

3M Families,

What a great start to the school year! Our first day was filled with positive energy and enthusiasm. I was so impressed at how many supplies students arrived with - we are off to a great start! I am so thrilled to be able to get to teach and get to know your kiddos this year. I was born and raised in Oak Bluffs and each year I grow to appreciate our island community more and more. This will be my eighteenth year working in our island schools and yet I still genuinely get excited to walk through our school doors each day. Our children are such gifts - each has unique talents and I know I play an important role as a teacher in encouraging your child's confidence in themselves so that they can grow both academically and socially. I hope to gain their trust so that I can challenge them to do hard things at school!

A few things to know for the next few weeks (wear your sneakers tomorrow):

Specials Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Health	Music & Technology	Garden & Gym *wear/bring sneakers!	Gym & Art *wear/bring sneakers!	Library *return library books!

Contact/Communication

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you ever have any questions. I check my email frequently (jmeuse@mvyps.org). But you may also call the school at 508-627-3316. My webpage will be updated with handouts and important dates and I will also send home important notes in your child's backpack and through email. Backpack folders did not arrive in the mail yet - they will be going home in the next few days.

Snack/Water Bottle

We have snack daily at 9:30. Please have your child bring a snack and a water bottle to school. We do have fresh fruit daily if your child would prefer that too (of if they forget).

Homework

Homework will begin in a few weeks. I will provide more information about that soon.

Supplies

The following is a list of school supplies your child will need for their desk in school. If you need more time, that is ok! Elyce, the Edgartown Public Library children's librarian also has FREE supplies if you still need some!

- *plastic pencil box
- *box of pencils
- *box of crayons
- *box of colored pencils
- *chunky eraser
- *a glue stick
- *pack of black, chisel tip dry erase markers
- *water bottle

I look forward to meeting you all on Back to School Night (Open House), which will be on Wednesday, September 18th this year. Be on the lookout for more information on that from the front office.

Take care and talk to you soon!

Sincerely,

JoEllen Meuse (teacher)

Jenny Friedman (assistant)