

The ABC's
of
Kindergarten!

Mrs. Stamp's Class Handbook
2007-2008



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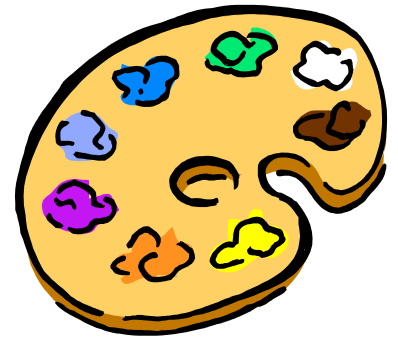
Absentee Line and Absent Notes

Of course we want your child to be present each and every day at school! But, in the event that your child will be absent from school, we ask that you call the **Absentee Line at 703-794-9421**. A note explaining the reason for the absence must be brought to school upon his/her return. The office requires this note or your child will be marked as “unexcused” absence.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Art Class

We have Art class on Day 2. We will have an additional Art class on Day 5 during the 4th marking period. Mrs. Johnson is our Art teacher.



B

Back to School Night

Mark your calendars now for our Back to School Night! It's on Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 PM. This special event will provide you with all you need to know about our Kindergarten class. Look for additional information as we get closer... hope you'll join us!

Birthdays

Birthday Treats: Birthdays are so special to our Kindergarteners!! We love to celebrate this special event. If you choose to send in a treat to share, we ask that you select a healthy treat (in support of PWC Health and Wellness

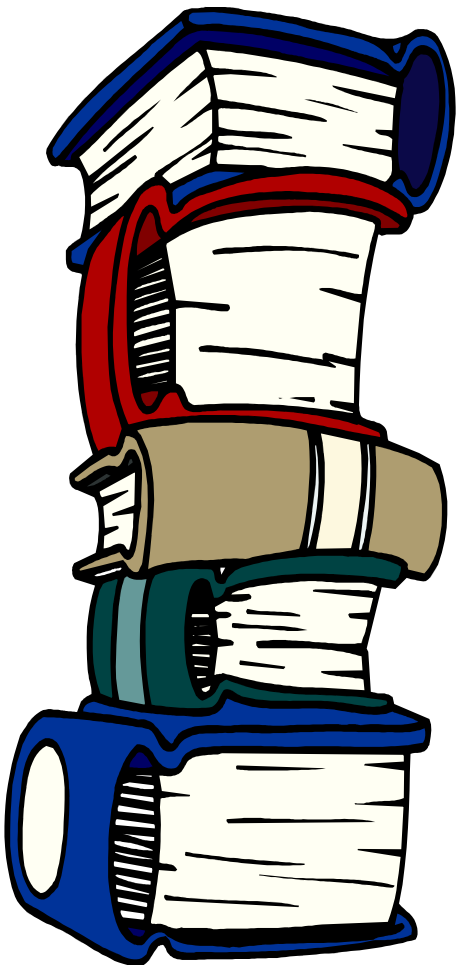


Initiative). Some suggestions are: fruit, veggies, pretzels, popcorn, goldfish, teddy grahams, granola bars, etc, or even pencils or stickers would be a good choice. Since snacks are enjoyed during our lunch time (11:55 AM—12:25 PM), please make sure the snack can be served by your kindergartener independently or with little assistance.

½ Birthdays: Some children never get a chance to celebrate their birthday at school because it falls in the summer. We never want that to happen in our class! If this is the case with your child, you can decide whether he/she would prefer to celebrate in June or on his/her ½ birthday (6 months from a birthday)! Summer birthday kids, please let me know what you decide!

Birthday Invitations: We do not want to have any hurt feelings in our school, so we are only allowing Birthday invitations to be passed out if all students in the class have been invited. Look for information about being included in a Class Directory, so you can contact individual parents to arrange smaller gatherings.

Books for Birthdays: You may also decide to participate in "Books for Birthdays". To celebrate your child's special day, consider donating a book to our school library in his/her honor... a favorite story is perfect! We will insert a special bookplate with your child's name and birthday on it, and add it to our story collection for Marshall readers to enjoy!



Book Clubs

We are participating in book and software clubs this year. Scholastic now includes Firefly book club, See-Saw book club, Lucky book club, and Click software club. The order forms will come home about once or twice a month.

