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A Message from Dianne Gounardes, *Director of Early Childhood Education*

Welcome to our District 20 Pre K Center program. We are so very excited to have you join us for this most important start of your formal education. You and your child are about to embark on a wonderful journey of discovery and exploration. Our goal is to prepare our youngest learners to succeed in Kindergarten and beyond. We do this by providing a strong foundation in every child's social and emotional skills, along with ensuring that everyone is ready for the rigor and high expectations of elementary school.

This year we are offering some new programs within our existing program. At our 62nd Street site (Z112 at 1423 62nd Street), we will be offering dual language instruction in Spanish/English and Mandarin/English. At our new site on 93rd Street (Z111 at 369 93rd Street), we will be developing our curriculum around a well-respected philosophy of Early Childhood Education called the Reggio Emilia Approach, considered the best

early childhood program in the world.

No matter which of our buildings your child will attend, we promise that you will be inspired by the richness of the experience. We follow the New York State Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core and integrate these into the Department of Education's Framework for Great Schools. We believe strongly in appreciating our diverse community and instilling in our students a feeling of trust, offering a supportive environment, and building strong family and community ties.

We invite you to meet with our Parent Coordinator, Camille Loccisano, our Assistant Principals, (Danielle Bennett; Maria Genao Duran; Kelly Mazzariello; and Lauren Napolitano); our Site Coordinators, our Teachers and our Paraprofessionals so that you can also get the most out of our program.

Once again, we welcome you and hope you have the best year ever!

Learn About the Gifted and Talented Program!

Gifted & Talented (G&T) programs are one way that New York City supports the educational needs of exceptional students. Our G&T programs vary in approach, but they all offer specialized instruction and enrichment opportunities

designed for gifted children. We look forward to hosting our first workshop of the school year so that parents may learn more about G&T. Our workshop dates are as follows: Z011 10/1, Z013 10/3, Z067 10/11 Z072 10/10, Z073 10/15, Z074

10/2, Z075 10/5, Z094 10/4, Z099 10/4, Z111 10/10, Z112 10/12
For more information on our workshops, please contact your center's Site Coordinator or our Parent Coordinator.

Z011

1258 65th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11219

Z013

1668 46th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11234

Z067

1355 84th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11228

Z072

8501 5th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11209

Z073

7415 Ft. Hamilton Pkwy
Brooklyn, NY 11228

Z074

140 58th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11220

Z075

21 Bay 11th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11228

Z094

2165 71st Street
Brooklyn, NY 11204

Z099

550A 59th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11220

Z111

369 93rd Street
Brooklyn, NY 11209

Z112

1423 62nd Street
Brooklyn, NY 11219



Every family with a child enrolled in District 20's Pre-K Centers will be gifted with a free Cool Culture pass and the opportunity for exciting cultural outings throughout New York City!

Cool Culture ensures that New York's most diverse families with young children have access to arts and culture as a way to increase literacy and learning in early childhood and to prepare children to succeed in school and life.

We encourage families to explore the Cool Culture website and to visit them on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other social media outlets. Families will find up-to-date event information as well as



trip tips and parent facts.

www.CoolCulture.org

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Parent/Teacher Information Meeting

Thursday, September 27, 2018

We encourage all parents to attend and receive important information about our curriculum and units of study.

Parents will have a choice to attend one of the two sessions:

Session One: 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Session Two: 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

"Our task, regarding creativity, is to help children climb their own mountains, as high as possible. No one can do more." -Loris Malaguzzi/Founder and Pioneer of the Reggio Emilia Philosophy and Approach



Breakfast and lunch time not only provides fulfilling and healthy meals for our students, but they are structured to allow them light socializing while enjoying their favorite foods.

The DOE employs professionally trained chefs to make smart menu choices that meet USDA standards, and the choices are nutrient rich and tasty.

The students are offered fresh milk, whole grain cereals and breads, fruit, snacks and a menu that holds a lot of variety.

One healthy offering that our Pre-K students have enjoyed is kale salad. A survey conducted by the DOE has found kale salad to be one of the favorite lunch items among NYC students!

To learn more about the menu offerings and DOE food program, you may go to www.schoolfoodnyc.org



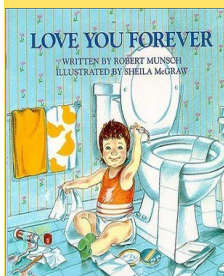
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Reading for Kids!

Reading every night to your child holds a lot of value for more than one reason. As



well as important bonding time, it teaches youngsters the love of reading. Our special book pick is "Love You Forever," written by Robert Munsch and illustrated by Sheila McGraw. It is

a story of how family love continues from generation to generation.

Reading for Parents!

"Fun on the Run!" This is a great book filled with creative ideas for parents to do with their children anywhere! Whether waiting at the doctor's office, restaurants, car rides, air flights-it's an essential!



No School! Important Dates to Remember!

- Rosh Hashanah: September 10-11
- Yom Kippur: September 19
- Columbus Day: October 8, 2018
- Veterans Day: November 12, 2018
- Thanksgiving Recess: November 22-23, 2018
- Winter Recess: December 24 – January 1, 2019
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Day: January 21, 2019

Pre-K students will have additional days off during the school year. We will keep parents and caregivers informed of all schedule changes!

- Lunar New Year: February 5, 2019
- Midwinter Recess: February 18-22, 2019
- Spring Recess: April 19-26, 2019
- Memorial Day: May 27, 2019
- Eid al-Fitr: June 4, 2019
- Brooklyn/Queens Day: June 6, 2019
- Last Day of School for Students: June 26