All about Pre-K at P.S. 85

Todo acerca del Jardín Preescolar en la P.S. 85



Meet THE TEAM



Mrs. Younger



Ms. Vasquez

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Ms. Menendez



Ms. Angel

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Ms. Newton



Ms. Gonzalez





Ms. Almonte

Ms. Molina

Ms. Shamsun



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Ms. Ernestina

A message from administration!

Admin Video



Creative Curriculum

- Building your classroom community
- Balls
- Clothes
- Reduce, reuse, recycle
- Buildings
- Exercise
- Water
- Trees
- Getting Ready for Kindergarten





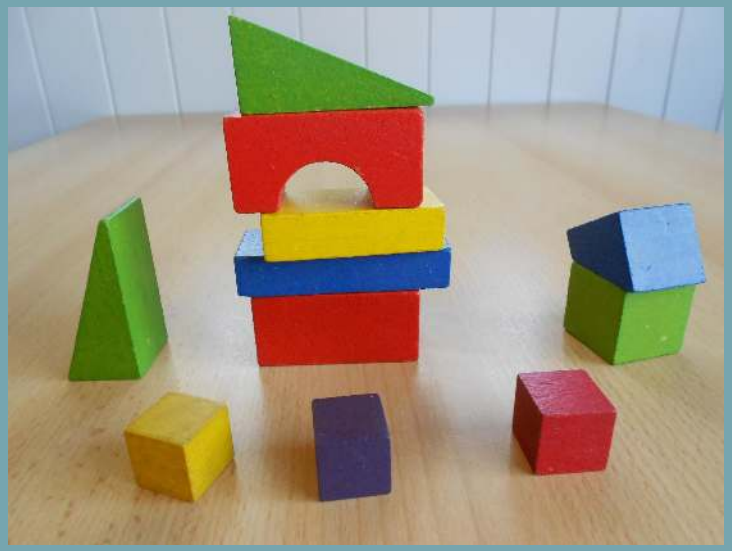






Centers

- Blocks
- Dramatic play
- Science/Discovery
- Table toys
- Art
- Writing
- Reading
- Technology
- Sand
- Water





Fundations

- Letter Names
- Matching Uppercase and Lowercase letters
- Letter Sounds
- Beginning Sounds in words
- Rhyming words, eg. fun/sun, man/pan





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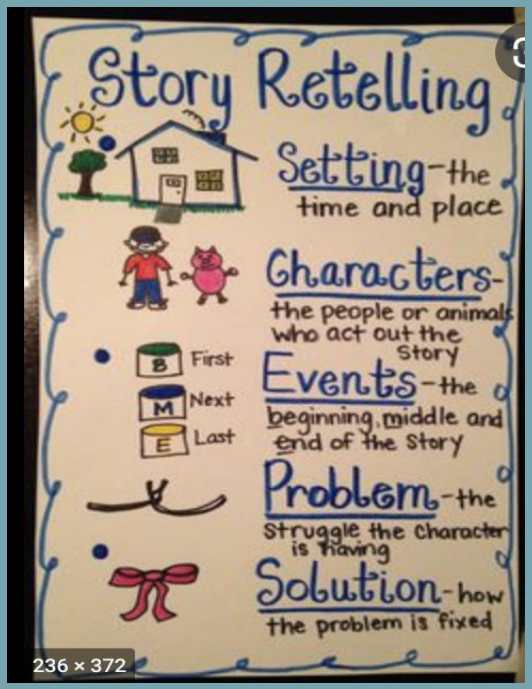
- Letras mayúsculas y minúsculas
- Nombres de las letras
- Sonidos de letras
- Sonidos iniciales
- Palabras que riman
- Silabas

DUAL CLASS ONLY



Pre-Reading Skills

- Picture Walk
- Verbal Predictions
- Talking about a picture
- Retell Story using first, next, last (verbally or illustrate/drawing)
- Identify letters
- Sight words eg. he, the, I , we, at





Writing Skills

- Students will practice and master:
- Writing first and last names
- Drawing to express an opinion about a book or topic (eg. I like …. because ….)
- Labeling pictures with words
- Following words from left to right, top to bottom, and page by page.
- Understand that words are separated by spaces in print



