**Absences**- if your child is going to be absent please call the school at 642-8400 and/or e-mail me at kristin@seacoastcharterschool.org

**Book Club**- There will be monthly Scholastic Book Orders. I will send an e-mail with our class’s login and password if you would like to order from home.

**Communication Folders**- or “Home/School Folder” goes home nightly and returns daily. This folder also transports all notes and homework.

**Dismissal-** is at 3:00 and will be in the same location as drop-off. Please be patient and remember children’s safety is the most important piece of the puzzle.

**E-mail**- My e-mail is kristin@seacoastcharterschool.org or kmo2124@hotmail.com if school e-mail is down.

**Fun**- Our main goal is to have fun while learning! Education should be about acquiring knowledge and enjoying you, friends and classmates while doing so.

 **Gear**- The students will be storing their “stuff” in lockers; lunchboxes/snacks will come into the classroom, to minimize traffic traffic into the hallway/lockers.

**Homework-** each student will write down their homework weekly in their Student Planners. Also please check daily for all questions regarding assignments for your child’s classes.

**Independence-**we encourage students to gain independent skills and habits this year. This will help build self-esteem and confidence, please help in our goal to encourage this amazing feat!

 **Journey-** Education is a journey, and with every journey there are bound to be bumps and celebrations along the way. I encourage us to celebrate the triumphs and have patience through the trials.

**Kindness-** We will sign a “kindness pledge” the first week of school. It is expected and encouraged that students treat all members of the community with kindness and respect.

 **Library-** We have a classroom library that students are welcome to “check” books out from. Please let me know if there is a series of books that your child enjoys and I will do my best to stock up on them!

**Math-** Seacoast Charter School uses a variety of programs. Your son/daughter will have a homework packet that will go home weekly and will include skills practice, game, and a word problem/problem solving.

**Newsletter-**It is my goal to write a weekly newsletter or Smilebox that will be updated Friday afternoons. Here you will find what we are doing, any upcoming events, needs, and fun stories and or messages.

**Outdoors-**The kids will be going outside for recess and fitness as long as the weather allows. Please dress them appropriately for such weather. During the winter it is helpful to have a pair of slippers at school.

**Partners-** We are partners in your child’s education, and would like to always keep that as our focus. Feel free to contact us for any reason: suggestions for study, trips, or celebrations and successes at home!

**Questions-** If you have any questions, you may call me 642-8400 ext.118, e-mail kristin@seacoastcharterschool.org or kmo2124@hotmail.com, if school email is down/urgent situations.

**Rules-** As a class we will create a set of rules that our class will be governed by. This is a part of the classroom respect for all people and things that we will focus on!

**Snack-** We will break for snack daily at around 9:45. We encourage you to send in healthy snacks. Candy is not allowed in school, and our classroom may become nut free classroom.

**Transportation-**Please notify either the office or me of any changes in who is picking up your child. You may do this by calling 642-8400 and telling the office, leaving a message on ext. 118 or e-mailing me kristin@seacoastcharterschool.org

**Units-** Many of our topics of study will be broken up into thematic units. Many of these units will be interdisciplinary by design, and parts of the projects may be completed or researched at home with given formats.

**Volunteers-** We love volunteers, and the students gain many positive experiences from having other adults in the classroom. I will set up a schedule once we have established a routine, please refer to the handout for opportunities.

**Website-** I will try to keep anything you will need to know updated newsletters, and hope to create a classroom website also, it should answer questions, all major school information/dates, and fun educational links.

**“X”tra Helpers-** I will be looking for parents to occasionally run an errand, pick up supplies, or help with special projects. Please let me know if you would be interested, perfect for those who may not be able to give classroom volunteer time.

**You! -** You all are very important to the success of this school year. We would like to take time to thank you in advance… after all you are the most important teacher your child will ever have!

**Zzzzz’s-** School is tiring! It is very important that your child gets enough rest and sleep at night! Our best learning will come from rested minds! I know I am tired at the end of every day!