



KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

Marlborough Public Schools

**GETTING READY FOR
KINDERGARTEN...**

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?





PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE...

- Using the restroom independently
- Stating first and last name
- Writing first name (okay if in all uppercase letters)
- Recognizing colors
- Recognizing shapes
- Starting to name alphabet letters and numbers
- Counting to 20
- Using scissors properly
- Sitting for about 10 minutes
- Separating easily from family
- Verbalizing needs
- Operating a backpack
- Participating in group discussions
- Following two-step directions
- Buttoning and zippering pant and coats
- Putting on hats, shoes and mittens
- Identifying the letters in your child's name and basic shapes
- Coloring and holding writing tools
- Holding books and turning the pages

As parents, the best preparation we can give our children is to READ to them and to TALK with them

PARTICIPATE IN OUR MULTIPLE “ROAD TO KINDERGARTEN” EVENTS



- Kindergarten Registration
- Welcome to Kindergarten Night
- Kindergarten Screening
- Kindergarten Orientation

**WHAT MEDICAL
INFORMATION IS
NEEDED FOR
KINDERGARTEN?**



MEDICAL NEEDS



MDPH Requirements



Current physical exam



Immunizations UTD



Vision and hearing



Heights and weights

Health Status

- Medical issues – IHCP (yearly updates)
- Changes in status
- PE/Immunizations update

MEDICAL NEEDS, CONT'D.

Marlborough Public Schools Food Policy

- No sharing food.
- Food may not be used to celebrate holidays, birthdays, or any other occasion.
- It may be used as part of the curriculum.
- The principal must give prior approval and a parent permission form is required.
- Food allergies.

MEDICAL NEEDS, CONT'D.

When to keep your child home...

- Fever
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Any contagious condition
- Productive cough

When may your child return to school?

- 24 hours of antibiotics therapy
- 24 hours without a fever / fever free without medication
- Once your child is able to resume a normal diet (eating and drinking)
- When in doubt, call!

MEDICAL NEEDS, CONT'D.

When should you contact the school?

- Report absences – with details
 - Send in a note upon return
- If your child is on a certain medication
- If your child is injured at home!
- Please make sure that you have appropriate emergency contacts listed and updated as needed.

What about medication at school?

- Doctor's order
- Parent permission
- Original pharmacy labeled container
- Over the counter

KINDERGARTEN PROCESSES AND PAPERWORK



WHAT IS NEEDED FOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION?

- Online Registration through Family Connections on the MPS Kindergarten Registration Page
- Original birth certificate
- Immunizations record
- Record of current physical examination
- Three (3) proofs of residency (acceptable proofs of residency are located on the MPS website www.mps-edu.org).
- If you are not the parent, proof of legal guardianship



HOW DO I FIND OUT ABOUT TRANSPORTATION?



Students may register for the bus. The routes will be posted on the district's website during late summer: [MPS Website](#)

Parents also may choose to drop off/pick up their children at school.

Many families also choose to walk to and from school each day.




THE KINDERGARTEN EXPERIENCE!



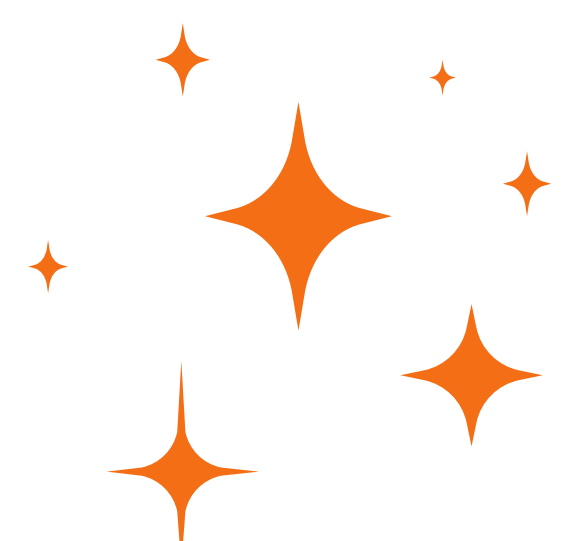
A GENERAL KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

