P.S. 85: The Great Expectations School

Back to School Night

September 30, 2026



ELA and Math Teachers

Ms Gilpin - 5th year teaching Math at P.S. 85

Ms. Hines- 5th year teaching ELA at P.S. 85

Ms. Lewin- year teaching at P.S. 85

Mx.Washington - Special Class teacher at PS. 85

P.S. 85 Mission

Empowering students today for the possibilities of tomorrow.

Attendance

- All students are expected to have a **95% or higher** attendance rate, which means they are absent for **10 or fewer** days during the school year.
- Schedule appointments and family trips on days off and after-school. We don't want our students missing out on important learning.
- Attendance celebrations and incentives will be planned throughout the year.

Key Holidays and Closures (2026-2027)

First Day of School:
September 10, 2026

Italian Heritage / Indigenous Peoples' Day:
October 12, 2026

Election Day (Remote student session):
November 3, 2026

Veterans Day:
November 11, 2026

Thanksgiving Recess:
November 26–27, 2026

Winter Recess:
December 24, 2026 – January 1, 2027

Martin Luther King Jr. Day:
January 18, 2027

Midwinter Recess:
February 15–19, 2027

Spring Recess:
April 22–30, 2027

Last Day of School:
June 28, 2027

Emergency Closures

Severe weather: Results in delays, early dismissals, or remote learning days.

Announcements: Made before 5:00 AM via official channels.

Breakfast begins at 7:30

- Pre-K & Kindergarten Flagpole Entrance
- Grade 1-5 Main Entrance on Marion Ave.
- Students arriving after 7:55 will have a grab and go breakfast.



