

September 5, 2019

Dear K-106 Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!

This is an exciting time for your child, and I am thrilled to be a part of it as your child's Kindergarten teacher. This school year will mark a time of tremendous growth and opportunity for every child in the class and I promise to make every effort to make this experience both fun and rewarding for all of my students! I am eager to get started!

I have been an educator for the past eighteen years with sixteen of those years at 39! I started my career as a Pre-K teacher in a private school in Brooklyn before becoming a teacher at P.S.39. I taught second grade for eleven years and this will be my fifth year teaching Kindergarten. I absolutely love this age-group. Kindergarten students are brilliant, creative youngsters ready to be challenged and show off what they can do! Nothing makes me happier than to see my students' faces each day than when they reach a goal or overcome a challenge that they first thought was not possible!

Here is some information that will be useful throughout the school year. The school day begins promptly at 8:20 am and ends at 2:40 pm Monday through Friday with the exception of half-days, where dismissal changes to 11:40. Our class will line up in the schoolyard every morning (except during inclement weather) and will be dismissed in the same location.

Please make sure that your child's clothing is loose and comfortable to accommodate sitting on the carpet at different points throughout the day. Also, please provide a change of clothing for your child to be kept in school.

Please check your child's Homework Folder daily for letters, trip information, permission slips, etc. Also, feel free to use this folder to send in notes that demand my attention before the school day ends. I do check my email regularly, but this is often in the evening during after school hours.

Your child's lunch period is from 11:20-12:10 daily. Therefore, we will not be having a snack-time in Kindergarten.

Attendance and punctuality are keys to helping students feel comfortable and established in the classroom routines. Please make it a priority to send your child to school on time each day.

Lastly, every Tuesday afternoon between 2:45-3:25 has been designated by the DOE as Parent Engagement Time. These 40 minutes have been set aside (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 P.S.39!

Below is a copy of our class's Prep Schedule. These are times the students are in special subjects. Occasionally, during these times I will be available to take a phone call from you should you call the main office: 718-330-9310. I can also be reached at scalhoun@ps39.org.

K-106 Class Prep Schedule

Days	Times	Special Subject
Mondays	8:50-9:40	Music
Tuesdays	12:10-1:00	Art
Wednesdays	9:40-10:30	Gym
Thursdays	1:50-2:40	Music
Fridays	9:40-10:30	Science

I am confident that we are going to have a remarkable school year. I look forward to our partnership!

Warmly,

Mrs. Calhoun