

September 5, 2018

Dear K-102 Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten. I am so excited to have your child in class this year. Kindergarten is a year of growing socially, emotionally, physically and academically. Your involvement, interest and enthusiasm will help make this a wonderful year of growth for you and your child.

Communication between home and school is extremely important to me. Your child will be bringing home a silver communication folder. Please make sure your child brings this folder to school every day, as it is an important means of communication between school and home. It is important to read through the folder daily and return forms, permission slips, monies, and important documents as soon as possible. Monies should be returned in an envelope with your child's name, class and purpose.

Email is the best way to reach me. My email address is eflaherty@ps39.org.

Every Tuesday afternoon between 2:40-3:25 has been designated by the DOE as Parent Engagement Time. These 40 minutes have been set aside for face to face meetings, telephone conversations, and written correspondence (including email) with parents. Please take advantage of this time to communicate with me as needed across the school year. Although this specific time has been provided it is not the only time that I'm available to meet or speak with parents. We'll be communicating regularly. School/family communication is important at PS 39!

Helpful information:

Kindergarten school hours are **8:20 to 2:40**. The children line up and dismiss in the lowers school yard just below the 8th Street tower.

Throughout the week the children will be going to Art, Gym and Science. Our schedule is as follows

Monday — Gym, 5th period (12:10 — 1:00)
Tuesday — Music, 3rd period (10:30 — 11:20)
Wednesday — Gym, 2nd period (9:40 — 10:30)
Thursday — Art, 5th period (12:10 — 1:00)
Friday — Art, 7th period (1:50 — 2:40)

The children eat lunch 4th period (11:20 — 12:10) daily. Our mix it up days are Tuesday and Wednesday. On these days we will be having lunch with class 2-2014.

You will be receiving a dismissal and health form in your child's folder this week. Kindly complete the form and return in to school by Wednesday, September 12th.

Your child will be bringing home a zip lock bag in their folders. Kindly return it to school with a change of clothes by Friday, September 14th.

Things we need for a smooth year ahead:

- It is important for you to label all your child's personal belongings. This includes coats, sweaters, backpacks, lunch boxes and water bottles.
- Becoming independent is a goal for our kindergarteners. Having a large backpack will enable them to pack their own school materials with confidence.
- Children go outside everyday for recess. Please make sure they wear rubber-soled shoes/sneakers and are appropriately dressed for the weather.

Thank you very much for your support and cooperation. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Flaherty

Upcoming School Events:

Family Friday — Friday, September 7th
Welcome Dinner — Saturday, September 15th
Curriculum Night — Monday, September 17th
1st PTA Meeting, Tuesday, September 25th