- ❖ It usually takes about 2 weeks for the books to arrive. The prices are very good, and provide a good selection of quality children's literature.
- ❖ If you want to purchase a book for a gift, please write "gift" on the order. I will notify you when the book has arrived instead of sending it home with your child.

- ❖ Book clubs also help increase our classroom library. When you order, we receive “bonus points” which are used to purchase books for our classroom.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO ORDER:

ONLINE ORDERING:

- ** You can order online (so you can use your credit card)!
- ** Click on the book club icon on our class home page (or type it into your browser: <http://www.scholastic.com/parentordering>).
- ** Enter our class username (MrsStampsClass) and password (WeLoveToRead).
- ** Follow directions on the page to place your order on this secure website by the due date (books are delivered with any in-class orders to our classroom).

--OR--

IN-CLASS ORDERING:

- ** Just indicate your choices on the order form (on the back of the flyer).
- ** Total the order and pay by check (made out to Scholastic) and place order form and check in an envelope with your child's name on it.
- ** Return envelope to Mrs. Stamp by the due date. Books are delivered to our classroom.

School-Wide Bullying Rules

This year our school has adopted four rules against bullying. Every class at Marshall Elementary has these bullying rules posted on the classroom wall:

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| 1. We will not bully others. |
| 2. We will try to help students who are being bullied. |
| 3. We will include students who are easily left out. |
| 4. When we know somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home. |



C

Classroom Economy

The students will be able to earn money as part of a Classroom Economy in our room. Every day your child has a great, “green” day, he/she will earn one penny. The students will collect this money in their “piggy bank” and watch their good behavior pay off! Not only will our Classroom Economy reinforce good choices, it will also allow us to practice adding pennies (and eventually trade for nickels, dimes, and quarters!).

Class Store: The children will have a chance to spend their money at our class store. *This is where we need your help!* We would like to ask for donations of new or gently loved items for our store. These may include: dollar store items, “happy meal toys”, books, toys, stickers, pencils, etc. Please send in anything you think the children would enjoy. We would appreciate your contributions at anytime during the school year! ☺



Communication Card

This card is kept in the Bird’s Nest zipper pocket of the EAGLE Notebook. Flip the Communication Card to the side with the stickers when you have written a note in the Home-School Correspondence Log. That way I’ll know to look for a note in your child’s EAGLE Notebook! If you notice that I have flipped the card, you’ll know that I have written to you. Thanks! ☺



Computer Lab

As you can probably already tell, I LOVE technology! Hopefully, by the end of the year, your child will too!! We will go to the Computer Lab on Day 3 (weeks 1 and 3) to learn more about technology and to work on special projects. Mrs. Phillips is our Instructional Technologist.

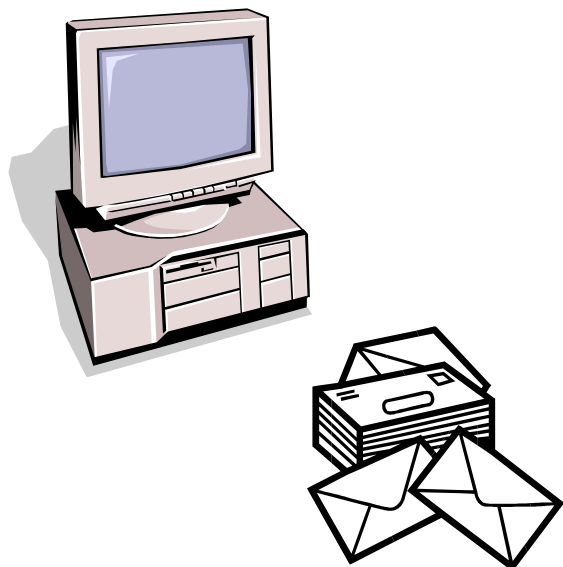
Conferences

Please contact me any time you wish to discuss your child's progress. We can communicate through e-mail, telephone call, note in the EAGLE Notebook, or an in-person conference. The division-wide conference dates are listed below, or we can set up a conference whenever the need arises.

