



# Welcome to Kindergarten!

My name is Miss Monaco and I am excited to announce that I am your child's Kindergarten teacher! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer vacation!! I can't wait to meet you and start our Kindergarten journey together. I am looking forward to building an amazing community with you, I love to say "team work makes the dream work!" We are going to have so much fun learning together this year. You will become great readers, excellent mathematicians, creative writers, scientists and wonderful friends.

I bet you are wondering about some of the things you will need. You will need to bring a small healthy finger snack each day- something that is not too messy and is independent. When considering snacks to pack for this school year please keep in mind that our classroom is a NUT FREE ZONE. (Students will be allowed to eat nut products in the cafeteria.) Please back your child's snack in a different bag/ backpack pocket from their lunch. Please send only water for snack, it would be appreciated if it could be in a pop-top bottle-- screw tops lead to lots of spills. Water bottles can be filled at the water filling stations. Please no juice in the classroom, it gets very sticky and messy. Lunch may be ordered or brought from home. Please make sure you have a backpack without wheels, backpacks will hang on a hook in our coatroom, but space is tight. Please be sure to label all of your belongings so nothing gets lost. On the second sheet of paper, you will find a list of supplies that you will need for your first day of school.

**Parents/Guardians:** I have your first assignment for you! Please email me your name and your child's name as soon as you receive this letter. Please include if your child prefers to be called a nickname. Ex. Matthew is called Matt. Email will be our main form of communication for now. [amonaco@easton.k12.ma.us](mailto:amonaco@easton.k12.ma.us)

My hope is that you are as excited as I am for the upcoming school year! Enjoy the rest of your summer, I'll be busy preparing for you. Please contact me by email if you have any questions. I cannot wait to meet you, Friday, September 1st.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Kindergarten!  
Your Kindergarten Teacher,  
Miss Monaco ♥



On the first day of school, please send your child with:

- 2 boxes of jumbo Crayola crayons
- 1 black and white, standard composition notebook
- Backpack (with no wheels) \*Please practice opening and closing their backpack prior to the start of school.
- Lunch box \*Again, please practice opening and closing their lunch box prior to the start of school.
- A ziplock bag with a change of clothes in case of spills/accidents to be kept at school. (This can be changed out seasonally if you'd like)

I will be supplying: (you do NOT need to purchase)

- A home/school folder
  - Crayon box
- \* Please do not send in the items listed above, they will be returned home.

I warmly welcome a roll of regular paper-towels, disinfecting wipes or gallon sized ziploc bags / quart sized ziploc bags from anyone willing to donate.

## Kindergarten Readiness:

Below are some skills you may want to practice with your child this summer to help them get ready for kindergarten *independence*. Ofcourse, we will be there to assist when needed.

- ★ Zipping or buttoning (For coats/jackets, bathroom needs, etc.)
- ★ Opening and closing zip lock baggies (helpful for snack or lunch)
- ★ Opening tricky foods like yogurt or bags of chips.
- ★ Have your child practice putting their belongings away at home. This will help them get ready to keep their belongings organized at school.  
Ex. hanging up their own coat, helping put items away, etc.

# Important Dates



Please join us for these important dates:

## **Kindergarten Get Acquainted Night** (Parents/Guardians only)

The night will focus on a "typical day" in Kindergarten and what to expect this year.

**When:** August 30, 2023

**Where:** Blanche Ames Elementary School

**Time:** 6:30 pm

## **Kindergarten Open House** (Parents/Guardians and Students)

Students and Parents are invited into our classroom where I will have fun stations set up around the room, helping them get familiar with our space.

**When:** August 31, 2023

**Where:** Your child's Classroom (B111)

**Time:** 9:30 - 10:25 **Bus Ride:** 10:30 - 11:00 (optional)

## **First Day of Kindergarten**

Friday, September 1, 2023