Language



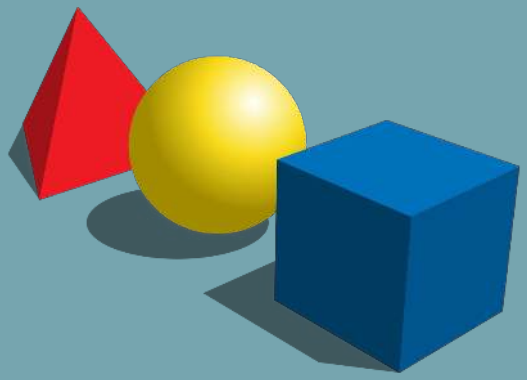
- Understand and use question words, who, what, where, when, why, how
- Retell stories or ideas in complete sentences
- Identify new meanings for familiar words and apply them accurately
- Identify real-life connections at home and school
- Describe objects, people and animals



Math



- Number recognition
- Count to 20
- Represent a number of objects with a written number (eg. 5 represents a count of 5 objects)
- Count and say the number names in order
- The last number name said tells the number of objects
- More/less, greater than, fewer or equal to
- Add/Subtract
- Write number sentences
- Identity, compare and sort 2D/3D shapes





The ASQ-3 questionnaire includes questions about your child's:

- communication
- gross motor
- fine motor
- problem solving
- personal social skills

El cuestionario ASQ-3 incluye preguntas sobre las habilidades de su hijo en:

- comunicación
- motricidad gruesa motricidad fina
- resolución de problemas
- habilidades sociales personales

Arrival & Dismissal

- Breakfast begins at 7:30
- Latest Dismissal for early pick up is 1:50
- Please pick up your child by flagpole if arriving after 1:50



Flow of the Day

Time	Subject	Minutes
8:00-8:09	Arrival/ Morning Work/ Reading Time	10
8:10-8:29	Morning Meeting/Heggerty/ Fundations	20
8:30-8:39	Music and Movement	10
8:40-8:59	Theme Circle	20
9:00-9:59	Centers/Small Group	60
10:00-10:38	Outdoor Play	38
10:39-11:29	Wash Hands/Bathroom-Prek Lunch	50
11:32-12:22	Prek Rest-Handwashing/Bathroom	50
12:25-12:40	Math Circle	15
12:41-1:41	Center Time/ Small Group	60
1:42-2:00	Handwashing/ Snacks	15
2:01-2:20	Closing Circle/ Dismissal	20