- ❖ Tuesday, November 6, 2007 (No School for Students)—Sign up at Back to School Night.
- ❖ Tuesday, January 22, 2008 (Early Dismissal for Students)

Contact Information

Here is my contact information. Email is by far the quickest way to contact me as I check it before and after school, and usually during my lunchtime and/or planning period. I will try to reply as soon as possible. You can also write me a message in your child's EAGLE notebook (and flip the Communication Card so I know to look for it.) or call the school and ask to leave a message. I have also included this information on business cards for you (Feel free to put them in your wallet or purse for handy reference).



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Counselors

Our School Counselors are Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. Chmelko. They will be visiting our classroom a few times a year to help us learn to make good choices and be excellent friends. They are always available to talk if a student has something bothering him/her.

D

Discipline

We use classroom frogs for our discipline plan (if needed). The children stay on the “green lily pad” as long as each student makes good choices throughout the day. Students who have not made good choices move to yellow. Students who continue to make poor choices, move their frog to red. This behavior is noted in the EAGLE Notebook daily. I will also add a note of explanation to any yellow or red faces. I ask that you initial every night in the box next to the smiley, straight, or frowny face indicating student behavior. This way, you are always kept up-to-date of your child’s class behavior. Our Classroom Economy is tied into our frogs (see Classroom Economy for additional details).

E

E.A.G.L.E. Notebooks (Everything A Great Learner (needs) Everyday)

Our class is using EAGLE Notebooks to keep us ultra-organized! Our EAGLE Notebooks hold *everything* students and parents need to keep informed of class and school events and information!

No more lost notes, lost lunch money or lost book orders! Gone are the days of searching the house for a paper to write the teacher a note! Everything is right here in one binder!!

The binder includes many important parts:

1. Bird's Nest: Use this pouch for keeping those "golden eggs" safe including, money and office notes. (NOTE: Please put any money in an envelope or baggie first that lists your child's name, amount, and purpose for the money.)
2. Class Handbook: This Class Handbook is also a part of our EAGLE Notebook. Please do not remove it so it will always be available for quick, easy reference.
3. Lunch Menu: The School Division's monthly lunch menu will be placed in this clear, plastic page. No more searching for the day's lunch choices!
4. Nightly Reading: The Nightly Reading log and books will also be kept here. See the Homework section for additional details.
5. Agenda Pages: See below for more details about our agenda pages!
6. Home-School Correspondence Pages: Use these pages to write notes to me. Simply flip the Communication Card to the side with the stickers so I know to look for a note. Please put notes for the office (absence excuses and transportation notes) in the Bird's nest since these have to be sent directly to the office.
7. Purple Take-Home Folder: Additional information about these folders is listed below.

Students need to be responsible for the notebooks and bring them to school everyday. Please help your child by reminding him/her to bring it each day and **remember these important do's**:

1. DO take *very* good care of your EAGLE, it will be used all year.
2. DO bring your EAGLE home each afternoon and bring it back each morning.
3. DO clean out terrific student work and school flyers *every* night.
4. DO show your parents your EAGLE every evening and ask them to initial your agenda pages—they will be so proud of you!

Also remember these important don'ts:

5. DON'T eat or drink in front of your EAGLE.
6. DON'T leave your EAGLE in your car, on the bus, at home, at daycare, or at Grandma's.
7. DON'T let anyone tear any pages out of your EAGLE or borrow it.

Agenda Pages: The agenda pages included in your child's EAGLE Notebook serve a variety of purposes. It helps your kindergartener become more organized and responsible. It is also a communication tool between home and school.

◆ On the left hand side, we will write a class message, which tells one thing we learned at school that day or a reminder note for you at home. At the beginning of the year, we will use labels in this area.

◆ On the right hand side, your child's behavior will be noted:

**A *green* smiley face shows your child followed the rules and had a great day!

**If your child had some difficulty, a *yellow* straight face will be drawn in the box.

**A *red* frowny face means your child had very poor behavior, and needs significant improvement.

◆ Please initial next to the face **every day** to show me that you have seen it. Start initialing today, so that it becomes a nightly routine.



Purple Folders: The purple take-home folder is also a part of the EAGLE Notebook. It's a good idea to make a habit of looking in your child's folder each night. One pocket is for items to return RIGHT back to school and the other is for items to be LEFT at home (please remove these items every night). Discussing "glows" and "grows" with your kindergartener will help him/her improve and feel more confident!

Eagle of the Week

Each student in our class will become an Eagle of the Week! They are a special, honored student throughout their exciting week!!