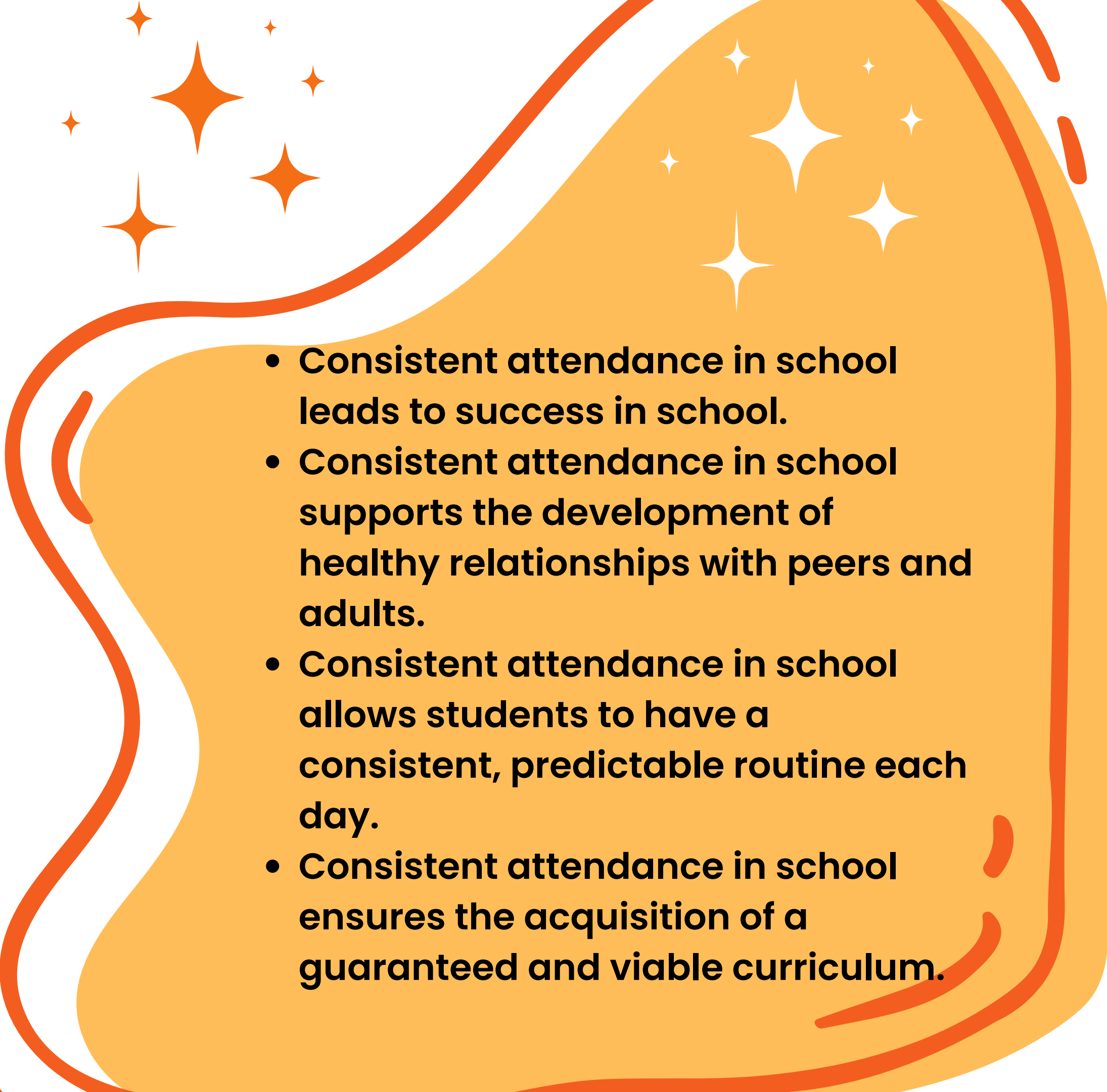
- **8:35–9:00 Sign-In, Lunch Choices, Morning Work, Announcements**
- **9:00–9:45 Morning Meeting**
- **9:45–10:45 Kindergarten Literacy**
- **10:45–11:00 Snack**
- **11:00–12:10 Math and Centers**
- **12:15–1:15 Recess/Lunch**
- **1:15–1:45 Science/Social Studies/Writer's Workshop**
- **1:45–2:10 Guided Discovery**
- **2:10–2:50 Specials**
- **2:50–3:05 Closing Circle/Dismissal**





