

Welcome to East Muskingum K-2 Elementary Schools!

As the 2020-2021 school year begins, we want to share information regarding our Return to School plan. We have implemented the following this school year:

- **Social distancing:** We are implementing several procedures to ensure social distancing and learning can happen simultaneously.
 - Classrooms with desks will be spread out. Our goal is to maintain safety while allowing students to interact with each other and teachers.
 - We will avoid large gatherings of students. We are making changes to many of our procedures as you will see below. For this reason, we will not have our traditional open house for grades 1 and 2.
 - Teachers will use masks and/or face shields.
 - For their safety, students are required to wear masks at all times, except for when they are eating, at recess or in P.E. class.
- **Cleaning:**
 - Our custodians and teachers will be working hard daily to clean and sanitize throughout the day. Periodically we will be asking students to assist in wiping down their area. Work spaces will be cleaned between uses.
- **Supplies:**
 - Each child will be using their own supplies. For this reason, we have modified supply lists. Please refer to the list your child's teacher provided recently.
- **Visitors:**
 - Visitors will not be permitted. This includes volunteers. We'll miss you!
- **Field Trips:**
 - We will not schedule field trips this year.
- **Arrival and dismissal:**
 - Details coming soon.
- **Lunch and Recess:**
 - We are modifying our lunch and recess procedures in order to provide as much distancing as possible. Students will be provided with breakaway lanyards to keep masks clean during lunch and recess times.
- **Restrooms:**
 - We will create a schedule for classroom restroom breaks. Individual students may go to the restroom as needed.
- **Hallways:**
 - We are modifying our schedule to minimize the amount of students in the hallways throughout the day.

Teaching and Learning

- **Specials:**
 - Your child will see his/her favorite specials teachers throughout the week!
- **Reading and Intervention:**
 - In primary grades, we will still have guided reading. Intervention groups will also continue.

- **Grades:**
 - We will return to the K-2 grading scale instead of the pass/fail grades that were in place last Spring.
- **Remote Learning in case of shut down/quarantine:** We will do our best to avoid this situation, but we do have a plan in place if it occurs.
 - All teachers K-2 will be using Zoom and/or Google classroom.
 - One of our main goals in the first few weeks of school will be teaching and practicing the use of these platforms with students both in and out of the classroom.
- **Learning Options:**
 - 1.) Your child returns to school following a 3-day Phase In Plan for August 31st, September 1st and September 2nd. Then daily beginning September 3rd.
 - 2.) Remote Learning:
 - Your child accesses learning from home. East Muskingum teachers provide the instruction and assignments that your child needs with a personal connection via Zoom, Google Classroom, video streaming, video recorded lessons.

We know that this year will be unlike any other that we have had. We are working to keep up with the daily changes that COVID 19 is bringing. One thing that has not changed: Our East Muskingum K-2 staff is looking forward to meeting our 2020-2021 students whether it is in a face to face environment, or online. We are excited to get back to doing what we do best, educating children.

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