Monday--Eagle of the Week poster: The Eagle will bring home an Eagle of the Week poster to create and bring on Monday. Include photos or hand-drawn pictures of important things in the Eagle's life (ex. family, pets, vacations, favorite activities, etc). It will be shared on Monday and hung outside our classroom door to share!



Tuesday--Favorite Picture Book: The Eagle may bring in a favorite picture book for Mrs. Stamp to read to the class.

Wednesday--Mystery Box: The Eagle will place an object that is special to him/her in the mystery box. Then the Eagle will write five clues to describe the objects in the box. The class will try to guess the mystery! You may also send a small treat or goodie to share with the class on Wednesday, if you wish. Please send only a healthy snack (There are some ideas under Birthday treats). There are currently 25 students in our class.

Thursday--Lunch Buddy: You are invited to join your child in the cafeteria for lunch on Thursday! Our lunch time is 11:55 AM-12:25 PM. You may also choose to invite a sibling or a favorite relative to be your child's lunch buddy. If you are unable to make it during our lunch time, please let me know ahead of time, and I will plan a special lunch for your child. (Note: I would also be happy to change the schedule for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, if you're planning on joining us for lunch and Thursday doesn't work with your schedule.)

Friday—Book of Friendship: The Eagle's classmates will create a special book especially for him/her!! This will be a special keepsake to remember a wonderful week!

Emergency Cards

It is very important that the school has an up-to-date emergency card for each child. Please return them quickly so we have all necessary information should an emergency arise. If any of the information changes during the year, please let me (and the office) know ASAP. Thanks!



F

Family Projects

Each month your child will receive a fun-filled Family Project to complete together. These activities are always geared at working together and I hope you enjoy them! Sharing of these projects is a great way for the students to practice their oral language skills as well.



Field Trips

We will be going on 2 field trips this year with the other 3 kindergarten classes. Look for permission slips and information in the EAGLE Notebook.

G

Gym

We have Gym (or P.E.) on Day 3 and Day 4. We will also have P.E. on Day 5 during the 2nd and 3rd marking period. Mrs. Arena is our P.E. teacher. Students need to wear sneakers to participate in activities. Some children find it helpful to keep an extra pair in their backpack so they won't forget.

H

Homework

The most important Homework in Kindergarten is **READING!** Research shows that there is a direct correlation between achievement and the number of minutes read independently per day. We ask that you read with your child at least 20 minutes per night (or 100 minutes a week).

Homeworkopoly: See below for details about this fun reading incentive!

Pizza Hut Book It Program: Students who read at least 400 minutes per month (or 20 minutes each night) will earn a Pizza Hut Book It coupon. This coupon is good for one **FREE** personal pan pizza!



Literacy Bags: See the Literacy Bags section for details about these special take home bags that combine literature and fun activities.

Homeworkopoly!

As an extra incentive for those children that complete their Nightly Reading each week (or at least 100 minutes per week), we will play Homeworkopoly!! Each Monday, children who completed all their Nightly Reading for the preceding week will have a chance to roll the die. They can earn rewards for passing GO and for landing on certain spots on the game board! There are even Chance and Community Lunchbox cards to add some more fun!

I

Interims

Interim reports will be sent home with your kindergartener at the mid-way point of the grading period according to the following schedule:

- ❖ October 8th 1st Grading Period- Interim Reports
- ❖ December 18th 2nd Grading Period- Interim Reports
- ❖ March 7th 3rd Grading Period- Interim Reports
- ❖ May 20th 4th Grading Period- Interim Reports

J

Journals

Writing is an essential part of our school day! We will be writing every day in Kindergarten. One place we'll be practicing our writing is in our journals. Wait until you see the progress at the end of the year!



K

Keep Updated

You can keep updated on classroom events and happenings by checking out our class website which is updated weekly. Our Newsletter—the Kinder-Garden (Watch us grow!)—will also keep you up-to-date. Always check your child’s EAGLE Notebook nightly for flyers and school newsletters as well.

L

Labeling Items

Please label your child’s backpack, lunch box, coat, hats, and gloves/mittens with his/her name. Many children have similar items and it really helps if things get lost!



Library

We will visit the library as a class every Day 4. Mrs. Siegel and Mrs. Potter are our librarians. Kindergarteners may check out 1 book at a time. We are very lucky to have an “open library” where students may return and check out books daily (during Literacy Work Stations time).