WHY IS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE EVERYDAY SO NECESSARY?



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- Consistent attendance in school leads to success in school.
 - Consistent attendance in school supports the development of healthy relationships with peers and adults.
 - Consistent attendance in school allows students to have a consistent, predictable routine each day.
 - Consistent attendance in school ensures the acquisition of a guaranteed and viable curriculum.

WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN IN KINDERGARTEN?

Literacy

A Sample of What Your Child Will Be Working on in Kindergarten

- Naming upper- and lower-case letters, matching those letters with their sounds, and printing them
- Comparing the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories, such as fairy tales and folktales
- Retelling familiar stories and talking about stories read to them using details from the text
- Using a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to describe an event, including his or her reaction to what happened
- Stating an opinion or preference about a topic or book in writing (e.g., "My favorite book is . . .")
- Taking part in classroom conversations and following rules for discussions (e.g., learning to listen to others and taking turns when speaking)
- Speaking clearly to express thoughts, feelings, and ideas, including descriptions of familiar people, places, things, and events
- Asking and answering questions about key details in stories or other information read aloud
- Understanding and using question words (e.g., *who, what, where, when, why, how*) in discussions
- Learning to recognize, spell, and properly use those little grammatical words that hold the language together (e.g., *a, the, to, of, from, I, is, are*)

WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN IN KINDERGARTEN?

Mathematics

A Sample of What Your Child Will Be Working on in Kindergarten

- Counting objects to tell how many there are
- Comparing two groups of objects to tell which group, if either, has more; comparing two written numbers to tell which is greater
- Acting out addition and subtraction word problems and drawing diagrams to represent them
- Adding with a sum of 10 or less; subtracting from a number 10 or less; and solving addition and subtraction word problems
- Adding and subtracting very small numbers quickly and accurately (e.g., $3 + 1$)
- Correctly naming shapes regardless of orientation or size (e.g., a square oriented as a “diamond” is still a square)

LEARNING IS GEARED TOWARD THE LEARNERS

- Instruction for students with varying needs is a high priority.

- Students who have been identified as having limited English proficiency will receive support.

- Students who have been identified as have a learning disability or medical disability that impacts their ability to access the curriculum will receive support.

- Students who present as below grade level in certain skills will receive support.

- Student who present as having already mastered grade-level content and/or skills will receive support.

OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 5

GOODNOW BROTHERS

Principal: Amy Mulkerin



JAWOREK ELEMENTARY

Principal: Rupal Patel



KANE ELEMENTARY

Principal: Kalliope Pantazopoulos



RICHER ELEMENTARY

Principal: Lisa Richards



STAYING CONNECTED TO MPS



- **MPS Website:** <https://www.mps-edu.org/>
 - District news and specific school websites; translations
 - Learn about community/special events, PTO activities, athletic & extracurricular programs, calendar updates
- **MPS Mobile App:** free & easy to download
 - Get all weather alerts/school cancellations fast!
 - Tutorial on website
- **Social Media Vehicles:** FB, Twitter, Instagram
- **YouTube Channel:** Marlborough Public Schools & PantherMedia

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