Toileting

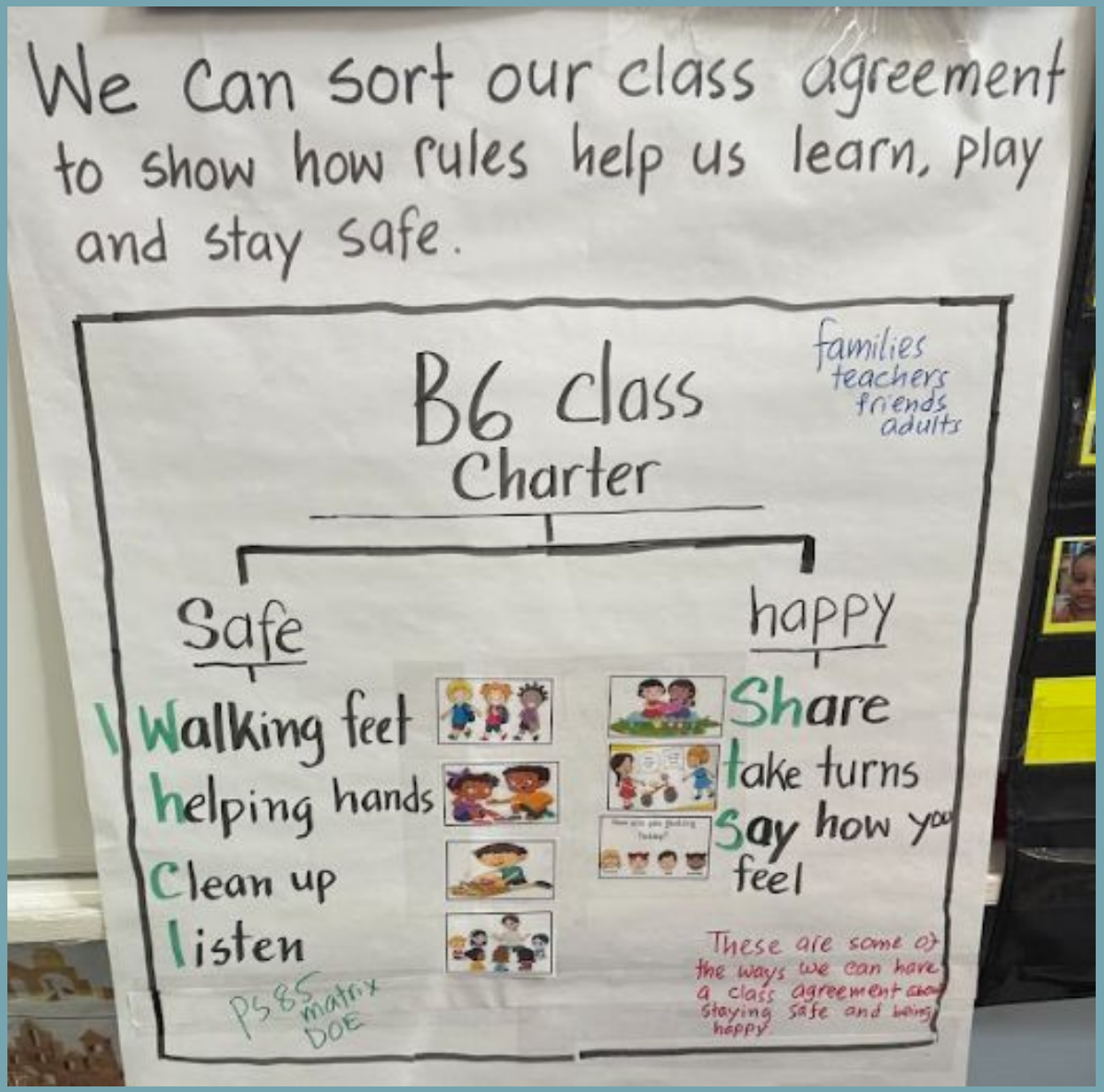
students are taken to the bathroom three times a day: arrival, before lunch and after nap. If additional trips are needed, we use the three smaller bathrooms in this hallway

Students with pullups or pampers are encouraged to potty train, we have them sit or stand for 30 seconds, rewarding any progress made