Literacy Bags

Literacy Bags have been my summer project! They are canvas bags that combine fiction and non-fiction literature as well as activities centered around a single theme. I was very fortunate to receive

an award for Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. I decided to use the award money for this special project... and I'm so excited to share it with your children! (I am still looking for some artistic volunteers who would like to help me decorate the bags! Let me know if you're interested.) Students can check out Literacy Bags on Thursdays and they are due back on Tuesdays. More details will be provided once check out begins (probably in October).

Literacy Work Stations

Literacy Work Stations (you may know them as Learning Centers) allow our Kindergarteners the opportunity to practice the skills we learn in class. We will practice reading, writing, letter sounds, etc. during this important part of our morning. While the class is working at Literacy Work Stations, I will be doing guided reading with small groups of students. This allows for focused instruction at your student's instructional reading level.

Lunch

Time: Our class goes to lunch from 11:55 AM—12:25 PM.

Cost: The price of lunch is \$2.00. If your child brings lunch from home and wishes to purchase milk, the cost is \$.50.



Lunch Account: You can add money to your child's lunch account (or check the balance) at <http://www.mylunchmoney.com> or you may wish to send in a check to add to your child's account. Just write a check out to Prince William County School Food Services (PWCFS). If you decide to pay ahead, your child does not have to eat a cafeteria lunch every day. Your child's lunch card will be deducted only on days that he/she buys lunch. Breakfast is \$1.20 and is available every morning before school.

Menu: Check our class website for the Prince William County lunch menu. Just click "What's For Lunch?" The lunch menu will also be placed in your child's EAGLE Notebook each month.

M

Math

Prince William County Schools adopted the Math Investigations program last year. This program supports the inquiry based approach to learning Mathematics. Look for more information about a Math Night where you can try out some of the activities alongside your child and learn more.

Music

We have Music on Day 1 with Mrs. Vance. We also have Music on Day 5 during the 1st grading period.

N

Newsletter—Kinder-Garden (Watch Us Grow!)

About every other week look for our class newsletter which will keep you updated on all necessary information and class happenings. Please check your child's purple take-home folder (in the EAGLE Notebook) for the news! You can also download the newsletter from our website.

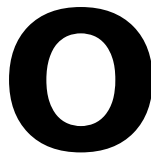


No School

Our class website lists all the scheduled days that there is no school (See the Calendar page). In the event of inclement weather, the best resource is the PWCS website: <http://www.pwcs.edu>. They offer an email or text message feature which sends an alert directly to your phone or email. You can also find out closing information from local TV and radio stations.

Notes From Home

If your child is going home by different means (ex. student who usually rides bus is riding day care van today) I need a note from you. Also, if your child is absent or tardy, a note (or phone call to the school) is required describing the reason (or your child will be marked as having an unexcused absence). If you are picking up your child early from school, please go directly to the office, and they will call your child for dismissal. I am not permitted to dismiss from our classroom. This is also the same routine for field trips and assemblies. Thank you for helping us keep your child safe!



Open House (or Back to School Night)

Open House (or Back to School Night) will take place on Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 PM. Please plan to attend!! You will get a detailed look at our year. Look for additional information as we get closer... hope you'll join us!

P

Parent Pick-Up

Regular Parent Pick-Up: If you are picking your child up on a regular basis, please notify the front office so you can receive a car pick-up number. You can come through the car lane and your child will be escorted to your car when your number is called.

Change in Pick-Up: If your child normally rides the bus but you need to pick him/her up, simply go to the office. Be ready with your identification. They will call to our room for dismissal. I am not allowed to dismiss from the classroom.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

So many of the superb activities and resources available at Marshall Elementary are a result of the cooperation between parents and teachers in the PTO! Be sure to return the PTO registration form ASAP! We are also looking for a classroom representative and alternate (who will represent our class at the monthly PTO meetings). Please let me know if you're interested. I will announce PTO meeting dates and times in our newsletter and on our website. This information is also in the Marshall school wide newsletter. Join the fun!

Principal

Mrs. Hermeling is our Principal and Mrs. Gorham is our Assistant Principal. They are frequent visitors in our classrooms since they love to see learning taking place!

