Welcome to Kindergarten!

Welcome to East Rock Community and Cultural Magnet School! My name is Marisa Riccitelli, and this will be my 31st year teaching kindergarten! I am very excited to be working with you and your child next school year.

Our school day begins at 7:55am and ends at 2:10pm. A bus pickup point will be assigned to you by the bus company. A designated adult **must** be at the bus stop each day to greet your child. Your child will be given a bus tag that must remain on his/her book bag which provides information for the bus driver.

Your child will be served breakfast each morning in our classroom until 8:15am. Please make your best effort to have your child on time each day so that they do not miss a minute of learning! Your child should come to school daily with a regular sized book bag. Please plan to check your child's book back **nightly** for work, notices and other important papers. East Rock is a *uniform school!* Your child is expected to wear a uniform daily. On gym days, students wear a navy blue or gray sweatsuit. All other days, students should be in white or navy shirts, with khaki or navy pants, navy or khaki skirts, or jumpers.

I will be working very hard to create an inclusive and exciting learning environment for your child this school year. I strive to ensure that all students feel welcome and safe in our classroom at all times and will work with your child to build a trusting relationship and strong friendship skills! The specifics of our curriculum will be covered at Meet the Teacher Night on September 16th.

The students will be provided with crayons, a homework folder, and other supplies. Our classroom can always use tissues, Clorox wipes, and hand sanitizer. In mid August, you will receive an email or text message from the district to join Apptegy. Please download the app, as this will be our primary form of communication. I can be reached at school (475)220-5900 (main office number) or via e-mail, marisa.riccitelli@new-haven.k12.ct.us,. Please allow me until the end of the day to return your call, email or Apptegy message.

I look forward to working together as a team to create a strong home/school connection so that each child can work to his/her full potential. Enjoy your summer, and I can't wait to begin our learning journey on Monday August 31st!

Thank you in advance for your support,

Mrs. Riccitelli