We recommended toilet seats



Class Charter



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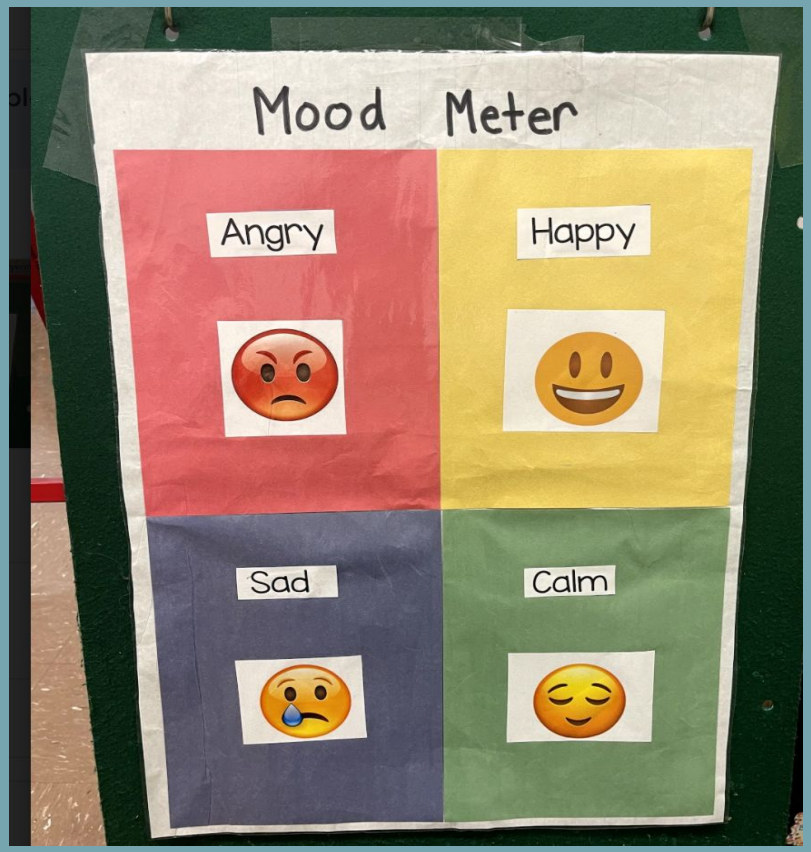
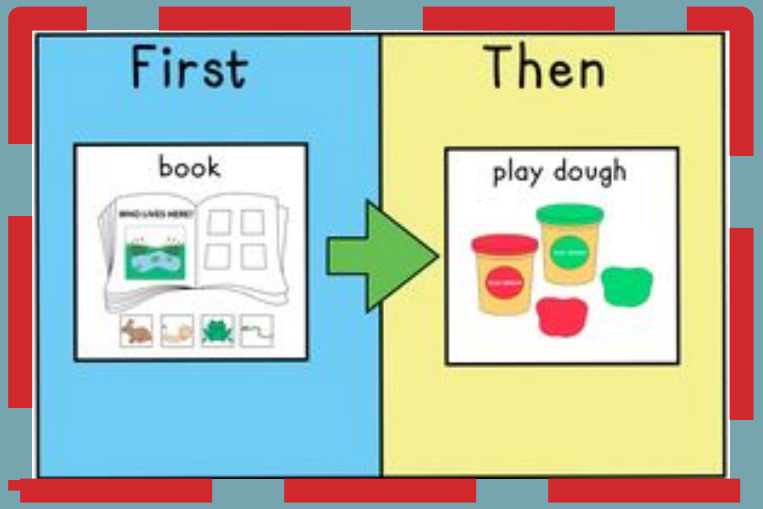


SEL

- We check in with our students
- Students express their feelings
- Teach strategies to cope with feelings
- Have a cozy corner in our classroom



Transitions





Children learn to manage transitions by understanding expectations through strategies like visual schedules, routines, and clear communication. We support children by establishing consistent routines, providing warnings before changes, allowing transition activities, and offering comfort objects or familiar routines.

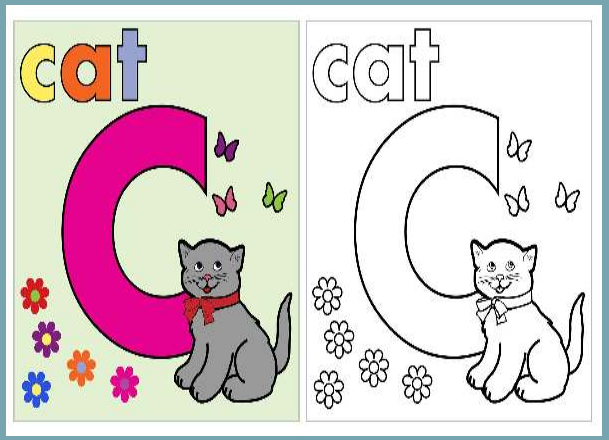
Reminders

Please send a sheet and a blanket with your child every Monday. Please wash it and return them back on Monday. Please label your child's jacket with their names.

Please note that teachers will send home reinforcements for your child to do at home.







Self Help Skills

Students *NEED* to be able to do independently:

- Dress themselves
- Handwashing, toileting and picking up after oneself
- Put on coats, shoes
- Clean up at mealtimes
- Share, take turns, problem solve, clean up toys
- Table manners (eg. please, thank you, you're welcome)





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

- Attendance celebrations and incentives will be planned throughout the year



Doctors Notes

If your child is going to be absent for a doctor appointment, please provide a note the following day.