Q

Quality Student and Quality Teacher

Again this year, Marshall Elementary is implementing Baldrige in Education school-wide. As a part of this program, our class brainstormed the characteristics of a quality student and quality teacher. These characteristics are in lieu of any class rules... because if students are “quality” students, they are doing what is expected!!

A Quality Student:

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| Is a good listener. |
| Helps people. |
| Uses soft voices. |
| Is nice. |
| Is responsible. |
| Walks. |



A Quality Teacher:

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| Listens carefully. |
| Watches the kids. |
| Uses soft voices. |
| Is nice. |
| Helps out. |
| Has fun! |

Quick and Quiet Hellos

A quick and quiet hello to your child when you arrive to volunteer is always welcome. This allows your child to stay focused and get right back to their learning!

R

Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home with your kindergartener every nine weeks according to the following schedule:

- ❖ November 9th 1st Grading Period- Report Cards
- ❖ January 30th 2nd Grading Period- Report Cards
- ❖ April 17th 3rd Grading Period- Report Cards
- ❖ June 13th 4th Grading Period- Report Cards

Recess

We have recess daily from 2:55 PM—3:15 PM, weather permitting. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather (please, no flip-flops). In case of inclement weather, we will have recess inside our classroom.



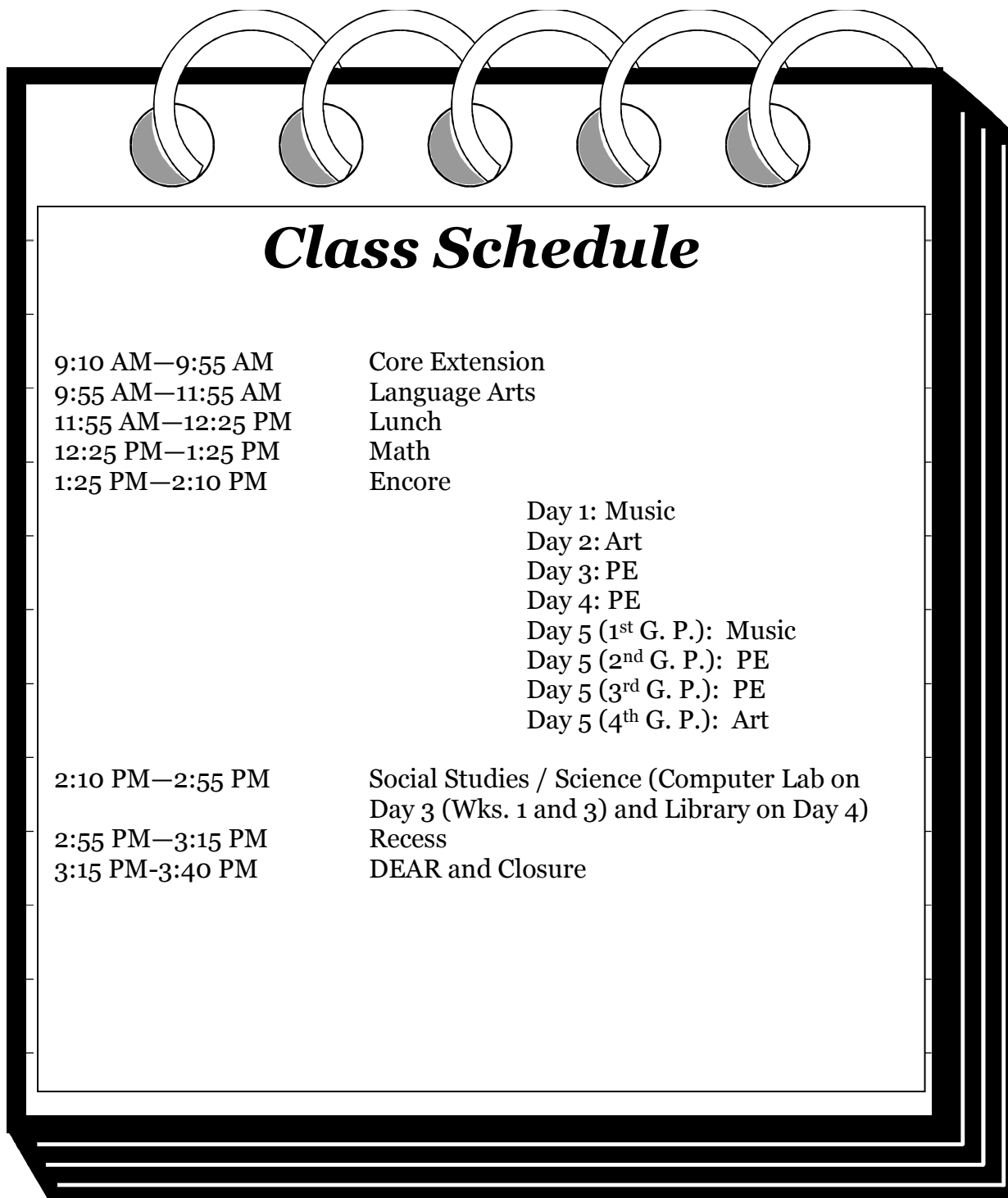
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Science and Social Studies