Social-Emotional

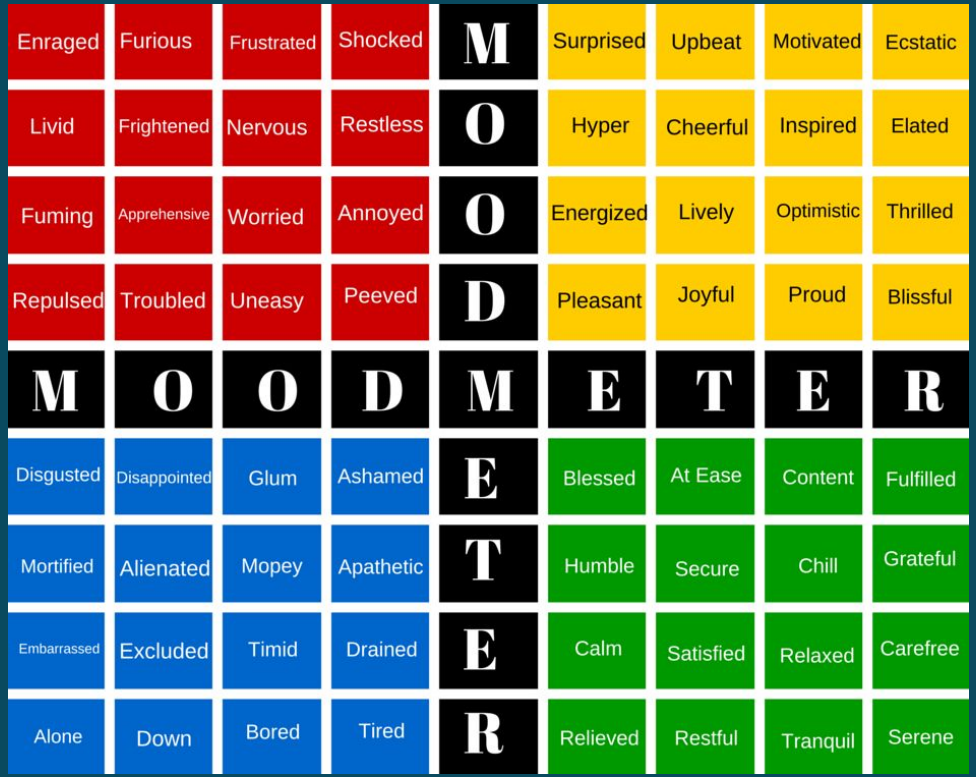
Restorative Practices

Brain Power

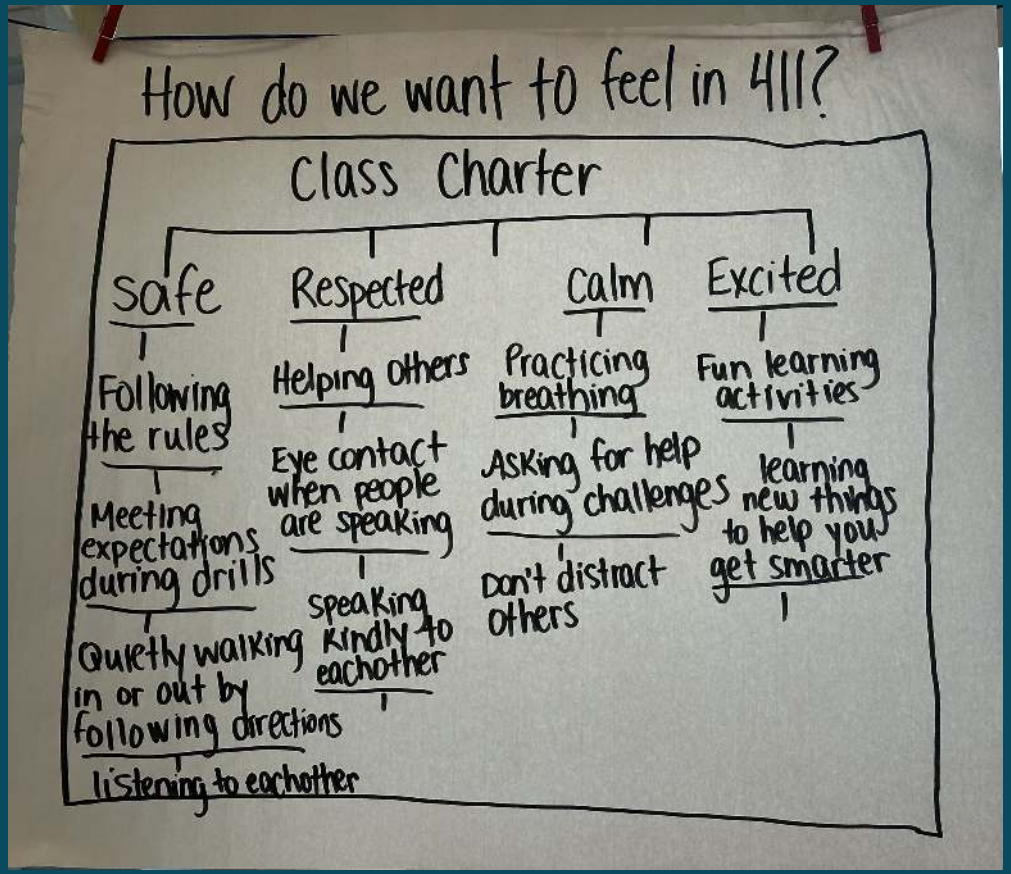
RULER

Guidance & Counseling Team

- Ms. Brannon
- Mr. Diaz
- Ms. Grosso
- Ms. Reynolds



Class Charter



Instructional Programs (K-5)









- High-quality, culturally relevant texts for whole group and small group
- Reading inspires writing
- Fosters a culture of growth

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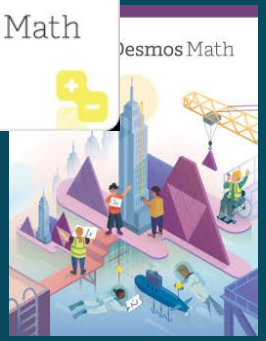





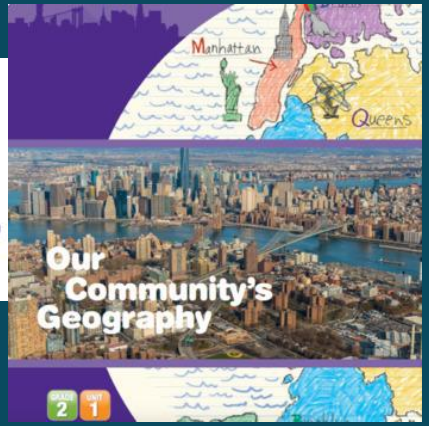

- Focus on problem solving
- Procedural and conceptual understanding
- Student discussion through number talks
- Fluency with basic facts