Please try and schedule appointments after school.

We have Montefiore Clinic for medical and dental



Monthly Newsletter & School Calendar

Pre-k News

October 2026

Important Dates:

Mon 10/12 Italian Heritage/Indigenous Peoples' Day, schools closed

Fri 10/30 Sing Along 8:30AM-9AM

A Note from the Pre-K Grade

Please reach out to us via classdojo, if you would like an update on your child's academic progress.

Please contact the school if your child is going to be late or absent

Please send your child to school with water

Theme	Topic: Learn all about trees Students will learn all about trees, how they look, their importance, and how they grow Vocabulary: branches, leaves, trunk, roots, forest
Math	Topic: Learn all about 2D shapes Students will learn how to locate, name and build 2D shapes Vocabulary: triangle, rectangle, square
Fundations	Topic: Learn the next six letters Students will learn about the letters Gg, Hh, Ii, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn Vocabulary: game, hat, itchy, kite, lamp, man, nut
Centers	Topic: Transitioning from center to center Students will learn how to transition from one center to another using their picture names Vocabulary: first, then, next, last, clean-up, transition
Social Emotional	Topic: Feelings have high and low energy Students will learn about the different types of emotional energy Vocabulary: angry, excited

Date	Weekday	Event
September 10	**Thursday**	**First day of school**
September 21	Monday	Yom Kippur, schools closed
September 23	Wednesday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75 schools
September 24	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools
September 30	Wednesday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers
October 12	Monday	Italian Heritage/Indigenous Peoples' Day, schools closed
November 3	Tuesday	Election Day, school will be in session remotely for all students
November 5	Thursday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
November 11	Wednesday	Veterans Day, schools closed
November 12	Thursday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
November 19	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools
November 20	Friday	Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
November 26–27	Thursday–Friday	Thanksgiving Recess, schools closed
December 24–January 1	Thursday–Friday	Winter Recess, schools closed

January 18	Monday	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, schools closed
January 26-29	Tuesday–Friday	Regents Administration
February 1	Monday	Professional Development Day; students that attend high schools and schools that serve only grades 6-12 are not in attendance. All other students attend school.
February 2	Tuesday	Spring Semester begins
February 15–19	Monday–Friday	Midwinter Recess, schools closed
March 3	Wednesday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
March 4	Thursday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
March 9	Tuesday	Eid al-Fitr, schools closed
March 18	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools
March 19	Friday	Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools; students in these schools are dismissed three hours early
March 26	Friday	Good Friday, schools closed
April 22-30	Thursday–Friday	Spring Recess, schools closed
May 12	Wednesday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools
May 13	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75 schools
May 17	Monday	Eid al-Adha, schools closed
May 26	Wednesday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers
May 31	Monday	Memorial Day, schools closed
June 8	Tuesday	Clerical Day; no classes for students attending 3-K, Pre-K, elementary schools, middle schools, K–12 schools, and standalone D75 programs
June 10	Thursday	Anniversary Day/Chancellor's Conference Day for staff development; students do not attend school
June 15–18; 21–25	Tuesday–Friday; Monday–Friday	Regents Administration
June 28	**Monday**	**Last day of school for students**

UPCOMING EVENTS



PreK Sing Along

1. October 30th
2. November 20th
3. December 23rd
4. January 29th
5. February 26th
6. March 27th
7. April 21st
8. May 7th (Mother's Day)
9. June 18th (Father's Day)

Subject to change: Check dojo for updates

How do we communicate with families?

We will use Class Dojo to communicate with parents. We'll also send a monthly newsletter, summarizing unit achievements, upcoming events, and key dates.



Please create a DOE parent account where you can access:

- Attendance
- Enrollment letters
- K-5 report cards



https://www.schoolsaccount.nyc/

REPLICATIONS

Pre-K Has After School

- After School will begin on 10/5/26
- Dismissal is at 4:00
- Program is run by Replications (CBO)
- First come first serve
- Fill out the application as soon as possible
- Arts & crafts, outdoor play, social-emotional learning, games, academics

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