We will be learning about Science through exploration and observation in and outside of our classroom. Our Social Studies will also take our learning from ourselves to our community (and beyond!).

Schedule

Our class schedule is listed below (it is also listed on our website):



Class Schedule

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| 9:10 AM—9:55 AM | Core Extension |
| 9:55 AM—11:55 AM | Language Arts |
| 11:55 AM—12:25 PM | Lunch |
| 12:25 PM—1:25 PM | Math |
| 1:25 PM—2:10 PM | Encore |
| | Day 1: Music |
| | Day 2: Art |
| | Day 3: PE |
| | Day 4: PE |
| | Day 5 (1 st G. P.): Music |
| | Day 5 (2 nd G. P.): PE |
| | Day 5 (3 rd G. P.): PE |
| | Day 5 (4 th G. P.): Art |
| 2:10 PM—2:55 PM | Social Studies / Science (Computer Lab on Day 3 (Wks. 1 and 3) and Library on Day 4) |
| 2:55 PM—3:15 PM | Recess |
| 3:15 PM—3:40 PM | DEAR and Closure |

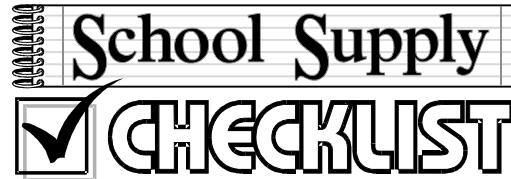
Snazzy Math Snack

Every afternoon we will enjoy a “Snazzy Math Snack!” Students will get a small quantity of a healthy snack and will be given a task to complete. They could be counting, sorting, creating a pattern, etc. It’s a snack and learning all wrapped up in

one! I will be sending out a Wish List for snack items and would appreciate any help you can offer.

Supply List

Mrs. Stamp's Class



- 4 Boxes of 16 Crayola Crayons (regular, not jumbo size)
- 1 Box of 10 Crayola Wide Tip Markers (classic colors only)
- 1 Box of 10 Crayola Fine Tip Markers (classic colors only)
- 1 Box of 12 Crayola Colored Pencils
- 1 Pack of 4 Expo Wide Tip Dry Erase Markers (low odor)
- 16 Elmer's All-Purpose White Glue Sticks (not purple)
- 1 Pair of Fiskars for Kids No. 5 Blunt Tipped Scissors
- 1 Box of 100 Ziploc Sandwich Size Storage Bags
- 1 Box of Ziploc 2 Gallon Size Storage Bags
- \$5.00 for Purchase of Reading Folder and EAGLE Notebook

Please DO NOT label individual items. Just put all items in a large bag with your child's name. Many of the items will be "community supplies" or I will provide labels for them, if needed. Thank you!

Supply Wish List:

These are additional supplies that our class could use. If you are able to donate any of the following items, we would greatly appreciate it!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Ziploc "Easy Zipper" Gallon Bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Standard, Yellow #2 Pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> White Paper Plates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Hand Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Napkins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tissues | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Lunch Bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Note Pads and Post-It Notes of Various Colors and Sizes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Wipes | |

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Teacher

WELCOME to Kindergarten!! Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself... my name is Mrs. Karen Stamp and I am excited to be your child's teacher this year. This is my sixth year in Prince William County Schools. I am thrilled to be a part of the wonderful team at Marshall Elementary for a third year! I'm eager to be a part of the Kindergarten Team in our 1st year of full-day Kindergarten!!



