learner:

- WHAT you are learning is not as important as THAT you are learning
- Keep exploring and challenging yourself

## Consequences:

- Ms. Allen will provide a warning to students who do not follow student expectations.
- Phone call home
- Temporary loss of Smart Lab privileges