



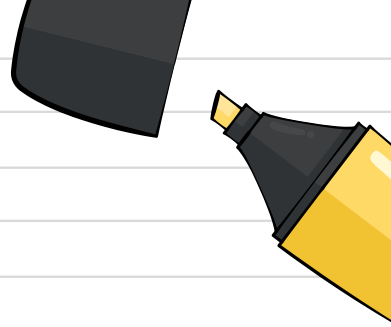
Welcome to the  
Manalapan-Englishtown Regional Schools

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# **KINDERGARTEN**

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The Foundation for the Future



# The Home-School Connection

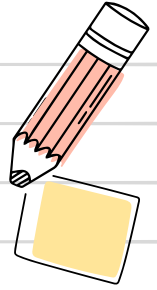
“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

Henry Ford



# The Kindergarten Curriculum

The New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) drive our curriculum, programs, and the choice of instructional materials.



NJSLS focus on what children should know and be able to do by the end of kindergarten.

# Literacy

## Project Read

A multi-sensory phonics and writing approach.

## Guided Reading

A teacher works with a small group of students who demonstrate similar reading behaviors and can read similar levels of text.

## Literacy Centers

Literacy Centers take place in a Daily 5 structure to help foster literacy independence and choice.

## Reader's Workshop

Units focused on reading and comprehension skills, includes read alouds and shared reading

## Writer's Workshop

Units of Study in Opinion, Information and Narrative Writing by Teachers College Reading and Writing Project

## Differentiation

Each child's needs are met through differentiation of instruction. For example leveled readers, reading/writing conferences.

# Beyond Literacy

## Mathematics

- enVision Math Series
- Daily 3 Structure
- Technology Component
- Manipulatives to move from concrete to abstract

## Social Studies & Science

- Integrated into literacy
- Next Generation Science Standards
- Hands-on Experiences

## Technology

- Embedded in the curriculum
- Smart Board & iPads
- Square Panda, IXL Math, Learning A-Z

# Assessments

## DIBELS

Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills

- Letter Naming Fluency
- Phoneme Segmentation Fluency
- Nonsense Word Fluency
- Word Reading Fluency

## DRA 2

Developmental Reading Assessment

## Standards Based Report Cards

## Math Assessments

## Classroom Observations

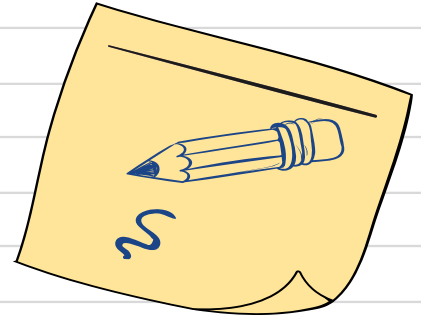
## Work Samples

## Writer's Workshop Portfolio

## Sentence Dictation

# Special Subjects

- Physical Education
- Art
- Music
- Library/STEM
- Guidance
- Technology



# Lunch

Students go to the cafeteria everyday for lunch. Each class has an assigned table. Lunch assistants are in the cafeteria to help students open their lunch items.

Students can also buy lunch. Information about our lunch buying system, PaySchools Central, will be sent home in August.



Students can bring lunch from home in a lunch box/bag labeled with their first name and last name.

The cafeteria offers many choices for lunch. There is a hot lunch offered daily, sandwiches, yogurt, cereal, salads and fruit.



# Snack

Students will have a snack time everyday in their classroom.

Some healthy snack suggestions are: fruit, crackers, yogurt, pudding, or pretzels.



Snacks should be packed in a separate bag from the student's lunch.

Student's snack bags should be labeled with the student's name.

# Bussing

Student bus assignments will be shared via the parent portal in August.

Practice fastening a lap belt in the car to prepare for the seatbelts on the bus.



Students will have an assigned seat.

An adult must be present to take your child off the bus. If no one is at the bus stop, your child will be brought back to school.

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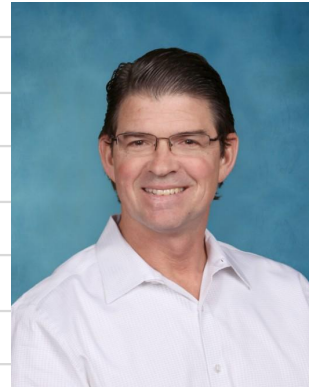


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# **We look forward to meeting you!**

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## **September Visitation**

You and your child will be able to attend kindergarten visitation which will be held on Friday, September 2, 2022.

You will receive detailed information in August.

## **2022-2023 Calendar**

The calendar can be found on the district website- [www.mersnj.us](http://www.mersnj.us)

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

## **Supply List**

The kindergarten supply list can be found [here](#).





# Kindergarten 2022-2023

It's going to be an amazing year!

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