- Amplify Science: Phenomena Project-based learning
- Passport to Social Studies: Project-based learning
- Integrated reading, writing, and vocabulary development

CLASS 4-411 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pd. 1 8:00- 8:50	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention
Pd. 2 8:54- 9:44	P.E./Gym Flynn	Art Coffey Room 117	P.E./Gym Flynn	Hydroponics Montero Room 220	Computer Science Moore Room Room 318
Pd. 3 9:48- 10:38	Reading Room 411	Math Room 417	Reading Room 411	Math Room 417	Reading Room 411
Pd. 4 10:42- 11:32	Writing Room 411	Math Room 417	Writing Room 411	Math Room 417	Writing Room 411
Pd. 5 11:36- 12:26	**L**	**U**	**N**	**C**	**H**
Pd. 6 12:30- 1:20	Math Room 417	Reading Room 411	Math Room 417	Reading Room 411	Math Room 417
Pd. 7 1:24- 2:14	Math Room 417	Writing Room 411	Math Room 417	Writing Room 411	Math Room 417
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CLASS 4-417 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pd. 1 8:00 - 8:50	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention
Pd. 2 8:54- 9:44	Gym Mr. Brevetti Gymnasium	Computer Science Mr. Moore Room 318	Gym Mr. Brevetti Gymnasium	Social Studies Mr. Hurd Room 118	Hydroponics Ms. Montero Room 220
Pd. 3 9:48- 10:38	Math Room 417	Reading Room 411	Math Room 417	Reading Room 411	Math Room 417
Pd. 4 10:42 - 11:32	Math Room 417	Writing Room 411	Math Room 417	Writing Room 411	Math Room 417
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Homework Expectations



- Math Fluency Xtra practice on teachub
- Fluency practice (addition/subtraction, multiplication/division)
- Independent Reading (20 minutes per night)

Time on Homework

K-1	20-30 minutes (This includes reading time)
2-3	30-60 minutes (This includes reading time)
4-5	45- 60 minutes (This includes reading time)

Policy Sign Offs

- **Emergency Contact Sheets** must be returned if they have not been already this is a matter of child safety
- **Media Consent Forms** need to be signed and returned to the teacher
- **Cell Phone Policy** please review it with your child
- If your child requires a **504 plan,** please reach out to Ms Sorbaro at Msorbar@schools.nyc.gov. These must be renewed every year.

Enrichment



Hydroponics Lab in Partnership with NY Sun Works

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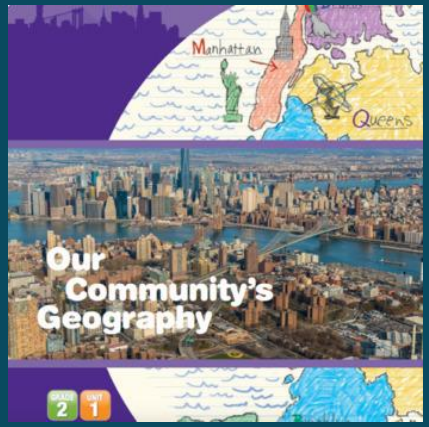

Social Studies

REPLICATIONS

Innovation. Equity. Community.

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Family Resources

MISSION

SOCIETY OF NEW YORK CITY

You are invited...

PTA Meetings & Family Nights

Writing Celebrations

Math Family Game Days



Events will be listed on Class Dojo and School Website.
All events will take place virtually until further notice.

Connect with Us



- **Class Dojo:** App allows communication between teacher and parents by text or email.
- **NYC Student Login:** Teachers will provide username and password. This will be used to log in to Google Classroom and other sites.
- **School Website:** Upcoming events, newsletters, and resources. Available in multiple languages.
- **NYCSA:** Access school records and complete forms online.


Question
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Contact Us

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