Dear Families,

We hope that your summer has been filled with fun and relaxation. Kindergarten is just around the corner and you and your child are about to encounter another important milestone. This is an exciting time for your family, and we are so happy to be a part of this experience for your child.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child. Our classrooms are bright and cheerful places for your child to explore, learn, and grow. We cherish the opportunity to be part of your child’s school experience.

Here are a few helpful hints:

- Please **label ALL belongings**, including backpacks, clothing, and lunch boxes.
- **Please be sure that your child has a backpack** (book bag) to carry lunch, notices, and a folder. (We will provide the folder.) Please be sure it is labeled with your child’s name.
- **We will have snack everyday. Please send in a healthy snack** (fresh fruit, vegetables, pretzels, yogurt, cheese and crackers, bagel etc.) **everyday.** If you send your child with a yogurt or a fruit cup, **please send a spoon along too.**
- **If your child will be purchasing lunch the cost will be $2.75.** The lunch includes milk or juice. You can purchase using the MySchoolBucks.com program.
- **Please fill out the dismissal plan available on the website at www.easthamptonschools.org under the elementary school “Going Home Plans”** to let us know your child’s dismissal procedure. Please fill out before the first day of school. (Please review with your child his/her dismissal procedures including bus number and stop, if appropriate. This will help your child feel more comfortable.) **If there is a change to your child’s usual dismissal plan, the school requires you to complete the change of going home plans on the website by 2:00pm.**
- **Please send in an extra set of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear, socks) in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child’s name.** We will use these clothes in case of an accident or a spill. Please send clothes that will work for fall, winter, or spring weather. The clothes will be stored in our classrooms.
- **Our school day begins at 8:30 a.m.** Please be sure your child arrives to school on time, as it makes for a smooth transition into our day.
● Students will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

We have air conditioning in our classroom, so you may want to pack a sweater or sweatshirt in your child’s backpack just in case he/she gets chilly. Recess and PE will take place daily, so sneakers and other rubber-soled shoes are great for playing and running.

At John Marshall, we are fortunate to have the materials your child needs provided by the district. **You will not need to purchase any materials.** However, we know how exciting school shopping can be, so you may want to buy the following items **to keep at home** and use while completing homework or school projects:

* a box of crayons
* pencils and erasers
* scissors
* glue
* ruler
* markers (optional)

We look forward to getting to know both you and your child this year. We can’t wait to work with you to ensure that your child’s Kindergarten year is the BEST! Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

_The Kindergarten Team_

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