I grew up in the Pocono Mountains in northeastern Pennsylvania. I obtained my Bachelor's Degree in both Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. I completed my Master's Degree in New Professional Studies—Teaching at George Mason University. I am looking forward to working with you in

order to make this a successful year for your child!

Teaching Partners

I'm thrilled to have 2 wonderful teaching partners to share our learning! They are doing a "job share" where they both work for one half of the school week. Mrs. Colleen Cornwell will help us start the week. We will see her on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesday mornings. Mrs. Missy O'Brien will help us finish our week. We'll see her on Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays, and Fridays. I feel quite fortunate to have such an excellent duo teaching with me in room 12!

Telephone Tree

Please return the Telephone Tree as soon as possible. It is essential that we get this information compiled into a "chain of command," so to speak, in case of an early dismissal. We will need several volunteers to lead our Telephone Tree. Please indicate your interest on the form. Thanks!

Toys and Other Items

Please help your child to remember to leave toys and other play items at home. They often pose a distraction and I worry about them getting lost or “borrowed” indefinitely.

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Umbrellas

Please help us by keeping your child’s umbrella at home. They pose quite a problem when other children can get bumped or poked. If it looks like a rainy day, please dress your child in a jacket or coat with a hood instead. Thanks for your support!

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Visitor Stickers

Please make sure to stop by the office to receive a visitor’s sticker anytime you are volunteering or visiting our school. You will need to leave your photo ID in the office and return your visitor’s sticker before you leave. This helps ensure the safety of all of our students.

Classroom or At-Home Volunteers

One thing we, of course, are always wishing for is volunteers! I will have sign-up information at Back to School Night. Since we are all learning routines during the 1st month of school (and it’s easier to do that without a lot of extra people in the room), volunteer opportunities will begin in October. Since we are very busy in our classroom, we ask that you make other arrangements for younger siblings

when you volunteer, since it can be a distraction for our students. If you want to come and work on projects for us, you are welcome to bring your little ones to the Volunteer Room. Thank you!

Volunteer Room

Our school's Volunteer Room can always use a helping hand too! This is a perfect place to help out if you'd like to get started in September (before we begin classroom volunteering). Contact Shanon Garner for more information about this wonderful opportunity.

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Water Bottles

We have a water fountain available right outside our classroom door. Students may choose to bring water bottles to school to keep on their tables. In fact, water is “fuel for the brain” and I encourage students to drink during the day to keep those brains working! I only ask that you please send “pop-top” water bottles rather than “screw top” water bottles (and label it with your child's name). This helps tremendously and leads to a lot less spills. Thanks!

Website

Check out our class website for important information pertaining to our class! Be sure to bookmark it. The address for Mrs. Stamp's Kindergarten website is:

<http://www.teacherweb.com/VA/ThurgoodMarshallElementarySchool/MrsStamp/>

Consider adding your name to the NEWSFLASH feature on our homepage. It will send you an automatic email Newsflash when the website is updated. (NOTE: The Newsflash emails are sent Blind Copy (BC) so others will not be able to see your email address, if this is a concern for you.)

Our site is also accessible from the Marshall Elementary School website which is:

<http://www.pwcs.edu/marshall>

Just click “Kindergarten” from the drop-down box and then “Mrs. Stamp.”

Please be sure to let me know if there is something I could add to our website to make it better... I’m always looking for suggestions and it’s certainly a “work in progress”! ☺

Wish List

Our classroom web page has a Wish List of items that our class would like to have for various projects. If you are able to donate any of the things listed, we would greatly appreciate it! Remember to check back for updates!

Student Work

The corrected class work and projects are sent home in the EAGLE Notebook to help you monitor your student’s progress. Looking over this material with your child will help him/her to take ownership of this work.



eXtra Clothes

Please return a change of clothes, underwear, and socks in the Ziploc bag provided. Whether it’s a spill from lunch, a messy art project, or another type of accident... it always helps to be prepared! Soiled clothes will be sent home in a plastic bag, so you’ll know if the “Just in Case” clothes need to be replaced. Thank you!

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YOU!

YOU are your child's first teacher and I need your help to make his/her kindergarten year a success!
Strong family-school partnerships build strong learners... thanks for all you do!

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Please make sure your child gets lots of sleep each night. Our day is quite busy and packed full of fun!
We want to make sure that he/she is ready to do his/her best!!

